

## 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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## How do we combat the trend of casting doubt on truth?

## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

February 2, 2020



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

February 2, 2020  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Karen Cender

Welcome, introductions, announcements

Call to worship

\*Hymns *Jesus calls us here to meet him*, vv. 1-3 SJ 3  
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*, vv. 1,2,4 HWB 70

## CONFESSING

Lighting the Peace Candle Annie Mohr  
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.

Prayer of confession (based on Psalm 15)

Leader: Holy God, we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place.

**People: We have not led a blameless life.**

Leader: We have not done what is right in your sight,

**People: or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.**

**We have done evil to both those we love**

**and to those we refuse to love as we should.**

Leader: We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have been blessed,

**People: and have hoarded that which should be shared with the least of these.**

**Hear our cry, God of our hope,**

**as we confess that which weighs us down...**

Silence

Leader: Redeeming God,

**People: save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom.**

**Gather us in your righteousness and redemption.**

**Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation.  
Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice,  
love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

(written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on Wild and Precious Life.  
<http://www.stephenmfearing.com>)

Assurance of Pardon

\*Hymn *What does the Lord require of you?* SS 54

## LISTENING

Children's time Sueann VonGunten

Scripture Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 5:1-12 Mary Klassen, Elya Hess

Video *Reclaiming the name of Jesus*

Sermon **Lean in toward the light: How do we combat the trend of casting doubt on truth?** Tim Stair

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn *Let there be light* HWB 371

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 *Come and be light for our eyes* SJ 5

\*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Carry-in lunch and congregational business meeting:** All are invited to stay for the noon lunch and for the congregational business meeting that follows. The main agenda item will be approval of the spending plan for this year.

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

**Time and Talents survey:** This year's survey of how we would like to contribute our time and talents to the congregation is in mailboxes. Please consider how God is calling you to use your gifts; then complete this survey and return it in the box on the entryway table no later than February 16. Gift Discernment committee members are Greg Suderman, Leroy Saner, Mark Claassen and Sandra Vielman.

**Work project at Soup of Success:** Tomorrow, Feb. 3, is an opportunity for us to prepare soup packets at Church Community Services, 907 Oakland Avenue. Adults and youth are encouraged to spend from 6-8 pm with this project. If interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Spiritual Emphasis:** The second Spiritual Emphasis session, led by Cyneatha Millsaps, will be this Wednesday, Feb. 5, beginning with a meal at 6 pm. If you wish to hear a recording of the January 29 session, please see Mary Klassen.

**Preschool fundraiser—Bar codes from Martin's brands:** Hively Avenue Preschool is collecting the UPC barcodes from Our Family and Spartan products sold at Martin's Super Markets. The preschool will receive \$25 for every 500 barcodes they turn in. A box for these will be placed in the TerraCycle collection area downstairs, or you can turn in your bar codes to the church office.

**Central District Conference Regional Gathering:** Hively will host a meeting of people from this region of Central District Conference on Saturday, Feb. 8. Everyone is invited. The event, from 10 am to 3 pm, includes singing, praying, updates on the conference and reflection on this year's theme, "Spirit, bless our souls with yearning." If you wish to participate, please let Mary Klassen know for a meal count.

**Join MCC Great Lakes for an informational meeting** to explore opening an MCC Thrift Shop in Elkhart. MCC is excited about the possibility of a new thrift shop in the city where MCC first began 100 years ago. We want to listen to the community as we discern whether there is enough energy and interest in starting and sustaining a 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](mailto:EricKurtz@mcc.org).

### Christian Education

Adults will reflect on the sermon and faith questions they are asking. Linsey Vandrick will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

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**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Mary Klassen
Pianist	Karen Cender
Song leader	Walter Sawatsky
Worship visuals	Tyler Klassen
Ushers	Walter Sawatsky, Margaret Sawatsky Deb Krawiec, Dorothy Krawiec
Childcare	Elaine Frey, Lucile Odhiambo
Sound system	Marc Roth, Ed Kauffman

**Birthdays this week**

Rachelle Claassen (2)  
Rhonda Landgraf (6)

**Attendance, Jan 26** 69

**Next Sunday** Sueann VonGunten, worship leader  
Cyneatha Millsaps, preacher

**Calendar for the week**

Mon, Feb 3, 6-8 pm	Work night for Soup of Success
Wed, Feb 5, 6 pm	Spiritual Emphasis meal and presentation
Thurs, Feb 6, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 8, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 8, 10 am-3 pm	CDC Regional Gathering

**Upcoming events**

**Spiritual Emphasis sessions, Feb 5**

6 pm meal; presentation and discussion with Cyneatha Millsaps

**Central District Conference Regional Gathering, Feb 8, 10 am-3 pm**

**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.