

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 2, 2018



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

December 2, 2018
Worship: 9:30 am

GATHERING

Prelude Karen Cender

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

Leader: Now is the time of waiting and watching. We wait expectantly for the Messiah, for God's promises to be fulfilled.

People: We turn to you, O God, in the midst of this chaotic world, longing for that day of salvation to arrive. How long must we wait?

Leader: Pay attention, be still and know that God is with us. The signs are all around us.

People: Fill us with the faith and the hope of what is to be as we come before you with open hearts.

All: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Prayer

*Hymns *Maranatha, come* SS 2
Longing for light SJ 54

Lighting the Peace Candle Agnes Odhiambo
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.

Hymn *As the pauper waits for plenty* SS 9

Confession HWB 703

Assurance

*Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* HWB 582

LISTENING

Children's time Jan Stair

Scripture Jeremiah 33:14-16
I Thessalonians 3:9-13 Elya Hess, Esther Muhagachi

Sermon **Waiting for goodness ... waiting for God**
Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* HWB 172

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 "Campanas de Belén"
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

SENDING

*Hymn *How can we be silent* SJ 61

*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.

December 2, 2018

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader Hillary Harder
Pianists Karen Cender, Brenda Summers
Song leader Lane Miller
Ushers Margaret Sawatsky, Walter Sawatsky
 Sandra Vielman
Childcare Elaine Frey, Joyce Odhiambo
Visuals Elaine Frey
Sound system Marc Roth

Snacks Sueann VonGunten and John Alter

Next Sunday Esther Muhagachi, preacher
 Sueann VonGunten, worship leader

Attendance, Nov 18 81, including 8 guests

Birthdays this week

Aniah Branch (3)
John Vargas (3)
Melanie Quinn (3)

Calendar for the week

Tues, Dec 4, 7:15 pm Worship Commission
Thurs, Dec 6, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Dec 8, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming calendar items

Wed, Dec 12, 7 pm Mennonite Women work project
Thurs, Dec 20, 6:30 pm Caroling at Golden Living Center
Mon, Dec 24, 6:30 pm Christmas Eve service
Mon, Dec 31, 6:30 pm New Year's Eve service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's schedule

Decorating: Following worship, please enjoy a snack and then join in the fun of decorating for Advent and Christmas. A craft project is planned for children, so extra help for them is welcomed. Others may want to help set up tables for the carry-in meal.

Bible presentation: At the end of this time, we will present Shine On Story Bibles to two families. Please take a seat at one of the tables so we can focus on this special presentation as well as blessing people with December birthdays and our meal.

Carry-in meal: All are welcome to join in the meal and fellowship.

Spaghetti and Scripture: Youth are invited to Jake and Elya Hess's home at 5:30 this evening.

Snow shoveling: We already have volunteer commitments for sidewalk snow shoveling at Hively on Wednesday through Friday mornings before 8:30 am, but still need volunteers for Monday and Tuesday. Send your response to Walter Sawatsky, or sign on the schedule posted in the foyer.

More volunteers are needed for Sunday morning shoveling. These are mostly one-time commitments, unless winter lingers. Name your preference. —Walter Sawatsky, Trustee.

Plan to join in caroling: We have arranged to sing carols at Golden Living Center, 1001 W Hively Ave., on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 6:30-7 pm. Mark your calendar and plan to join in.

MCC Great Lakes is hosting an Engagement Day on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Belmont Mennonite Church, 925 Oxford Street, Elkhart. Throughout the day MCC will showcase interactive learning tools around mass incarceration, Doctrine of Discovery and viewpoints of guns in America. The day will culminate with a keynote address by Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano on immigration. You are welcome to participate in one workshop or the whole day. You can find more information at mcc.org/gl-engagement-day. Please direct any questions to Brooke Strayer at brookestrayer@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Download a free guide with daily scriptures, songs, activities and questions to ponder at AnabaptistFaithFormation.org

Opportunity to give: Everence is inviting people to donate new or gently used coats, scarves, mittens and other types of warm clothing. The items will be given to The Window in Goshen, a nonprofit, faith-based organization that provides helps people with limited income. Collection boxes are set up in the credit union branch at 1301 College Ave., Goshen, and the Everence headquarters at 1110 N. Main St., Goshen, until Dec. 21.