

## 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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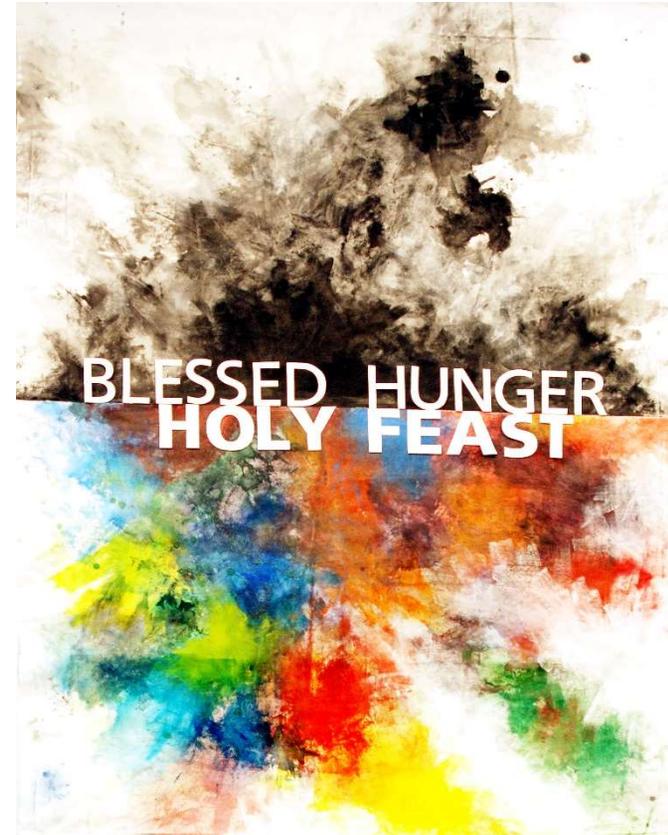
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## Second Sunday of Lent



## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

March 17, 2019



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

March 17, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

Focus statement: When dark fear overwhelms us, God gathers us together in safe shelter. We seek the light of God's face.

## GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship (based on Psalms 63 and 27)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you  
as in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation—  
we shall not be afraid.

**People: We will wait for the Lord and take courage,  
for we will see God's goodness.**

**ALL: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.  
In the shadow of your wings,  
we sing for joy, and you uphold us.**

\*Hymns *A wonderful Savior is Jesus*, vv. 1-2 HWB 598  
*In the rifted rock* HWB 526

Lighting the Peace Candle Greg Suderman  
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 TO GOD

Scripture Psalm 27 Mary Klassen, Hugo Robles  
Luke 13:31-35

Children's time Beth Suderman

Homily **From fear to God's shelter** Esther Muhagachi

\*Hymn *You are all we have* SJ 29

## CONFESSING

Confession (from Psalm 27)

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!  
"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.  
Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Who will seek the Lord today? (Responders come forward)

Prayer

Leader: We are all invited to seek the Lord today.

Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer:

**ALL: Sheltering God, we seek you,  
for you alone are our light and salvation.  
When darkness moves into our lives,  
we seek your face.**

Leader: When fears overcome us and paralyze us (pause),  
we seek your face.

When our souls hunger for your shelter (pause),  
we seek your face.

**ALL: In the morning and in the evening,  
we will seek the face of our God.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

\*Hymn *All this pain (Beautiful things)* Hymnal pocket

## RESPONDING

Responding in testimony and sharing Esther Muhagachi

What spoke to you this morning? What joys and concerns would you share? (Please be brief and focused.)

Prayer

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mennonite Women program:** On Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00 pm, Esther Muhagachi will share with Hively women about “The UWKMT experience,” focusing on women in Tanzania. All women are invited. Refreshments will include a taste of Tanzania.

**It’s time for the Hively Avenue Preschool Spring Fundraiser.** This year’s treats include Wakarusa Dime Store jelly beans and Rise’n Roll Bakery’s famous crunch. Check out the flyer on the bulletin board for all the flavors. You can order from student Billi Jo Grouette or preschool board members John Alter, Melody Claassen, Leanne Farmwald or Crystal Underwood. You also can sign up for what you want on the bulletin board. Place orders by March 25 and pick them up April 12.

**Youth group fundraising for this summer’s convention has started.** A Nelson’s Golden Glow sale is set for Saturday, March 23. Tickets are still available today; get them from a member of the youth group. You can pick up your items on March 23 beginning at 10 am; presold tickets will be honored until 12:30 pm. The sale will continue until 2 pm, so even if you have not purchased tickets, come to help support the youth. Tickets for chicken halves are \$6.50 and tickets for Pit-Tatoes are \$4.

**Preschool is seeking a teacher:** Hively Avenue Preschool is seeking a teacher to work with three- and four-year-olds, beginning in August. See the notice on the bulletin board and talk with Leanne Farmwald or Melody Claassen if you know someone who would qualify and be interested.

**Jail Ministry banquet:** The 2019 Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 7-8:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm). It will be a dessert banquet held at Maple City Chapel in Goshen. There is no cost, although donations are requested. This is an opportunity to hear inspiring stories of people blessed by the jail ministry. If you are interested in attending, please talk with Jake Hess; it would be wonderful for Hively to fill a table.

**From Church Community Services:** This time of year, the food pantry could really use donations of fresh produce such as tomatoes, apples, oranges, bags of mixed fruit and bananas.

**Bulletin board items:** The bulletin board in the hallway has two new postings:

- A story about Grace and Healing Ministries in Dodoma, Tanzania, to which our Rice and Beans Month contributions will go.
- A Mennonite Mission Network newsletter about Miriam Krantz and the value of longer-term mission work.

**Rejoice prayer guide:** Two copies of the *Rejoice* prayer guide for March, April and May are still available on the table in the foyer. These are purchased for the congregation and anyone who wants one may take a copy.

**New address:**

Christina and Jacob Underwood  
422 Park Court  
Goshen, IN 46528

**Central District Conference’s Annual Meeting** in Milwaukee, June 20–22, ends the same day that the Milwaukee Brewers will play the Cincinnati Reds. CDC can get group tickets (\$16/person) for the game. If you would be interested in attending, please let the conference office know no later than March 29 so we know how many seats to reserve: [office@mcusacdc.org](mailto:office@mcusacdc.org) or 800-662-2264.

**Prairie Street Mennonite Church** is seeking a half-time administrative assistant. See the bulletin board in the hallway for details.

March 17, 2019

**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader Greg Suderman  
Pianist Beth Suderman  
Song leader Walter Sawatsky  
Worship visuals SaeJin Lee, Elaine Frey, Annie Mohr (banner)  
Annie Mohr (table)  
Ushers Theo Odhiambo, Agnes Odhiambo  
Elaine Frey, William Odhiambo  
Childcare Samantha Crosser, Joyce Odhiambo  
Sound system Marlyn Fast

**Snacks** Elaine Frey

**Birthdays this week**

Larry Underwood (20)  
Lucille Gering (21)

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
Margaret Sawatsky, worship leader

**Attendance, March 10** 81, including 7 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Wed, March 20, 7 pm Mennonite Women program  
Thurs, March 21, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
Sat, March 23, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva  
Sat, March 23, 10 am Youth Group fund-raiser

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, March 24, April 14 and 28  
**Prayer Choir**: March 27, April 10, April 24

Order of service (continued)

Offering

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

\*Hymn *May God grant you a blessing* HWB 422

\*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 prayground 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

Adults will continue a study of *When helping hurts*. Lane Miller will lead the session.

Youth and children will meet in their classes as usual.