

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: *Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te*Léon Boellman

Choral Introit: *Psalm 148: Lord, Who Hast Made Us For Thine Own* ...Gustav Holst
* The Houghton College Choir

*Call to Worship (Hebrews 4)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Invocation

*Hymn 288 *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Let Everything That Hath Breath*Jeffrey Ames

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Psalm 8 (Adonai, Adonenu)*Dan Forrest

Prayer of Confession:

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Song of Preparation: *Before the Throne*

*New Testament Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 356 *Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*

Sermon: **Lord, Teach Us To Pray**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn 49 *Children of the Heavenly Father*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Menuet Gothique*Léon Boellman

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Laurie Smalley
Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

NURSERY: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building and is available during services.
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The gathering of our individual hearts, minds, souls and spirits each week in corporate worship is both a privilege and a responsibility. We are privileged to come into the presence of God with one another and to celebrate our relationship as God's children. Today, we begin an eleven-week journey of thinking about prayer. There is much about prayer that we get and much that makes us feel confused and uncomfortable. During these weeks, we will explore various ideas about prayer that will hopefully encourage us to be people who pray. This morning we think about the idea of learning to pray.

HOLY COMMUNION: We practice open communion in the Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. As the ushers release your row, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat it, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Feel free to remain at the altar rail in prayer. If you prefer to be served in your seat, inform the usher; we have trays of bread and cups to serve you. Pastor Wes has cups of juice and gluten-free wafers at the communion table. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

SMALL GROUPS BEGIN MEETING TODAY.

KOINONIA tonight 7:00-8:00p.m. Everyone is welcome to this community gathering in Wesley Chapel to worship the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Next Sunday Pastor Wes preaches about *When Prayer Defines Who We Are* (Matthew 6:5-13).

STEWARDSHIP

Received Year to Date: \$ 220,748.32 Budgeted Year to Date: \$ 213,967.60

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: If you are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church or in knowing more about what it means to be a member of this church, contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) in order to attend the upcoming class.

CHURCH WEBSITE: Please visit our church website (www.hwchurch.org) for information relating to the church and ministries. You may also access and subscribe to Pastor Wes's weekly blog which will be a follow up to each Sunday's sermon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP MEETS – The weekly Wednesday group is open to all for one hour of prayer and meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room #9 below the sanctuary. All welcomed.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAYS: If you are human, chances are you have experienced some of life's hurts, habits and hang-ups! A small group of us have been meeting on Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm in Room 105 of the Christian education building, in forming a Celebrate Recovery group at HWC. Celebrate Recovery is based on eight principles from the Beatitudes. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives as we work our way along the road to recovery. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, or finding out more about it, please join us. Questions? Contact Cathy Morley at catmo57@hotmail.com or 567-8162.

