

# 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:** Because we worship and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ, we walk with our neighbors to build a diverse community that embodies God's hospitality, reconciliation, healing and hope.

## Pastors

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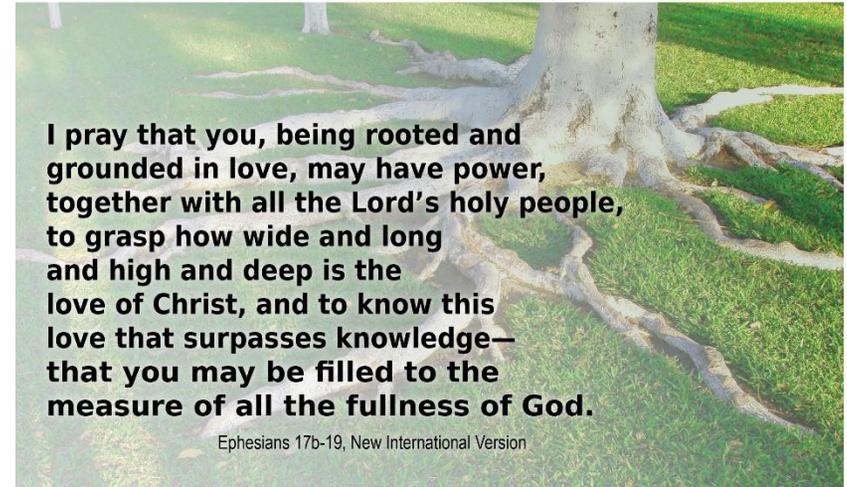
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## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

**Our Mission:** To know and make known God's love as we follow Jesus into the world.

August 25, 2019



[www.hivelymennonite.org](http://www.hivelymennonite.org)  
800 E Hively Avenue  
Elkhart, IN 46517

August 25, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman  
*Turning over tables* by The Brilliance

Welcome and call to worship  
*Together* Insert

Announcements and introductions

## PRAISING

\*Hymns *Jesus is coming* SS 73  
*He came down* SJ 31

## CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Confession  
*I will come to you in the silence* (vv. 1,4) SS 49

Lighting the Peace Candle Gay Kauffman  
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.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time Mary Klassen

Scripture Ephesians 3:14-19 Amanda Fast, Jake Hess

Prayer

Sermon **Retreating to advance: Wings and roots**  
Tim Stair

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn *The love of God* SJ 44

Blessing for students Tyler Klassen  
Congregational response refrain:  
**"We will walk with you this school year, praying for you, helping you as we are able, offering counsel when asked, and loving you all the time."**

Responding in testimony and sharing Tim Stair  
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)

## SENDING

\*Hymn *I will stand in the congregation* SS 113

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual picnic today:** After the worship service today, please join the picnic at OxBow County Park, 23033 County Road 45. We will gather in the Honey Locust pavilion (our usual place) for lunch, games and fellowship. **Bring food to share and lawn chairs, outdoor games, blankets and insect repellent.** There is a fee of \$3 for vehicle admission to the park.

**South Bend Cubs game next Sunday:** If you want to attend the baseball game in South Bend next Sunday, Sept. 1, please let Tim Stair or Jake Hess know by the end of the morning today.

**Remember to continue collecting coins for “My Coins Count.”** Fill up your quarter banks and bring them to the office. The children will collect coins again one more time in September, but the big jug will be in the foyer each Sunday for you to deposit your money. Is anyone willing to contribute a match to what is collected? Let’s see if we can meet and surpass last year’s total.

**Hively Avenue Mennonite Women’s fall project** is Immigration Detainee Care Kits. We are collecting only money for kits, not items. One kit costs approximately \$60. Please give your money to Lucille Gering. Please write checks to Hively Ave. Mennonite Women and in the memo line write “Immigration Kit.” We will collect money from August 11 to 31. Thank you for your contributions.

