

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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**What is my identity and call?
How do I discern my call?**

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

January 19, 2020



www.hivelymennonite.org
800 E Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46517

January 19, 2020
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education 11 am
Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, introductions, announcements

Call to worship

*Hymns *My hope is built on nothing less* HWB 343
Come, gracious Spirit HWB 303

CONFESSING

Lighting the Peace Candle Chris Habegger
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 and praise

People: Lord God, we confess that we have failed to appreciate the gift of the body of Christ around the world.

Leader: For this reason, ever since we heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, we have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers.

People: We confess, O God, that as we rely on human wisdom, we have failed to truly know you and your extravagant love for all people.

Leader: We keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that we may know God better.

People: We acknowledge that we have listened to voices of fear and despair and ignored the hope made known through Jesus Christ.

Leader: We pray that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened in order that we would know the hope to which God has called us, the riches of his glorious inheritance in God's holy people.

People: We cry out for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation that we may know and collaborate with the power of God. The power of God's mighty strength that raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

All: Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have placed all things under your feet. We praise God for your fullness which fills everything in every way!

(Tom Eshleman, pastor, Groffdale Mennonite Church, Leola, Pa.)

Hymn *If you but trust in God* HWB 576

LISTENING

Children's time Melanie Quinn

Theme song *Lean in toward the light*

Scripture Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17 Leroy Saner, Jake Hess

Sermon **Lean in toward the light: What is my identity and calling?—Beloved children and Good News** Tim Stair

RESPONDING

Response *Anthem*, by Leonard Cohen

Communion

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 *God be with you* HWB 430

*Benediction

*Postlude

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*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayground: Children in grades K through 5 are invited to the prayground at the back of the sanctuary after the children's time.

Spaghetti and Scripture: Youth will eat together and then go to Bashor Children's Home to worship with the youth there. Youth should meet at the church by 4:15 pm.

Next Sunday, Goshen College's Parables worship ensemble will lead our worship, combining music, original drama and personal stories.

Congregational business meeting, Feb. 2: We will have a regular congregational business meeting on Sunday, Feb. 5, following the carry-in lunch. The main agenda item will be approval of the spending plan for this year. You will find the printed agenda in your mailbox.

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.

Helping at Soup of Success: Monday, Feb. 3, has been scheduled for an opportunity for us to help at Church Community Services with preparing packets of soup. Adults and youth are encouraged to spend from 6–8 pm with this project. If interested, please let Deb Krawiec know.

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; it is not just for conference or congregational leaders. 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.

Weekly peace vigil: All are invited to join a weekly peace vigil on Wednesdays at noon at the Elkhart County Courthouse, 101 N. Main Street in Goshen. In addition, a Saturday peace vigil, focused on "No war with Iran," is planned for Saturday, Jan. 25, from 3–3:45 pm at the

courthouse. Information is posted on the bulletin board for contacting our senators and representatives.

Spiritual Emphasis: This year's spiritual emphasis sessions will be led by Cyneatha Millsaps, executive director of Mennonite Women and former pastor of a multiracial congregation near Chicago. She will help us talk about the challenges of being multicultural and multiracial and celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit that is evident now. The sessions are Wednesday evenings, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, beginning with a light meal at 6 pm. Cyneatha also will preach on Sunday, Feb. 9.

Martin Luther King Jr Day

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: On Monday, Jan. 20, a panel discussion and community conversation will explore **Repairing the Harm: A Community Conversation on the Systemic Exclusion of African Americans in Elkhart**, facilitated by special guest Benjamin J. Tapper M.P.A., M.Div., Associate for Resource Consulting with the Center for Congregations in Indianapolis and host of the Invisible Truths podcast. Panelists will include longtime Elkhart residents and leaders Rev. Jean Mayes and Jean Robinson. The presentation is in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount; a discussion will follow in Waltner Hall.

Goshen College: The 2020 King Celebration, "Unapologetically Just: Rooted in the Way of Jesus," includes a "Justice Acts" performance on Sunday, Jan. 19, at 7 pm, in the GC Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall with a reception to follow. On Monday, Jan. 20, at 10 am, a convocation titled "Justice Speaks" will be in the Church-Chapel, with keynote speaker Dr. Regina Shands Stoltzfus, professor of peace, justice and conflict studies. Breakout sessions will be at 2:15 pm, and a candlelight vigil will take place at 6:30 pm, both at College Mennonite Church. Visit goshen.edu/mlk for more information.

Mennonite Disaster Service's annual All-Unit Meeting will be Feb. 7–8 at Maple City Chapel, 2015 Lincolnway E, Goshen. You don't need to register, and all are welcome to hear Executive Director Kevin King Friday at 7 p.m., and keynote speaker Brenda Phillips Saturday at 12:30 pm. If you are interested in eating meals or attending the entire conference, register at mds.mennonite.net.

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Christian Education

Adults will reflect on the sermon and faith questions they are asking. Carol Kotva will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

Ted & Co. performance and book release: Ted will bring new sketches, video and photos of behind the scenes footage from the Human Faces Tour (“Mental Health Struggles and Resilience”), from his own experience doing theater with Lee and walking through Lee’s suicide, and stories of those who came to be involved with this project. January 24, 7 pm at East Goshen Mennonite Church. 2019 E. Lincoln Ave., Goshen. All are welcome to attend, a free-will offering will be taken.

Michiana Voices for Middle East Peace will feature a multimedia presentation by Anita Rediger, drawing on experiences of two trips to Israel-Palestine to share ways the Christian narrative sometimes leads, often unwittingly, to abuses in human communities. Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 pm at College Mennonite Church, 1900 S. Main Street, Goshen.

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Leroy Saner
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Ed Kauffman
Worship visuals	Annie Mohr
Ushers	Fabian Rosales, Greg Suderman Junior Rosales, Larry Underwood
Childcare	Jan Stair, Christopher Vargas
Sound system	Marc Roth

Snacks Winifred and Leroy Saner

Hosts Gay and Ed Kauffman

Birthdays this week

Everett Vandrick (20)

Attendance, Jan 12 74

Next Sunday Jake Hess, worship leader
Goshen College Parables worship ensemble

Calendar for the week

Mon, Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (office closed)
Wed, Jan 22, 6 pm	Prayer choir
Thurs, Jan 23, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Jan 25, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming events

Spiritual Emphasis sessions, Jan 29 and Feb 5
6 pm meal; presentation and discussion with Cyneatha Millsaps

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.

Lean in toward the light

by Carrie Newcomer

1

Winter is the oldest season
But quietly beneath the snow
Seeds are stretching out and reaching
Faithful as the morning glow

2

Carry nothing but what you must / Lean in toward the light
Let it go, shake off the dust / Lean in toward the light
Today is now, tomorrow beacons / Lean in toward the light
Keep practicing resurrection / Lean in toward the light

Bridge

The shadows of this world will say
There's no hope why try anyway
But every kindness large or slight
Shifts the balance toward the light

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Don't just walk when you can fly / Lean in toward the light
When justice seems in short supply / Lean in toward the light
Let beauty be your truest guide / Lean in toward the light

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Help me at least to be kind.
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