

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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Cover: Stanislas Agbodjinou, Kai Tinsley, Mallory Bontreger, Marius Alogoun, Elizabeth Resto, and Tchao Abdel Aziz Jonathan enjoy each other's company at La Casa Grande children's home in Benin. Photographer: James Krabill.



La Casa Grande children's home in Benin

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

February 17, 2019



Hively Avenue
Mennonite
Church

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 (Inspired by Psalm 1, excerpted from *Oratio Contemplativa*)

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse
ourselves in you;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our
hands;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

This is our God, the Holy One.
Come before God with thanksgiving
And offer a sacrifice of praise.

*Hymns *O worship the Lord* HWB 124
In thy holy place we bow HWB 2

CONFESSING

Prayer of confession and words of assurance insert

Hymn *Slowly turning, ever turning* SJ 23

Lighting the Peace Candle

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 Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV) Joyce and Lucile Odhiambo
Jamie Pitts

Sermon **Wrestling in the light with blessing and woe** Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *Longing for light* SJ 54

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)

*Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* HWB 366

*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

Spiritual Emphasis: The second session of our series on spirituality and economics is rescheduled for this Wednesday, Feb. 20. Lane Miller will present and lead discussion on the theme “Finance and the Prodigal Son.” A soup supper will be served at 6 pm and the presentation will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Choir is cancelled for this week.

Have some pasta with your pastors! There are a few opening slots left for Pasta with the Pastors on March 14 and March 28. Sign up soon. If you aren’t able to participate on these dates, watch for announcements of future times. Dinners, beginning at 6 pm, are at Tim and Jan Stair’s home, hosted also by the Hess family.

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner: On Saturday, March 9, everyone is invited to participate in “Guess who’s coming to dinner”—good food, fun fellowship and a bit of mystery. **By Feb. 24, please sign up on the bulletin board as a host or a guest for the event.** If you sign up as a host, please indicate how many you can host. If you sign as a guest, please indicate the number of people coming. Hosts will be notified about how many will be coming (but not who), and the host is responsible for getting a main dish for the meal. Guests will be told where to go and what to bring to contribute to the meal. One fun part of this is the surprise of discovering who is sharing the meal with you—so keep it a secret. If you have questions about this event, please talk to one of the deacons, Winifred, Amanda or Greg. Remember to sign up!

More announcements in *Hively Happenings*: The February issue of *Hively Happenings* has many announcements of upcoming events and opportunities for learning and service. Please read these carefully. If you did not receive the newsletter by email or in your mailbox, please see Mary Klassen.

The 18th annual **Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science** is March 29–31, featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, an evangelical Christian, atmospheric scientist and climate change expert. Dr. Hayhoe will offer two free public lectures on Friday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., and on Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. A third lecture for registered conference attendees will take place on Sunday, March 31. These lectures will take place in Goshen College’s Church-Chapel. Learn more and register at goshen.edu/religionscience

AMBS Pastors and Leaders 2019: “Loving Our Neighbors in Tense Times” is the theme of the annual resource week for pastors and church leaders, scheduled for Feb. 25–28. How do we respond to hate, intolerance and systemic racism in productive, transformative ways? We’ll explore the biblical and theological grounding of our call to get involved and become equipped to lead—here and now. The Elkhart-Goshen Sanctuary Coalition and Center for Healing & Hope’s Goshen Resident ID Card will be featured in two seminars on Tuesday afternoon.

Christian Education

Adults will continue a study of *When helping hurts*. Lane Miller will lead the session.

Youth and children will meet in their classes as usual.

Prayer of confession and words of assurance

**All: Happy are those who turn away from the counsel of the wicked.
But oh, that counsel can be so seductive -
it draws us in, holds us fast, distracts our priorities,
obstructs our capacity to love.
But we seek no obstructions, we reject wicked counsel.
We embrace God's embrace.
For whatever ways we don't, we confess.
In whichever ways we sin, we repent.
Hear our prayers, O God, as, before you, we seek wholeness.**

Silence

Leader: Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding.
You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are
bringing in Jesus Christ.

**All: Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice:
people who are poor and hungry;
people who weep.
We have not stood with those
who are hated, bullied, and excluded.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we are too complacent,
even complicit with injustice and prejudice.
Forgive us, O God,
and turn us back to your gospel.
We pray this now, for our sake,
and for the sake of your world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Leader: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our
God.
Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God's forgiveness.

**All: Happy are we, God's own,
because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Confession based on Psalm 1 and Luke 6:20-22; some words written by Rev.
Kaji R. Spellman and others from *Feasting on the Word*)

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Jan Stair
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Worship visuals	Annie Mohr
Ushers	Margaret Sawatsky, Walter Sawatsky Deb Krawiec, Hillary Harder
Childcare	Louise Claassen, Rachele Claassen
Sound system	Marlyn Fast

Snacks Winifred and Leroy Saner

Hosts Winifred and Leroy Saner

Next Sunday Osee Tshiwape, preacher
Esther Muhagachi and Jake Hess,
worship leaders

Attendance, Feb 10 84, including 3 guests

Calendar for the week

Wed, Feb 20, 6 pm	Spiritual Emphasis
Thurs, Feb 21, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 23, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Birthdays

Febri Kristiani (20)
Katheer Kirchner (21)

Upcoming calendar items

Spaghetti and Scripture, Feb 24, March 10 and 24
Ash Wednesday service, March 6, 7 pm
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, March 9, 5:30 pm