



September 2018

HIVELY AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH

Happenings



Hively Avenue Mennonite Church aerial views in the 1960s

Being transformed by art ... by memories

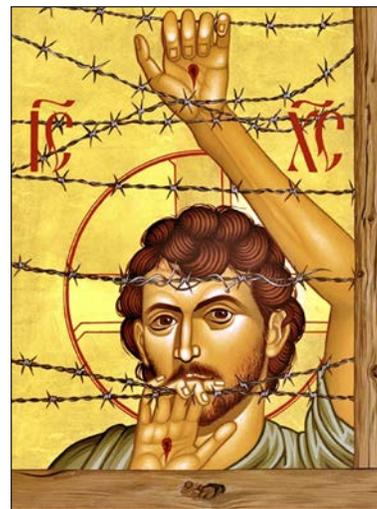
Tim Stair, pastor

This summer I've been nourished by quiet times of reflection on/with contemporary artists, musicians and writers whose work is influenced by their faith. I've read material by and interviews with writers I've long known, like Will Campbell and Ernest Gaines, and ones that I'm just learning about, like Terrance Faherty and Eleanor Taylor Bland. I've likewise spent time with musical artists from Gospel singers Andre Crouch and Mahalia Jackson; to the jazz of John Coltrane; a classical mass by Leonard Bernstein; and rock and country artists like Bob Dylan, Larry Norman, Bruce Cockburn and U2. It's been great fun. So much so that I'm continuing it into the fall.

I've also looked at the work of visual artists. This has included film clips from the movies, a virtual tour of the Paradise Garden of folk artist Howard Finster from Georgia, to the abstract art of Mokoto Fujimura, which we used as part of worship here at Hively one Sunday in June. I've particularly been moved by the iconography of Franciscan monk Robert Lentz. He creates icons of "contemporary saints" like J.R.R. Tolkien, Dorothy Day and Caesar Chavez. My favorite is *The Christ of Maryknoll* (Jake has a print of it in our office). It shows Christ at a fence of barbed wire. We don't know if it is the border of a country or of a prison of some sort. The artist writes the following:

"The icon does not make clear which side of the fence Christ is on. Is he imprisoned or are we? Through our cultural institutions and personal lives we all place barriers between ourselves and true happiness. We and our institutions also try to imprison Christ in various ways, to tame him and **the dangerous memories he would bring us of our goals and ideals.**"

I love that last phrase. Being inspired by artists' creativity seems appropriate as we explore preaching themes this fall around "being transformed by creation's story," and "being transformed by stories of liberation." I'm praying that these themes will influence us as we look at our congregational goals this fall at our retreat on September 9 and further. May we be transformed by "the dangerous memories he (Christ) would bring us of our goals and ideals."



*Christ of Maryknoll
Robert Lentz*

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Congregational retreat schedule

Sunday, September 9

9-9:30 a.m.	Arrival
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11-11:45 a.m.	Brunch
11:45 a.m.	Free time with optional organized activities
2 p.m.	Group session on congregational goals
3 p.m.	Free time with optional activities
5 p.m.	Supper
6-8 p.m.	Departure

Any volunteers who wish to arrive before 9 a.m. to help set up for worship would be greatly appreciated. The worship service will be in the Cottonwood Center (formerly the chapel).

The organized activities will include a pontoon boat ride at 12:30 p.m., a wagon ride at 3 p.m., and a guided hike at 4 p.m. The beach will also be open for swimming.

The afternoon group session will be devoted to discussing ideas for goals for Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. This is born out of the congregational conversations we had earlier this year. The session will be held in the Cottonwood Center. (Childcare and supervision of children grade 5 and younger will be provided.) 

Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale

Ways you can help and contribute

You can be a part of the fun and the effort of raising money for Mennonite Central Committee work around the world. Here are a few ways you can contribute.

Volunteer

Ten Thousand Villages needs 60 volunteers to set up, help customers, handle sales and tear down. Contact Leroy and Winifred Saner to volunteer.

Recycling: Help keep disposable items from going to the landfill. Shifts available Friday evening and Saturday until 3 pm. Contact Louise Claassen to volunteer.

Donate

Plants: Deliver by Friday, Sept. 21, before 4 pm. For information contact Leonard Harms, lenharms@frontier.com

Baked items: Always in demand. Note: Do not use margarine or oleo; only butter.

Sewing box: Bring items on Friday morning, Sept. 21.

