

# 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:** We walk with our neighbors to create an inclusive community that reflects the diversity of God's creation. In this vibrant community, we demonstrate God's hospitality, healing and hope to one another and to the world, as we live in the grace and discipleship of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

June 18, 2017



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

June 18, 2017  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship HWB 669

\*Hymns *God sends us the Spirit* HWB 293  
*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing* insert

Reconciling

**People: Christ has set us free from the burden of sin and guilt.**

Leader: Stand fast, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**All: Rejoice! We are indeed set free!** (HWB705)

Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

**People: We were like those who dream.**

Leader: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

**People: And our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,

**People: 'The Lord has done great things for us,'**

Leader: and we rejoiced.

**All: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
Like the watercourses of the Negeb.  
May those who sow in tears  
Reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
Bearing the seed for sowing,  
Shall come home with shouts of joy,  
Carrying their sheaves.**

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.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time Greg Suderman

\*Hymn *Give to us laughter* insert  
Sung to music of HWB 545

Scripture Genesis 18:1-15 Sandra Vielman  
Matthew 9:35-38, 10:16-20

Sermon **The Holy Spirit Laughs:  
The humor of subversion** Tim Stair

## RESPONDING

Hymn *Will you come and follow me* SS 39

Responding in testimony and sharing  
What spoke to you in this service? 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 *New earth, heavens new* HWB 299

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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Please return your hymnal(s) to a cart in the hallway.

\*Please stand if you are able.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spaghetti lunch:** The youth are preparing a spaghetti meal at noon today as their final fundraiser for the trip to the MC USA convention in Florida. Donate generously and stay to enjoy the good food.

**Spaghetti and Scripture is rescheduled** for next Sunday, June 25, at 5:30 pm, at Jake and Elya Hess's home. There will be no Spaghetti and Scripture on July 2 or 9; it will resume on July 16.

**Bible School:** This Wednesday, June 21, is the first evening of Summer Bible School. Sunnyside Mennonite Church is hosting a community meal at 6 pm, and the activities begin at 6:30 pm. Children from four years old to fifth grade are invited. No registration is necessary. If adults accompany children, there may be ways to help.

**Central District Conference:** The annual meeting of Central District Conference is this week, Thursday through Saturday, at Bluffton (Ohio) University. Several from Hively are going, including delegates Tyler Klassen, Rich Preheim and Winifred Saner. The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday so staff can attend.

**Human Sexuality in Biblical Perspective:** We will use the guide created by Central District Conference to explore sexuality from a biblical perspective as our next Sunday School study, beginning July 16. If you would like the church to order a copy of the book for you, please let Mary Klassen know by Tuesday, June 27. If you can contribute to the \$13 cost of the book, that will be helpful but not necessary.

The publisher says this book is for "anyone interested in joining with the Holy Spirit to consider again what the Word of God is saying in the stories and teachings of Scripture about the goodness of bodies, the vulnerability of desires, and the reliability of covenants."

**Junior High Camp this week:** Several Hively youth will be at Camp Friedenswald this week. Pray that they will encounter God and build relationships with others while they enjoy the "peaceful woods"—along with the lake, fen, swamp and Mosquito Hollow.

**Service of Celebration and Dedication at Camp Friedenswald:** Please plan to attend a Service of Celebration and Dedication on Saturday, July 15 at 2 pm, to honor the completion of the Renew

Friedenswald projects. A reception and tours of the renewed facilities will follow. RSVP appreciated to 269-476-9744.

**The Ted & Co play, "Discovery: A Comic Lament,"** will be performed at College Mennonite Church on Saturday, July 1, at 7 pm. With unexpected humor, it is about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It stars actors Ted Swartz and Michelle Milne; was written by Alison Brookins, a spring graduate of AMBS; and is directed by Phil Weaver-Stoesz. Sponsored by College Mennonite Church and Assembly Mennonite Church. Admission by donation.

### It's time to think about the Relief Sale

We are excited to celebrate our 50th anniversary at the September 22-23 sale and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

**My Coins Count:** This year we have set a goal of raising \$500,000, yes, you read that right, a half a million dollars with My Coins Count as a special 50th celebration while providing clean water to those who don't have it. This is completely separate from money raised during the sale weekend. Save your quarters in the tube banks that Leroy and Winifred created; if yours is full, bring the money to church and start over again. Save all your other coins to add to the jug when we set it out.

**Auctions: Faithful Giving:** New and quality used household items, furniture, lawn and garden equipment, sporting equipment, antiques and more. **Quilt:** Looking for a 50th celebratory quantity and quality of donations. Please consider making a wall hanging, baby quilt, or comforter. **Online:** Items such as special experiences, gift certificates, event tickets and other unique items.

**General needed donations:** many baked goods, handmade trendy crafts, quality new or very gently used children's toys.

**Fund-raising dinner:** Join us Thursday, August 24, for our annual fund raising dinner at The Essenhaus. Call 888-503-8559 for individual tickets or for table sponsorship.

More information: Contact Leroy and Winifred Saner, Hively's Relief Sale representatives.

Lyrics to hymns in our worship this morning

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### **I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing**

I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing,  
When the Spirit says sing, I'm gonna sing right along.  
Sing when the Spirit says sing.

I'm gonna pray ...  
I'm gonna laugh ...  
I'm gonna dance ...

### **Give to us laughter**

tune: "Be thou my vision" | text by Walter Karquharson

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.  
Laughter can banish so much of our strife!  
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.  
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;  
Let us in laughing find Christian employ,  
Joining with stars and with bright northern light,  
Laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,  
Laughter with tears brings us healing relief!  
God, give us laughter and God, give us peace,  
Joy of your promise among us increase.

### **Christian education today**

Adults will continue the discussion of spiritual formation and spiritual disciplines. Sueann VonGunten will lead the session.

Summer Sunday School for children and youth consists of two groups: grade 5 and younger and grade 6 (completed) and older.

### **Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Jamie Pitts
Pianist	Beth Suderman
Song leader	Hillary Harder
Ushers	Verna Kaufman, Tyler Klassen Margaret Sawatsky, Walter Sawatsky
Childcare	Jake and Elya Hess
Worship visuals	Annie Mohr
Sound system	William Odhiambo, Mary Klassen
Snack provider	Annie Mohr, Carol Selman

### **Next Sunday**

Deb Byler, preacher  
Tim Stair, worship leader

**Attendance, June 11** 68, including 5 guests

### **Calendar for the week**

Wed, June 21, 6:30-8 pm Bible School at Sunnyside  
Thurs, June 22, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
Sat, June 24, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

### **Birthdays this week**

David Habegger (15)  
Clara Grubert (16)

### **Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture:** June 25, July 16, 5:30 pm  
**Summer Bible School,** June 21, July 19, August 2, 6:30-8 pm  
at Sunnyside Mennonite Church  
**Central District Conference Annual Meeting,** June 22-24  
Bluffton University  
**Mennonite Church USA** convention, July 4-8  
Orlando, Fla.