

# 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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## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

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[www.hivelymennonite.org](http://www.hivelymennonite.org)

800 E Hively Avenue

Elkhart, IN 46517



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Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to Worship

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,  
**All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**  
Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,  
**All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**  
Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,  
**All: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

\*Hymns *Lift every voice and sing* HWB 579  
*One is the body* SJ 72

## CONFESSING

Confession

Leader: Lord, you have called us the "Body of Christ."  
We confess our yearnings to be one, our hopes of peace—  
but we regret our failings, our lack of unity.  
How can we be Christ's body when we are so flawed?  
**People: Help us remember the One who came in human flesh and lived among us.**  
Leader: We are the body of Christ?  
How can we make that claim when we are so broken?  
**People: Help us remember the broken body of Jesus.**  
Leader: We are the body of Christ?  
How can we say that when we are so sinful?  
**People: Help us remember the One who brought forgiveness through the cross.**  
Leader: We are the body of Christ?  
How can we be that when we are so weak?  
**People: Help us remember the One whose Spirit fills us, burning weakness to strength.**

Leader: We are the body of Christ?  
How can we make that claim when we are so small?  
**People: Help us remember the One whose kingdom comes as a grain of wheat, feeding the world.**  
Leader: Lord, take us as we are:  
human, broken, sinful, weak, and small.  
**People: Our hands are your hands. Our feet are your feet. Our body is your body. Equip and send us forth, the body of Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

\*Hymn *Sing we a song of high revolt* SS 13

Lighting the Peace Candle Sueann VonGuten  
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.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time Elya Hess

Scripture I Corinthians 12: 12-31a SaeJin Lee  
Luke 4:14-21 Esther Muhagachi, Beth Suderman

Sermon ***A light to the nations: A mission and advice to light our way*** Tim Stair

## RESPONDING TO GOD

\*Hymn *God has chosen me* SS 114

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**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 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.

**Please empty your mailbox:** Some mailboxes are overfull. Please check yours today and claim your items.

**Hively's youth and mentors** are invited to a showing of "The Radicals" about the life of early Anabaptist leaders Michael and Margaretha Sattler. Gather at the church at 6:30 pm this Tuesday, Jan. 29, for this showing.

**Spiritual Emphasis:** Our second Spiritual Emphasis session is rescheduled for this Wednesday, Jan. 30. Supper is served at 6 pm. Then we will hear reflections from **Lane Miller**, equity analyst with Martin Capital Management. His focus will be "Finance and the Prodigal Son."

**Care package for Ricki Johnson:** The Deacons are putting together a care package for Ricki Johnson in Benin. We would like to gather these items by this Wednesday, January 30. 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.

**Congregational meeting, February 3:** On Sunday, Feb. 3, 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; if you are not a member you may wish to attend to learn more about our congregation. Documents for the meeting have been distributed in mailboxes.

**"Souper Bowl" next Sunday:** Next Sunday, before the football Super Bowl happens, we are asking everyone to bring contributions for Church Community Services' Souper Bowl drive. The Witness and Caring Commission suggests we bring cans of soup and boxes of crackers to help those in our community who are often hungry.

**Rachelle Claassen and Joyce Odhiambo** will perform in the Concord Junior High School play, "Summer of Kaos," on February 7 (delayed from the previous scheduled date of Jan. 31). The performance is at the school at 6:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.

**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.

**NPR Religion and Belief Correspondent Tom Gjelten** will speak at on Monday, Jan. 28, in the Goshen College Rieth Recital Hall. The lecture will take place at 7:30 pm and is free and open to the public. Tom Gjelten covers issues of religion, faith and belief for NPR News, a beat that encompasses such areas as the changing religious landscape in America, the formation of personal identity, the role of religion in politics, and social and cultural conflict arising from religious differences.

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**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Esther Muhagachi
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Hillary Harder
Worship visuals	Elaine Frey
Ushers	Greg Suderman, Carol Kotva Fabian Rosales, Norm Cender
Childcare	Annie Mohr, Rose George
Sound system	Mary Klassen

**Hosts** Louise and Virgil Claassen

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
Leroy Saner, worship leader  
Carry-in lunch

**Attendance, Jan 20** 68, including 2 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Tues, Jan 29, 6:30 pm	“The Radicals” for youth and mentors
Thurs, Jan 31, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Feb 2, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

**Birthdays**

Samantha Crosser (28)  
 Deb Krawiec (29)  
 Deb Byler (29)  
 Hillary Harder (30)  
 Tim Stair (30)  
 Rachelle Claassen (2)

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, Feb 10 and 24  
**Congregational business meeting**, Feb 3, 1 pm  
**Prayer Choir**, Feb. 6 and 20, 6 pm

Order of service, continued

Offering

(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

\*Hymn *How can we be silent* SJ 61

\*Benediction

\*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.

**Christian education today**

**Worship music workshop:** During the Christian education hour today, all youth and adults are invited to a song-leading workshop. Deb Detwiler, professor of music at Goshen College, will lead an hour of singing and song-leading guidance. Arrangements have been made to allow children’s Sunday School teachers to attend.