**Hively’s annual retreat at Camp Friedenswald** will be Sunday, Sept. 8. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to eat brunch and/or supper that day. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to come on Saturday and spend the night. If younger children want to come for the night, they must be accompanied by an adult. Please note this on the sign-up sheet also.

**How can you support immigrants in the Elkhart area?** ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are needed for the next session of English classes, September 3–November 21, at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30–8:00 pm. Teaching once or twice a week is your choice. Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com or 574-612-3108 (call or text).

**Update your contact information:** Please check your email address and phone number(s) on the Hively contact information sheets posted on the bulletin board and sent by email. If changes or additions are needed, report them to the church office immediately. (If you have already responded by email, thank you.) New contact information sheets will be prepared soon. Thanks.

### **Fall retreats at Camp Friedenswald:**

#### **Peacemaking retreat for mentor/mentee pairs, Sept. 6-8.**

Mentors, mentees and others interested in learning about peacemaking and having lots of camp fun are invited to Camp Friedenswald for Peace Camp. More info at [mcc.org/peace-camps](http://mcc.org/peace-camps).

**Women’s Retreat, Sept. 20-22.** “Bridging Barriers: Following the Spirit” Looking frankly at the barriers dividing us and our colorful differences, Shannon Dycus will lead us in listening to the Spirit to bridge those barriers. Worship will focus on teachings from biblical and historical stories, and workshops will give us tools to build bridges in our own lives and communities.

**Men and boys retreat, Oct 18-20.** More information to come.

**Anabaptism and American Politics webinar:** Make plans to join the fall webinar series from MC USA for pastors and congregational leaders, Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics, led by Scott Peterson, leadership pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. It begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Learn more and register at [thegatheringplace.us](http://thegatheringplace.us).

### Christian Education

There will be no Christian education classes this morning, so that we can go to OxBox for our picnic. Classes will meet next Sunday, Sept. 1, but not on Sept. 8. On Sept 15, we will begin the new year of classes.

## **Together**

Nathan Grieser

I will sing with you, my brother, will you sing with me  
I will sing with you, my brother, will you sing with me  
The notes won't always come out as I'd like  
But I will learn to see the log in my own eye  
Lord, I'll surrender, bring us together  
Bring us together

I will sing with you, my sister, will you sing with me  
I will sing with you, my sister, will you sing with me  
My words will be imperfect, but I'll try  
Bringing my assumptions to the light, I'll pray  
Lord, I'll surrender, bring us together  
Bring us together

I will sing with you, my rival, will you sing with me  
I will sing with you, my rival, will you sing with me  
Difference is a place where God is found  
In seeking peace we're walking onto holy ground  
Lord, we surrender, bring us together  
Bring us together

We will sing our song together, sing in harmony  
We will sing our song together, whether two or three  
Jesus feels our pain, he sets us free  
God has given us this song of hope to sing  
Lord, we surrender, bring us together  
Bring us together (x3)

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## **Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader Elya Hess  
Pianist Beth Suderman  
Song leader SaeJin Lee  
Worship visuals Elaine Frey  
Ushers Leanne Farmwald, Rich Preheim  
Chris Habegger, Elaine Frey  
Childcare Annie Mohr, Lucile Odhiambo  
Sound system Mary Klassen

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
No carry-in lunch

## **Calendar for the week**

Mon, Aug 26, 6 pm Leadership Council  
Thurs, Aug 29, 6:30 pm Preschool back-to-school night  
Sat, Aug 31, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

## **Upcoming calendar items**

**Retreat at Camp Friedenswald**, September 8  
**Prayer Choir**, Sept 11 and 25  
**Spaghetti and Scripture**, Sept 15 and 29  
**CROP Hunger Walk** (50th anniversary), Oct 6

**We recognize that the land where we worship** belongs to God, as does all of creation. We also acknowledge that Miami and Potawatomi peoples lived here before settlers of European descent claimed ownership of it and displaced those for whom this land was home. As we pursue our goals to dismantle racism and attend to growing diversity, we lament this injustice in our history and commit ourselves to just and respectful relationships within our congregation and our neighborhood.