

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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Why do good people suffer?

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

February 16, 2020



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

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, introductions, announcements

Call to worship *Lean in toward the light* Hymnal insert

*Hymns *The Lord is my light* SJ 97
Santo, santo, santo HWB 400
This little light of mine HWB 401

Lighting the Peace Candle Greg Suderman
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

Confession *Why had God forsaken me?* vv. 1-2 HWB 246

Leader: At the tomb of Lazarus, Lord, you saw the brokenness and heard the suffering and grief of your friends.

People: Receive our brokenness, suffering and grief, O Lord.

Leader: You wept for and with your friends.

People: May we know that you weep for and with us as well.

Leader: At your core, O Lord, you love us.

All: We place ourselves in your great mercy and love.

Assurance *Why had God forsaken me?* vv. 3-4 HWB 246

Hymn *He came down* SJ 31

Children's time Elya Hess

Scripture John 11:17-37 Tim Stair, Jake Hess

Sermon **Lean in toward the light:
Why do good people suffer?** Jake Hess

RESPONDING

*Hymn *My life flows on* HWB 580

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)

SENDING

*Hymn *O God in heaven* SJ 53

Benediction

*Postlude

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

Prayground: Children in grades K through 5 are invited to the prayground at the back of the sanctuary after the children's time.

Please place your hymnal(s) on a rack in the hallway as you leave the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Work night for Soup of Success: The work night for Soup of Success has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Feb. 17. Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Deb Krawiec if you plan to participate. This is at Church Community Services, 907 Oakland Ave.

Time and Talents survey: Completed surveys are due today. If you have misplaced yours, please request another from Mary Klassen. Put them in the box next to the church office door. Gift Discernment Committee members are Greg Suderman, Leroy Saner, Mark Claassen and Sandra Vielman.

Join Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace (MV4MEP) for a free film screening and discussion of "**Disturbing the Peace**," at 7 pm Thursday, February 27, at Southside Fellowship (the chapel at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary). This film tells the story of former enemy combatants as they work for peace in Palestine-Israel.

How can you support immigrant neighbors in the Elkhart area? Volunteer ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are needed for the next session of English classes, March 3–May 21, held at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, 1316 Prairie Street. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:30–8:00 p.m. Volunteers may choose to teach once or twice a week. Substitutes are available for conflicts and illness. Please contact with questions or willingness to teach: Sueann VonGuntzen, vonalter2@gmail.com, 574-612-3108 call or text.

Men's Bible study: Jubilee House, a ministry of Prairie Street Mennonite Church, hosts a men's Bible study each Saturday, 2–4 pm. Join Christian men from across the spectrum(s) as they work through the book of Matthew, comparing translations and sharing stories that link to the text. Jubilee House is at 1320 Prairie Street.

Join MCC Great Lakes for an informational meeting to explore opening an MCC Thrift Shop in Elkhart. Join us at Belmont Mennonite Church (925 Oxford Street) in Elkhart on Tuesday, February 18, at 7 p.m., for a time of information sharing, discussion and brainstorming. For more information contact Eric Kurtz at 574-534-4133 or EricKurtz@mcc.org.

For Black History Month, MennoMedia is featuring two books:

- *Trouble I've seen: Changing the way the church views racism*, by Drew G.I. Hart (The church library has this book)
- *Plantation Jesus: Race, faith, and a new way forward*, by Skot Welch and Rick Wilson with Andi Cumbo-Floyd.

Michelle Alexander, a writer, civil rights advocate and professor, best known for her 2010 book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, will present the Atlee and Winifred Beechy Peace, Justice and Reconciliation lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Upcoming performances at Goshen College include a Performing Arts Series concert featuring the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine on Friday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.; Voices of the Earth (formerly Women's World Music Choir) home concert on Sunday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.; The 60th Annual Concerto-Aria concert on Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.; The Goshen Monologues on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.; and a Performing Arts Series concert featuring Che Apalache on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Learn more and buy tickets at goshen.edu/tickets.

Christian Education

Adults will reflect on the sermon and faith questions they are asking. Walter Sawatsky will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Tim Stair
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Worship visuals	Annie Mohr
Ushers	Marlyn Fast, Amanda Fast Melanie Quinn, Chris Habegger
Childcare	Febri Kristiani, Christopher Vargas
Sound system	Marlyn Fast
Snacks	Louise and Virgil Claassen
Hosts	Greg and Beth Suderman

Birthdays this week

Larry Garreffa (16)
Febri Kristiani (20)
Kathee Kirchner (21)

Attendance, Feb 9 66, including 8 guests

Next Sunday Tim Stair, preacher
Gay Kauffman, worship leader

Calendar for the week

Mon, Feb 17, 5:30 pm	Witness and Caring Commission
Mon, Feb 17, 6-8 pm	Work night for Soup of Success
Tues, Feb 18, 5:30 pm	Stewardship Commission
Wed, Feb 20, 10 am	Deacons Council
Thurs, Feb 20, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 22, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

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.