

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

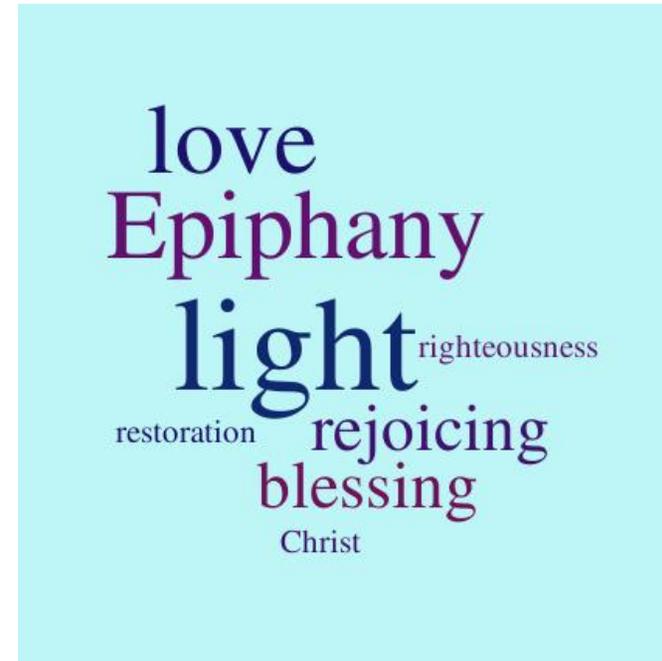
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Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

January 6, 2019

Epiphany



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

January 6, 2019
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship

Leader: The Word became fleshed and moved in with us.

People: And we have seen his glory.

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

**People: Glory to God who has blessed us in Jesus Christ.
Glory to God forever.**

PRAISING

*Hymns *Praise the one who breaks the darkness* SS 1
The Lord is my light SJ 97

CONFESSING

Confession

**Holy God, we confess we are distracted people
and forgetful of your love.
We make selfish choices, hurt each other,
and perpetuate injustice in your world.
We want to turn from the ways we disregard you,
each other, and your creation.
By the power of your Spirit,
forgive, restore, and strengthen us
to live in your light and walk in your truth;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silence

Words of Assurance

Lighting the Peace Candle

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.

*Hymn *I want to walk as a child of the light* SJ 95

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 1:6-13, Isaiah 60:1-5
Febri Kristiani, Jamie Pitts

Children's time Tim and Jan Stair

Reflections on Bearers of Light from other cultures and countries

Reflections on Bearers of Light during dark or difficult times

Prayers of Thanks and Remembering

RESPONDING TO GOD

*Hymn *Hope is a candle* SS 15

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 Special music by Lane Miller and SaeJin Lee
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

*Hymn *Go, my friends, in grace* SS 57

*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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Winter Retreat: Several of Hively's junior and senior high youth are at the Winter Retreat at Camp Friedenswald this weekend. Jake Hess and Melanie Quinn are the adult participants.

Carry-in lunch and taking down decorations: All are invited to stay for our monthly carry-in lunch. When you are done eating, please help with lunch clean-up or with taking down Advent and Christmas decorations.

Prayer choir meets this Wednesday evening at 6 pm.

Spiritual Emphasis evenings: Our January Spiritual Emphasis sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays, January 16 and 23. Each evening will begin at 6 pm with a light supper, followed by presentations and discussions on the theme of spirituality and economics.

- **January 16: Tom McArthur**, executive director of Church Community Services in Elkhart.
- **January 23: Lane Miller**, equity analyst with Martin Capital Management. His focus will be "Finance and the Prodigal Son."

A Christmas letter from Neal and Janie Blough, who are Hively members and mission workers in France, is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Central District Conference Regional Gathering: You are invited to gather with CDC brothers and sisters at the upcoming Regional Gathering on January 26. We'll sing and pray together, hear updates about what is happening in CDC and engage with our theme, "Come, walk with us. . . to God knows where!" The Open Table congregation will host and share their congregation's story. We will also hear from Morning Star Church, Muncie, Ind. All are welcome to participate. Open Table will be hosting in Assembly's building at 1201 S 11th St, Goshen. The gathering begins with coffee and tea at 9:45 am, and concludes at 3:00 pm. Open Table will provide lunch, so let the conference office know if you plan to attend (office@mcusaded.org); plan to make a contribution toward the cost of the meal.

MEDA January dinner and program: The Michiana chapter of Mennonite Economic Development Associates will host a Jamaican meal and program reflecting on the 50 years of Goshen College's Study Service Trimester (SST). The event is set for January 17, at 6:30 pm, in the Koinonia Room of College Mennonite Church. RSVP by January 11 to info@michianameda.org or text or call 574-355-3607.

Adult Christian Education next week: Next Sunday, Jan. 13, Tim Stair and Leroy Saner will share from their experiences on the Guatemala learning tour in October.

Christian education today

Adults will take a final look at the MCUSA "Renewed Commitments," and Pathways study guide, focusing on giving feedback to denominational leaders on the goals and how we see these guiding our congregation as well as the denomination.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

January 6, 2019

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Tim Stair
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	SaeJin Lee
Ushers	Mary Klassen, Tyler Klassen Greg Suderman
Childcare	Elaine Frey, Lucile Odhiambo
Sound system	Marlyn Fast

Snacks	Leroy and Winifred Saner
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Next Sunday	Tim Stair, preacher Annie Mohr, worship leader
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Attendance, Dec 30	77, including 7 guests
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Calendar for the week

Tues, Jan 8, 5:30 pm	Stewardship Commission
Tues, Jan 8, 5:45 pm	Christian Education Commission
Wed, Jan 9, 6 pm	Prayer Choir
Wed, Jan 9, 7 pm	Leadership Council
Wed, Jan 9, 7:30 pm	Worship Commission
Thurs, Jan 10, 7 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Jan 12, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Birthdays

Sheryl Pankratz (6)
Theo Odhiambo (7)
Marlyn Fast (11)

Upcoming calendar items

Spaghetti and Scripture: Jan 13 and 27
Spiritual Emphasis evenings: Jan 16 and 23, 6 pm
World Fellowship Sunday, Jan 20
Congregational business meeting, Feb 3, 1 pm