Run for Relief: There is a 5k run/walk and a 2k fun walk. Start time is 8 am Saturday, Sept. 22. Fee: \$25. Register online: runsignup.com/race/IN/Goshen/MCCRunforRelief

Participate

Come to the sale Friday evening, 5-9 pm, and/or Saturday between 7 am and 2 pm. Enjoy talking with friends, eating good food, buying foods or craft and art items from around the world, listening to good music and watching the quilt auction.

For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.mennonitesale.org/> 



September 21-22, 2018

Celebrating together

On September 30, we will celebrate 60 years of worshipping and serving as Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. You are invited to join in the joy and fun of remembering, giving thanks for God's faithfulness, celebrating who we are now and looking forward.

Worship service, 9:30 am

Marcia Yoder-Schrock, former pastor, will preach.

Christian Education

Rich Preheim, congregational historian, will share.

Noon

We will enjoy a meal together. There is no charge. **Sign up on the bulletin board** in the hallway so we know how many are coming.

Early afternoon

Opportunities to share memories and hopes, view photo galleries, and visit with friends old and new.

Note: Rios de Agua Viva is delaying their worship by one hour to give us more time together that afternoon.



Hively library feature

Focus on the Christian life

From the parables to holiness as a practical way of living to humor—this month's featured books look at how we can follow Jesus more closely.

Stepping stones of the Steward: A faith journey through Jesus' Parables

Ronald E. Vallet

Foreword by M. Douglas Meeks

More like Jesus: You can grow in your Christian life

Evelyn King Mumaw

Foreword by John M. Drescher

Journey towards holiness: A way of living for God's nation

Alan Kreider

(Long-time Mennonite mission worker and seminary professor)

Life together in the Spirit: A radical spirituality for the twenty-first century

John Driver

(Well-known author in both Spanish and English; long-time mission worker in Latin America)

Sacred Rhythms: Arranging our lives for spiritual transformation

Ruth Haley Barton

Choosing the amusing: Finding humor and joy beneath the rubble of life

Marilyn Meberg

On the Pilgrims' Way: Conversations on Christian discipleship during a twelve-day walk across England

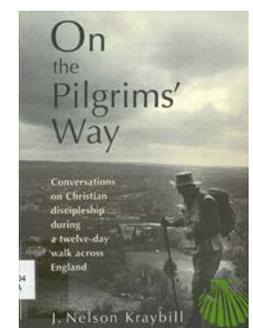
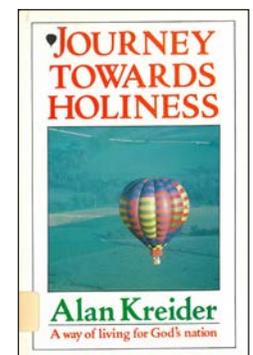
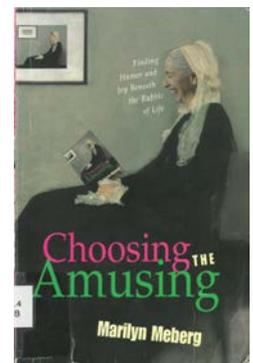
J. Nelson Kraybill

(Former president of Associated—now Anabaptist—Mennonite Biblical Seminary)

The Jesus way: A conversation on the ways that Jesus is the way

Eugene H. Peterson

(Author of *The Message*)



Congregational leaders, 2018-2019

Leadership Council

Rich Preheim, moderator
Sueann VonGunten, moderator elect
Leroy Saner, member at large
Larry Underwood, member at large
Winifred Saner, senior deacon
Non-voting members:
Tim Stair, pastor
Jake Hess, pastor
Mary Klassen, administrative secretary

Witness and Caring Commission

(Sister Church Committee)
Jamie Pitts, Chairperson

Worship Commission

Tyler Klassen, chairperson

Christian Education Commission

Brenda Summers, chairperson

Stewardship Commission

Chris Habegger, chairperson

Deacons Council

Winifred Saner
Amanda Fast
Greg Suderman
Pastors

Treasurers

Marlyn Fast
Virgil Claassen

Hively Committees

Mennonite Women Executive Committee

Winifred Saner
Amanda Fast
Elaine Frey
Louise Claassen
Terri Geiser
Lucille Gering

Preschool Board

Melody Claassen, co-chairperson
Leanne Farmwald, co-chairperson
John Alter
Crystal Underwood
Rachel Perkey
Kim Chris

Christian Education teachers for Children and Youth

Nursery

Elya Hess
Samantha Crosser, substitute

Early Childhood

Crystal Underwood
Yukino Ohyama, substitute

Primary (Grades K-2)

