

## 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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**Will bad people face  
consequences after death?  
Where is heaven?**

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

February 23, 2020



Hively Avenue  
Mennonite  
Church

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

February 23, 2020  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, introductions, announcements

Call to worship

North: Winter Is the oldest season

South: But quietly beneath the snow

North: Seeds are stretching out and reaching

South: Faithful as the morning glow

**All: Lean in toward the light**

North: Carry nothing but what you must

South: Let it go, shake off the dust

North: Today is now, tomorrow beckons

South: Keep practicing resurrection

**All: Lean in toward the light!**

From "Lean in toward the light," Carrie Newcomer

\*Hymns *Come and be light for our eyes* SJ 5  
*In the bulb there is a flower* HWB 614

## LISTENING

Lighting the Peace Candle Judy Roth

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.

Affirming our faith Credo hispano/Hispanic creed HWB 513

Children's time Larry Underwood

\*Hymn *To go to heaven* HWB 513

Scriptures Colossians 1:15-20, I Timothy 4:7-10, and Matthew 17:1-9  
Gay Kauffman, Agnes Odhiambo, Beth Suderman

Sermon **Lean in toward the light:  
Will bad people face consequences after death?  
Where is heaven?** 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)

## SENDING

\*Hymn *Christ the Lord is risen today* HWB 280

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 cart 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.

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us for the Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm this Wednesday, February 26. We will have an opportunity for imposition of ashes, along with time for confession. There will be no Prayer Choir this week.

### **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 VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com, 574-612-3108 call or text.

### **High school musicals**

**Concord High School's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** is Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 8, at 2 pm. Lara Claassen and Rachelle Claassen are performers. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://concordtheater.ludus.com/index.php>

**Bethany Christian High School's production of "Children of Eden,"** is Thursday–Saturday, March 5–7, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, March 8, at 3 pm. Peace Muhagachi and Risa Bohn are performers. To purchase tickets, visit [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets).

**Soup of Success work night:** Last Monday evening, nine people from Hively worked for Church Community Services' Soup of Success program, completing 90 bags of curry coconut soup and more than 100 spice mix packets. See a photo of the workers on the bulletin board.

**Silverwood Mennonite Church** is seeking an Administrative Assistant. If interested please send a resume to Jeremy Shue, [jeremy@silverwoodmc.org](mailto:jeremy@silverwoodmc.org) or Silverwood Mennonite Church, 1745 W Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526

**The Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science** will take place March 6–8 at Goshen College, with keynote speaker Dr. Michael Spezio, associate professor of neuroscience and psychology at Scripps College. The theme is "In Whose Image? Perspectives from Intersections of Brain Science and Abrahamic Mindfulness." Spezio will present two public lectures in the Church-Chapel: Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. A third lecture on Sunday, March 8, will be for registered guests only, along with discussions and other activities. Learn more at [goshen.edu/religionscience](http://goshen.edu/religionscience).

**Paintings by Emma Schrock**, a popular artist who painted her experience as a member of the Old Order Mennonite community in western Elkhart County, will be on display in the Good Library Gallery at Goshen College from March 1 through May 31, with a public reception on March 8 from 2–4 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

**Goshen College is seeking middle- and high-school violinists and pianists** to apply to the Sherer Competition, open to classically trained violinists and pianists in grades 8–12 (ages between 13–18 as of May 15, 2020). The competition will take place May 15–16, and the application deadline is April 1. Learn more at [goshen.edu/sherercomp](http://goshen.edu/sherercomp).

Christian Education

Adults will reflect on the sermon and faith questions they are asking. Norm Cender will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

## **Join Christian Peacemaker Teams and Mennonite Central**

**Committee** for a screening and discussion of the documentary Hebron on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church (65975 State Rd 15 in Goshen). Through provoking footage and interviews, this 30-minute film depicts Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation attempting to exert their fundamental human rights, such as education, religion, movement and dignity. Filmmakers Yousef Natsheh and Rachel Joy have been serving with CPT since 2013, and they spent the past year in al-Khalil (Hebron) accompanying the Palestinian community and documenting human rights violations. There will be a time for questions and discussion with Yousef and Rachel following the screening.

**From Mennonite World Conference:** Following the World Health Organization's declaration of the novel coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak as a global health emergency in late January, Mennonite World Conference calls for Anabaptist and Mennonite congregations around the world to unite in prayer and to exercise precautionary measures in the church. "Pray for people who are isolated, afraid or ill, especially in Wuhan, Hubei Province and mainland China. Pray for wisdom for Chinese government and health authorities working to contain the outbreak, and for courage, compassion and safety for healthcare workers who work tirelessly to save lives," says César García, MWC general secretary.

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### **Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Gay Kauffman
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Trish Habegger
Worship visuals	Elaine Frey
Ushers	Tyler Klassen, Mary Klassen Febri Kristiani, Nick Gehman
Childcare	Annie Mohr, Narkiso Odhiambo
Sound system	Ed Kauffman

Snacks Louise and Virgil Claassen

Hosts John Alter and Sueann VonGunten

**Attendance**, Feb 16 73, including 7 guests

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
Elya Hess, worship leader

### **Calendar for the week**

Wed, Feb 26, 7 pm	Ash Wednesday service
Thurs, Feb 27, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 29, 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.