

# 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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Cover: Moyers, Mike. Lenten Labyrinth, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57142> [retrieved February 24, 2020]. Original source: Mike Moyers, <https://www.mikemoyersfineart.com/>. This visual labyrinth begins and ends with the dark path at the bottom for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Other themes are covenant relationship, scripture, The Law, discipleship, betrayal, servanthood, readiness, patience, Christ's passion, deliverance, abundance, provision, sacrifice, new life, and love.



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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.

March 1, 2020  
First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

Leader: Eternal God, you call us beloved daughters and sons.

**People: We praise you for creating us and calling us to cultivate your life in the world.**

Leader: Eternal God, you call our name in the garden.

**People: We come to worship, acknowledging our vulnerabilities and temptations.**

Leader: Eternal God, you are our hiding place, where forgiveness and mercy encircle us.

**All: Thanks be to God for the radical grace offered to us through Jesus Christ.**

\*Hymns *Come, thou fount* HWB 521  
*Abre mis ojos* SS 65

Lighting the Peace Candle Grace Muhagachi, Peace Muhagachi  
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.

## LISTENING

Scripture Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Louise Claassen, Jake Hess

Confession

Leader: God calls to us, "Where are you?"

**People: We, like Adam, hide in the garden, hoping God does not come looking for us.**

Leader: God asks, "What have you done?"

**People: We, like Eve, say "The devil made me do it," masking our shame.**

Leader: Our choices have consequences and yet God's grace abounds.

**People: I confess I have hidden and denied my sin. When I refused to admit my wrongs, I was miserable; even my bones felt brittle. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.**

Silence

Assurance of pardon From Psalm 32

How happy are the ones whose wrongs are forgiven.

How happy are the ones whose sin the Eternal God will not take into account.

God has become our hiding place, our refuge from trouble.

God hears our prayers extending the arms of salvation and songs of deliverance.

\*Song *His mercy is more* Insert

Children's time Melanie Quinn

Song *I've got the joy, joy, joy*

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11 Louise Claassen, Jake Hess

Sermon **Show us your hiding place in the thick of temptation**  
Tim Stair

## RESPONDING

Hymn *When we are tempted* SS 81

Ritual of response

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 *The Lord lift you up* SJ 73

\*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.

Please place your hymnal(s) on a cart in the hallway as you leave the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome:** We extend a special welcome today to members of Rios de Agua Viva, the other congregation that worships in this building. We are grateful that they are joining us today for worship and our carry-in lunch. All are welcome to stay for the lunch; there's always plenty for all.

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

**Thank you to the family of Virginia Kime:** Kathee Kirchner and her family have given Hively a large peace lily from the memorial service for Kathee's mother, Virginia Kime, on Tuesday, Feb 25.

**Jelly Beans and Chocolates fundraiser:** The spring fundraiser for Hively Avenue Preschool is jumbo jelly beans and chocolates from Wakarusa Dime Store. Eight options are available for \$6 per bag. Please see information on the bulletin board. You can sign in your order on the posted form or talk with board members Crystal Underwood, John Alter and Mary Klassen. Orders are due by March 23; delivery is on April 1.

**Worship Leading workshop:** Sunnyside Mennonite Church (23786 Sunnyside Ave, Elkhart) is hosting a workshop for worship leaders on Saturday, March 7, from 9 am to noon. Rachel Miller Jacobs, professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, is the resource person. If you wish to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or talk to Margaret Sawatsky or Elya Hess.

**Volunteers needed for Hively Avenue Preschool:** When the preschool hosts parent-teacher conferences, volunteers are needed: **Tuesday, March 17, from 12:30 to 3 pm**, a volunteer is needed in the pre-K classroom or the office. There's no need to teach, just be a classroom helper or office assistant.

Childcare for the students and their siblings is needed while the parents meet with the teachers. At least two volunteers are needed **Tuesday March 17, from 4:15 to 8:15 p.m.**, and **Thursday, March 19, from 12:45 to 4:45 p.m.** If you can volunteer for all or part of these times, please see Mary Klassen.

**The Goshen College Conference on Religion and Science** will take place March 6-8 at Goshen College, with keynote speaker Dr. Michael Spezio. The theme is "In Whose Image? Perspectives from Intersections of Brain Science and Abrahamic Mindfulness." Spezio will present two public lectures in the Church-Chapel: Friday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. Learn more at [goshen.edu/religionscience](http://goshen.edu/religionscience).

**Paintings by Emma Schrock**, a popular artist who painted her experience as a member of the Old Order Mennonite community in western Elkhart County, will be on display in the Good Library Gallery at Goshen College from March 1 through May 31. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

**Join Christian Peacemaker Teams and Mennonite Central Committee** for a screening and discussion of the documentary "Hebron" on Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at Waterford Mennonite Church (65975 State Rd 15 in Goshen). Through provoking footage and interviews, this 30-minute film depicts Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation attempting to exert their fundamental human rights, such as education, religion, movement and dignity.

### High school musicals

**Concord High School's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"** is Thursday and Friday, March 5 and 6, at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 8, at 2 pm. Lara Claassen and Rachelle Claassen are performers. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://concordtheater.ludus.com/index.php>

**Bethany Christian High School's production of "Children of Eden,"** is Thursday-Saturday, March 5-7, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, March 8, at 3 pm. Peace Muhagachi and Risa Bohn are performers. To purchase tickets, visit [bethanycs.net/tickets](http://bethanycs.net/tickets).

**Upcoming performances at Goshen College** include Voices of the Earth (formerly Women's World Music Choir) home concert on Sunday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.; The 60th Annual Concerto-Aria concert on Saturday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.; The Goshen Monologues on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.; and a Performing Arts Series concert featuring Che Apalache on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Learn more and buy tickets at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets).

His Mercy Is More  
Matt Papa, Matt Boswell

1  
What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

Chorus  
Praise the Lord!  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

2  
What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

3  
What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

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#### Christian Education

Adults will begin a study of "Justice and the Prophets," written by Jo-Ann Brant, Goshen College professor, and published by MennoMedia. The first session focuses on Amos 5. Eric Vandrick will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

March 1, 2020

#### Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader Elya Hess  
Musicians Crystal Underwood, John Vargas  
Joyce Odhiambo, Rose George  
Song leader Walter Sawatsky  
Worship visuals Tyler Klassen  
Ushers Leroy Saner, Winifred Saner  
John Vargas, Christopher Vargas  
Childcare Febri Kristiani, Lara Claassen  
Sound system Marc Roth

**Snacks** Marlyn and Amanda Fast

**Attendance**, Feb 23 80, including 3 guests

#### Birthdays this week

Rolene Otieno (4)  
Annie Mohr (5)  
Jacob Underwood (7)

**Next Sunday** Jake Hess, preacher  
Margaret Sawatsky, worship leader  
*Daylight Savings Time starts*

#### Calendar for the week

Thurs, March 5, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
Sat, March 7, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

**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.