Jan Stair
Melody Claassen, substitute

Middler (Grades 3-6)

Kathee Kirchner
Febri Kristiani, substitute

Youth (Grades 7-12)

Melanie Quinn
Eric Vandrick
Marc and Judy Roth, substitutes

Additional substitutes

Carol Kotva
Agnes Odhiambo
Linsey Vandrick

Support local organizations

Emerge Ministries

The Church Without Walls ministry of providing emergency housing for women and children needs blankets as they prepare for fall and winter. If you can contribute twin-sized blankets (they can be used in good condition), please bring them to the church. We will collect them here and get them to Cora Brown for Emerge.

Center for Healing & Hope

Enjoy your Dessert First on Wednesday, Sept 12, 4:30-6:30 pm, at 902 S. Main Street in Goshen, while you support the Center for Healing & Hope. Enjoy a free dessert and buy **EAT•SHOP•GIVE certificates** to area restaurants and businesses. You pay \$20 for each certificate; half of the value goes to the medical care and immigrant support programs of the Center for Healing & Hope. Twenty-five businesses are participating this year. You also may purchase certificates online at CHHclinics.org beginning Sept. 13. 

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church: 1958-2018

Hively's pastors over 60 years



*Walter Gering
1959-1964*



*David Habegger
1967-1976*



*Shared ministry: Dan Steiner,
Martha Smith Good, Fred Obold: 1976-1977*



*Virgil Gerig
1977-1982*



*Marcia Yoder-Schrock
1982-1991*



*Doug Reichenbach
1992-1995*



*Mick Sommers
1996-2008*

Among Hively's pastors over 60 years have been church planters, rural pastors transitioning to our urban congregation, a Mennonite Central Committee worker recently returned from an overseas assignment and new seminary graduates. Marcia Yoder-Schrock, who will be the preacher for our 60th anniversary worship service, was the first woman called to be a lead pastor of a north American Mennonite congregation.

In addition to the pastors pictured here were several ministry coordinators and interim and transitional pastors.

Hively has been a teaching congregation



*Charles Geiser
2010-2016*



*Jake Hess
2017 -*



*Tim Stair
2017 -*

for seminary students. Between 1979 and 2017, fourteen students at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary have done pastoral ministry internships or preaching practica with supervision from the Hively pastor or a member of the congregation. 🍃

Buzzing at the Hive



Hively calendar

September 9
Congregational retreat at
Camp Friedenswald

September 16, 30
5:30 pm
Spaghetti and Scripture

September 19
6 pm
Bible study coordinated
with the church in
Sahagún Colombia

September 30
60th anniversary
celebration

October 10
7 pm
Hively Mennonite Women
work project

October 17
6:30 pm
Rapid Response training

Area activities

September 21-22
Michiana Mennonite Relief
Sale

The 2018-19 Preschool year has begun! Our staff theme this year is “Trust in God and do the next thing.”

We explored this theme as our staff returned to preschool the week of Aug. 27.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped us prepare. Here are some of the ways you have served the preschool:

- Cleaning toys
- Cleaning and grooming the building and grounds
- Playground and building repairs
- Laying NEW CARPET in the classrooms (We love it!)
- Volunteering to help the teachers the first two weeks of preschool
- Volunteering at our Open House
- Giving to the Scholarship Fund
- Serving on the preschool board
- Translating for our Spanish-speaking families
- Donating items
- Stopping in to say ‘hi’ and encouraging the director!

This will be the “Year of Transitions” at Hively Avenue Preschool:

- Leanne Farmwald will be serving as co-chair of the board and transitioning to the chair position next summer.
- Melody Claassen continues to serve on the board as co-chair with Leanne.
- Amy Redar will be “director on deck” and spend more time in the preschool office this year as she transitions to the director position next summer. Amy will continue to teach 3 year olds this year also.
- Julee Hay will continue as director this year, while taking a little more time off to assist her son’s family in Ohio.

The preschool could use additional help with translating newsletters and documents for our Spanish-speaking families. If you have the skills to help in this way, please contact the preschool office.

— Julee Hay, preschool director

New address

Teresa Underwood, Hively member living in Ohio, has a new address:

Teresa Underwood
1519 Lyndhurst Rd
Lyndhurst, OH 44124

Corrected email address

Samantha Crosser’s email address is sammijocro@gmail.com. Please correct this on the email lists you received earlier in the summer.

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