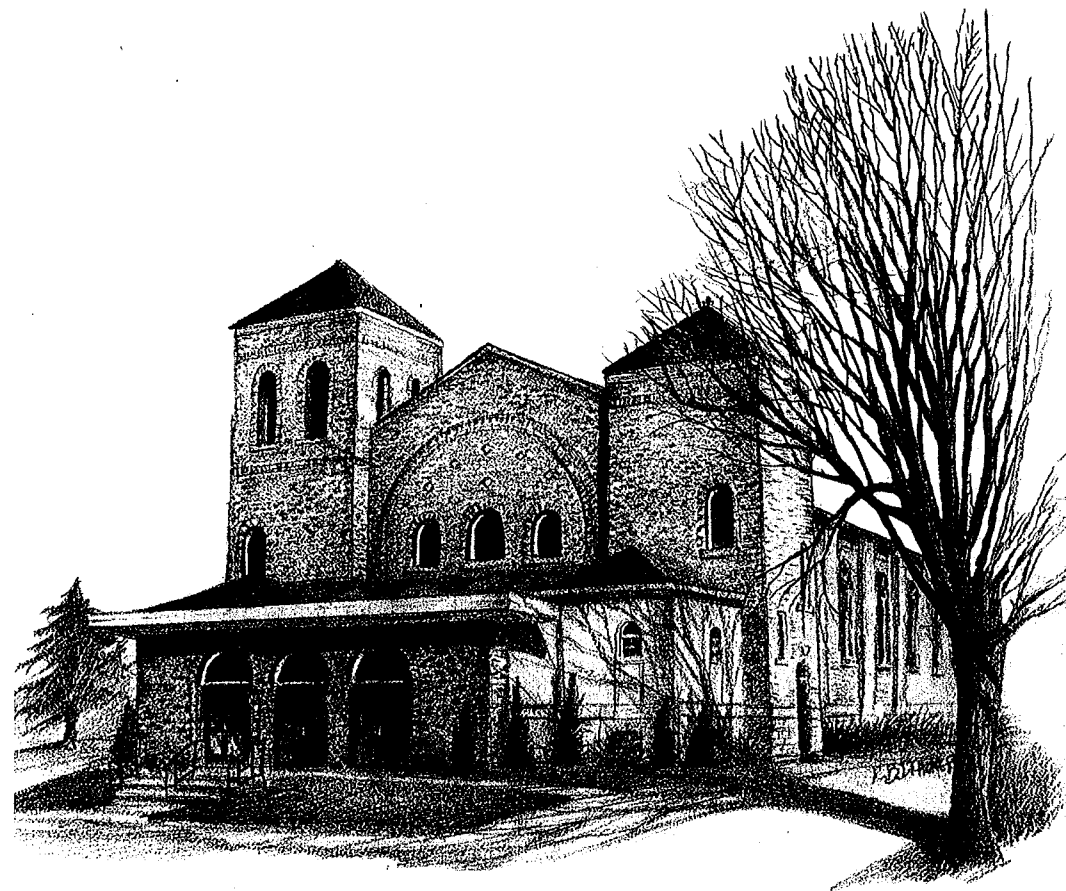
MISSION MOMENT – Houghton Church has reached out to assist and pray for nearby Amish friends who suffered a recent road accident. Our Partners at Home ministries include helping neighbors in time of need.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Pray for four pastors in Iran recently sentenced to 45 combined years in prison for house church activity and other accusations. All are free on bail pending appeals but could face dire situations.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Phil Main, Dan Gurley, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Gus and Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Peter Lingenfelter, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the United Church of Friendship (Pastor Kirk Kirsh).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Director*



Small Groups

Small groups provide community, fellowship, accountability, care, and nurture. Want a friendly opportunity for connection and growth? It can be found in weekly gatherings of Small Groups organized and promoted by HWC. This fall many will discuss and track the Sunday sermon series on Prayer.

Current Listing: Groups meet once a week (11 weeks starting week of September 9.)

Sunday:

- Dan and Jess Wartinger @ Church Room 105 – 5:30 p.m. (childcare provided)
- J.L. Miller @ their home – 11:00 a.m.
- Paul Shea @ their home – 6:00 p.m.
- Debbie Young @ Jack and Linda Leax home – 6:30 p.m.
- Doug and Judy Mayhle @ their home – 5:30 p.m.
- Chris and Kim Moeller @ their home – 5:00 p.m.

Monday:

- Michael Jordan @ Becky Hutton Home – 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Studies

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 below the sanctuary. (Marilyn Hiler, 567-8966)

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study on James begins September 12 from 9:30 to 10:45 in the Good Shepherd Room (Sandy Roederer, 567-8319 and Pastor Laurie Smalley (567-2264x311 or lauriesmalley@hwchurch.org)

Friday Morning Women's Bible Study will begin meeting on Friday, September 14 at 9am. We will be studying Jen Wilkin's study *Genesis: God of Creation*. Childcare is provided! Come and join us! Contact Annie Wiesman with any questions. (annie.wiesman@gmail.com)