

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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**How can we be a
multicultural church
at this time and place?**



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Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

February 9, 2020

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, introductions, announcements

Call to worship

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your word.

Leader: Open our eyes

People: to see your presence.

Leader: Open our arms

People: to the embrace of community.

Leader: Open our minds

People: to the beauty of truth.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to the joy of new life.

*Hymns *I will stand in the congregation* SS 113
Santo SJ 15

Prayer

CONFESSING

Lighting the Peace Candle Margaret Sawatsky

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

Awesome and compassionate God,
You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Arlo D. Duba

Words of assurance

LISTENING

Children's time Beth Suderman

*Theme song *Lean in toward the light* Hymnal insert

Scripture John 21:1-14 Sueann VonGunten, Jamie Pitts

Sermon **Can't go back to business as usual** Cyneatha Millsaps

RESPONDING

*Hymn *The Lord is my light* SJ 97

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 *Help us to help each other* HWB 362

*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

We welcome Cyneatha Millsaps as our preacher this morning. She led the Spiritual Emphases sessions the last two Wednesdays and will continue the call and encouragement for us to become a more multi-racial and multicultural congregation. Cyneatha is executive director of Mennonite Women and has just been called as a co-pastor at Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

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

Time and Talents survey: Please consider how God is calling you to use your gifts; then complete the Time and Talents survey and return it in the box on the entryway table no later than next Sunday, Feb. 16. Gift Discernment Committee members are Greg Suderman, Leroy Saner, Mark Claassen and Sandra Vielman.

Dear Hively Church family, Thank you so much for all your expressions of love and support following my foot surgery. All cards, emails, Facebook messages, phone calls, visits, flowers, food and prayers were such tangible displays of your care for which I am truly grateful. I am especially appreciative of those who have/are substituting for me in my church responsibilities. You all have a special place in my heart.
With love, Jan Stair

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 pm. 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.

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. 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.

The Goshen Community Chorale will begin rehearsing for its spring season on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., at College Mennonite Church, 1900 S. Main Street, Goshen. The Chorale will prepare a program built around the theme of "Holy Jazz and Sacred Broadway." The Chorale welcomes new members who have a background in choral singing and who commit themselves to regular attendance at rehearsals and to learning challenging repertoire. Contact the music director, William Mateer, at 574-533-2562 or mateers@aol.com.

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	Sueann VonGunten
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Ed Kauffman
Worship visuals	Mary Klassen
Ushers	Rich Preheim, Leanne Farmwald Lucille Gering, Verna Kaufman
Childcare	Louise Claassen, Rose George
Sound system	Fabian Rosales

Snacks

Hosts Amanda and Marlyn Fast

Birthdays this week

Ken Crook (12)

Norm Cender (13)

Attendance, Feb 2 76, including 2 guests

Next Sunday Tim Stair, worship leader
Jake Hess, preacher

Calendar for the week

Tues, Feb 11, 5:45 pm	Christian Education Commission
Tues, Feb 11, 7 pm	Worship Commission
Wed, Feb 12, 6 pm	Prayer Choir
Wed, Feb 12, 7 pm	Leadership Council
Thurs, Feb 13, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 15, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 15, 8 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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.