

Welcome to Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

For guests and attenders

- There is an opportunity for introductions of guests early in the worship service.
- Please sign the attendance registry during the offering time.
- Large print hymnals and bulletins and hearing devices are available.
- Ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship time and Christian education

- Coffee and goodies are available from the kitchen window following the worship service.
- Christian education classes for all ages begin at 11:00 am
- Children meet in the educational wing of the church.

Caring for the children

- During the worship service, experienced staff provide care for children ages four years and younger in the lower level of the educational wing.
- During the children's time in the service, children are encouraged to come to the front of the sanctuary.
- Snacks are provided for children in the educational wing between the worship service and Christian education.

Our Vision: We walk with our neighbors to create an inclusive community that reflects the diversity of God's creation. In this vibrant community, we demonstrate God's hospitality, healing and hope to one another and to the world, as we live in the grace and discipleship of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Cover: An MDS crew repairs the roof on Eileen Rolon's house near Aibonito, Puerto Rico.
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Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

April 15, 2018



www.hivelymennonite.org
800 E Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46517

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship

North: We gather to worship and praise the One True God, creator and sustainer of all that is.

Center: We gather to proclaim Christ, crucified and risen, who is our hope and our salvation.

South: We gather together as the church, Christ's body, to acknowledge our need for each other.

All: We gather seeking to honor God with all that we have and all that we are. Lord, help us. Amen.

*Hymns *Great is the Lord* HWB 87
Help us to help each other HWB 362

Confession/Words of assurance

People: We bow before you Holy and Merciful God, confessing our need of you;

Confessing our personal sins (silence)

Leader: We seek forgiveness for our selfishness and greed; for our fear of lack; for our wastefulness of all your good gifts.

People: Lord, have mercy on us all.

Leader: We believe your word which says there is forgiveness with you so that you may be revered.

People: We praise you, O God!

Lighting the Peace Candle Josué Vielman

God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling.

Dios de paz. Cristo de paz. Espíritu de paz. Tú nos llamas para ser pacificadores. Hoy encendemos esta candela para recordarnos de este llamado.

LISTENING

Children's time Jan Stair

Scripture Deuteronomy 15:1-2,7-11 John Alter
1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19 Sueann VonGunten, Jorge Vielman
2 Corinthians 8:9-15 Carol Selman

Sermon **An Uprising of Stewardship**
Taking hold of that which is truly life Jake Hess

RESPONDING

Response

Leader: Let us lift our hands and proclaim, "The Lord is risen!"

People: (lift hands) He is risen indeed!

Leader: We, too, are rising up.

People: (Congregation please stand) We are rising up indeed!

All: We are rising in community.

We are rising up in stewardship.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

*Hymn *Will you let me be your servant* HWB 307

Responding in testimony and sharing Jake Hess
What spoke to you this morning? What joys and concerns would you share? (Please be brief and focused.)

Prayer

Offering
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

*Hymn *Asithi: Amen* HWB 64

*Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

Please return your hymnal(s) to a cart in the hallway.

April 15, 2018

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Jan Stair
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Ushers	Terri Geiser, Charles Geiser Doris Bohn, Elaine Frey
Childcare	Louise Claassen, William Odhiambo
Worship visuals	Annie Mohr
Sound system	Mary Klassen

Snacks John and Rhonda Landgraf

Hosts Charlie and Terri Geiser

Next Sunday Tim Stair, preacher
Greg Suderman, worship leader

Attendance, April 8 68, including 2 guests

Calendar for the week

Mon, April 16, 5:30 pm	Witness and Caring Commission
Thurs, April 19, 1:30 pm	Deacons Council
Thurs, April 19, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Fri, April 20 to Sat, April 21	30-hour famine experience for youth from Hively and Sunnyside Mennonite Churches
Sat, April 21, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, April 21, 8 am	Men's Fellowship breakfast

Birthdays this week

Lucile Odhiambo (9)
Araceli Madrigal (21)

Upcoming calendar items

Guess who's coming to dinner, April 28, 5:30 pm
Spaghetti and Scripture, April 29
Congregational business meeting, May 6, following carry-in lunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children grades K through 5 are invited to the playground at the back of the sanctuary for quiet activities after the children's time.

I want to thank the congregation for your prayers, cards, flowers, and support during this difficult time. Joyce Frey and the family

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Sign up this morning (if you haven't already) for "Guess Who's coming to dinner" on April 28. A sheet on the bulletin board invites you to sign up as a host or a guest for the event. If you sign up as a host, please indicate how many you can host. Next Sunday, guests will be told where to go and what to bring to contribute to the meal. If you have questions about this event, please talk to one of the deacons, Winifred, Amanda or Greg. Remember to sign up!

Church Without Walls invitation: Church Without Walls, 731 Wagner Ave, Elkhart, has invited us to join in their haystack lunch on Saturday, April 21, from 11 am to 3 pm. Cost for the meal is \$7.

Danny Carroll, biblical teacher who explores issues of immigration in light of Scripture, will speak at the Near Northwest Neighborhood Center, 1007 Portage Ave., South Bend, on Sunday, April 22, from 3 to 4:30 pm. Danny Carroll was hosted a year ago by Hively and Eighth Street Mennonite Church, and will again explore the relevance of what the Bible says about war, poverty and politics.

Central District Conference announcements

Come, walk with us. Tell us your story! In just two months, the 2018 Central District Conference annual meeting hosted by the CDC Central area congregations, will meet at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, June 21-23. Registration will open online on May 1. Hively's delegates are Rich Preheim, Winifred Saner and Jorge Vielman.

In connection with the Annual Meeting, Central District Conference announces the **annual golf outing** on June 21 at Black Squirrel Golf Course in Goshen. Proceeds go toward the Leadership Development Fund. Registration opens May 1.

Church Community Services 50th anniversary celebration: CCS is celebrating 50 years of hope with an evening concert on Thursday, April 6, at Trinity Church on Jackson, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd. Cake is served at 6 pm and the concert begins at 7 pm. The concert will include choirs and musical groups from several congregations in the Elkhart area. An offering will be taken to support CCS's continuing work to help meet needs in Elkhart County.

Custodial Opening: Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning April 25. For information about the position and an application form, visit www.bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net.

Hively youth participate in 30-hour famine: Please note the insert in the bulletin with more information about the 30-hour famine our youth will experience at the end of this week. Please contribute to their effort to raise funds for those who do not have enough to eat.

Christian education today

Adult classes

Hoy en la clase para hispanohablantes, seguiremos orando unos por otros y hablando de las dificultades y bendiciones que hemos encontrado esta semana.

The class for English speakers will begin a series on immigration issues. In the first session, Tim Stair will give an overview of history of immigration law. Next Sunday, Lisa Koop, immigration lawyer, will talk about current immigration law and policies.

Children and youth will meet in their classes as usual.