

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

February 3, 2019



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

February 3, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Opening prayer

\*Hymns *I'll praise my Maker* HWB 166  
*Lord, whose love in humble service* HWB 369

## CONFESSING

Lighting the Peace Candle Rich Preheim  
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.

Confession HWB 691

Words of Assurance

\*Hymn *There is more love somewhere* SJ 109

## LISTENING

Children's time Eric Vandrick

Hymn *Holy Spirit, gracious Guest* HWB 542

Scripture Luke 4:21-30 Winifred Saner  
I Corinthians 13:1-13 Leroy Saner, Hugo Robles

Sermon ***A light to the nations:*** Tim Stair  
***A worldwide invitation to love, right now, right here!***

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn *Beloved, God's chosen* SJ 38

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 *Beyond a dying sun* HWB 323

\*Benediction

Leader: We came to worship.

**People: We go now to serve**

Leader: We have been given the light.

**People: We go now to let it shine.**

Leader: We have been blessed by God's love.

**People: We go now to share it.**

Leader: We are Christ's disciples.

**People: We go now to witness to all.**

**All: AMEN.**

\*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

**Carry-in lunch:** All are invited to stay for our monthly lunch. Enjoy the fellowship and good food.

**Souper Bowl:** Contributions you have brought for Church Community Services, especially soup and crackers, can be placed in the containers in the hallway. Thanks for helping to meet needs in our community.

**Congregational meeting today:** We will have a congregational meeting following the carry-in meal. Agenda will focus on approving our congregational goals for the next three years and approving this year's spending plan. All are invited, even those who are not members.

**Mennonite Women work project:** All Hively women are invited to join in the work project on Wednesday, Feb 6, between 2 and 5 pm. Come for a short while or the whole time. The project involves turning plastic grocery bags into sleeping mats for people who are homeless.

**Time and Talents survey:** This year's survey of how we would like to contribute our time and talents has been distributed; youth and children will work with the surveys in their classes. Please complete this and return it in the box on the entryway table no later than February 10. Gift Discernment committee members are Amanda Fast, Sueann VonGunten, Trish Habegger and Mark Claassen.

**Junior and senior high youth** are invited to "Pizza with Parables," Wednesday, Feb. 6, 6-8 pm, at the Goshen College Music Center. The Goshen College worship team has entitled their program "I am searching ..." It will be a fun evening with free food, fellowship with other youth groups, and creative performances. If you are interested, please contact Jake Hess (970-215-4547).

**Rachelle Claassen and Joyce Odhiambo** will perform in the Concord Junior High School play, "Summer of Kaos," on February 7. The performance is at the school at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.

**Have some pasta with your pastors!** On the Thursday evenings of Feb. 21, March 14, and March 28, you are invited to an evening of food and fun at Tim and Jan Stair's home (1415 Wilson Ave., Goshen). It will be jointly hosted with Jake and Elya Hess (along with Asher and Asa). On the bulletin board there are sign-up sheets for Pasta with the Pastors. Sign up for one evening—and sign each individual on a separate line. Each evening will begin at 6 pm, and all you have to bring is yourself. We'd like as many people as possible to sign up, though we can host only 14 folks each time. Since this won't get everyone, we'll likely schedule another one or two later in the spring.

**Spiritual Emphasis:** Our second Spiritual Emphasis session will be rescheduled in the near future. Watch for an announcement of the new date for hearing from Lane Miller on "Finance and the Prodigal Son."

**Care package for Ricki Johnson:** The Deacons are putting together a care package for Ricki Johnson in Benin. A list of items she might appreciate is posted on the bulletin board. Choose an item or something else that would be easy to send that you think she might like. We'd also love to send some notes of encouragement, letting her know we miss her and encouraging her in her ministry with the children at the orphanage.

**Support our immigrant neighbors:** A number of Mennonite churches have been organizing English classes for the past 20 years. ESL (English as a Second Language) teachers are needed for the next session of English classes, March 5-May 16, at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:00 pm. You do not need to be a trained teacher. If desired, you may start as an assistant-in-training working with a veteran teacher. Teaching once or twice a week is your choice. You do not need to be able to speak any Spanish. The program is also in need of people to be greeters/door openers and substitute teachers.

Please contact Sueann VonGunten, vonalter2@gmail.com, 574-612-3108 with your interest or questions. Approximately 20 teachers are needed to teach all of the classes. If you have friends who might be interested encourage them to call. We need your help! We are also in need of money to buy books and supplies for the program. If you would like to make a donation, please give it to Marlyn Fast. Write "ESL fund" in the memo section of your check.

Thank you for your help with this important program.

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Christian Education

Adults will begin a study of *When helping hurts*. Books have been ordered. Jake Hess will lead this first session.

Youth and children will meet in their classes as usual.

**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Leroy Saner
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Hillary Harder
Worship visuals	Mary Klassen
Ushers	John Alter, Sueann VonGunten Febri Kristiani, Nick Gehman
Childcare	Elaine Frey, William Odhiambo
Sound system	Marc Roth

**Next Sunday** Jake Hess, preacher  
Terry Zehr, worship leader

**Attendance, Jan 27** 66, including 2 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Wed, Feb 6, 2 pm	Mennonite Women work project
Wed, Feb 6, 6 pm	Prayer choir
Wed, Feb. 6, 7:30 pm	Worship Commission
Thurs, Feb 7, 10 am	Deacons Council
Thurs, Feb 7, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 9, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

**Birthdays**

Rhonda Landgraf (6)

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, Feb 10 and 24  
**Prayer Choir**, Feb. 6 and 20, 6 pm