

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.

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Cover: Word art this season will include all the Advent and Christmas worship themes, emphasizing those that shape the service for each Sunday.



Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

December 16, 2018



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

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11:00 am

GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad,
for God-with-us is coming to set things right.

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.

**People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim
salvation.**

**All: Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness
and new life to the world.**

Prayer

*Hymns *Here to the house of God we come* SS 53
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB 50

Lighting the Peace Candle Febri Kristiani

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.

CONFESSION

Scripture Luke 3:7-18

Silence

Hymn *On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry* HWB 183

LISTENING

Children's time Mary Klassen

Special music Indonesian song

Scripture Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7
Greg and Beth Suderman

Sermon **Rejoicing though we've considered the facts**
Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *Good Christian friends, rejoice*, vv. 2-3 HWB 210

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 *Arise, your light is come!* SS 30

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

Children 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.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Sueann VonGunten
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	SaeJin Lee
Ushers	Doris Bohn, Annie Mohr Leroy Saner, Winifred Saner
Childcare	Febri Kristiani, Lucile Odhiambo
Sound system	Marlyn Fast

Snacks Elaine Frey

Hosts Amanda and Marlyn Fast

Next Sunday Jake Hess, preacher
John Vargas, worship leader

Attendance, December 9 86, including 6 guests

Birthdays this week

Ed Kauffman (19)
John Landgraf (20)
Achila Opanga (22)

Calendar for the week

Thurs, Dec 20, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Thurs, Dec 20, 6:30 pm	Caroling at Golden Living Center
Sat, Dec 22, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming calendar items

Mon, Dec 24, 6:30 pm	Christmas Eve service
Mon, Dec 31, 6:30 pm	New Year's Eve service
January 16 and 23	Spiritual Emphasis evenings, focusing on spirituality and economics

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas giving projects

Hats, mittens, gloves: We are collecting hats, mittens and gloves (primarily for children) in the manger near the Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary. Just after Christmas these will be distributed to The Window, CAPS (the Joy Rose Center) and Emerge Ministries. Let's have more than a manger full!

Gifts for Goldenrod residents: All five residents of the Goldenrod home have been matched with Hively givers. Thank you!

Plan to join in caroling: We have arranged to sing carols at Golden Living Center, 1001 W Hively Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 pm. Please enter at the Primrose entrance off of Hively Avenue (not the main entrance). Jake and Elya Hess have invited carolers to their home after singing for a time of fellowship. Their address is 2904 Benham Ave. (the right door of the duplex).

Christmas Eve service: All are invited to come to the Christmas Eve service and bring family, friends and neighbors. The service begins at 6:30 pm and will include a retelling of the Christmas story and a candle-lighting service. It will end with our traditional carol singing in the round and a fellowship time. Bring some Christmas baking or treats to share.

New Year's Eve service: The deacons are planning our traditional New Year's Eve service, which will include reflections on several Scripture texts, communion and anointing. The service begins at 6:30 pm.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Alice Gamble. Yesterday we hosted a memorial service for Alice Gamble, sister of Ruth Potts, who is grandmother to Layliana and Tiana Potts. Alice also was the great-aunt of Nevaeh Wilson, Ryan Potts, Leylia McCartney, and Aniah and Kamauri Branch—neighbors of Kathee Kirchner, who brings them to Hively so they can be part of the Hively group of children.

Spiritual Emphasis evenings: Mark your calendars for our annual Spiritual Emphasis evenings—Wednesdays, January 16 and 23. More information will come soon.

Christian education today

Adults will continue the study of *Pathways*, working with the Mennonite Church USA Journey Forward goals.

Children and youth will meet in their classes as usual.