

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

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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Palm Sunday

March 20, 2016



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GATHERING

Prelude *It was a great thing* Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir
Pre-service singing led by Sungbin Kim

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Lighting the Peace Candle Eric Vandrick
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.

Year of the Bible reflection Winifred Saner

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hymn and procession of the palms
Hosanna, loud Hosanna HWB 238

Children's time Beth Suderman, Rhonda Landgraf

Responsive reading *Based on Psalm 118*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: The Lord our God has given us light!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord—God is good!

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer

PRAISE

*Hymns *Jesus, thou mighty Lord* HWB 115
Praise God from whom HWB 118

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Lord, we confess that our motives, desires, and passions have not been pure—we have not been living into the truth of your good news story. We confess that we have often acted in destructive ways as we live out of our brokenness rather than out of your healing, redeeming love. Help us to find our refuge in you. Forgive us, heal us, and reconcile us, oh God, so that we may be the living link of your covenant love in all our relationships: with you, with each other, and with all of creation, we pray. Amen.

Assurance *from Psalm 31:19*

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Larry Underwood

Sermon text Luke 19:28-40

Message **Listening to stones speak** Charles Geiser

Dramatic reading Andrew Austin, Christa Pennington

RESPONDING

*Hymn *The Lord is my light* SJ 97

Responding in testimony and sharing
What spoke to you in this service? What joys and concerns would you share? (Brief comments appreciated)

Prayer

Response
God speaks to us in wonders and whispers,
In silence and Scripture,
Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
God's gifts are boundless.
May we respond fully and freely with hearts and lives given to God.
(From *Words for Worship 2*, #149)

Offering Special music by Lara Claassen
(Please sign the attendance registers at the end of the row)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come read the week's Scriptures together on Mondays at 5 pm.

Sing the "Hallelujah" chorus: Everyone is invited to join in singing the "Hallelujah" chorus from "The Messiah" on Easter Sunday. If you have your own copy, please bring it and join in the praise.

Palm Sunday Peace Parade: The sixth annual peace parade will begin from Hively's peace pole today at 2 pm. The group will walk to the plaza in downtown Elkhart, arriving around 3 pm for a time of prayer and singing.

Easter morning drama: The cast, including Hively's children, will rehearse today following a light lunch.

Preschool Peeler fundraiser, March 6-21: Peeler cards offer more than 31 discounts at local businesses for a donation of just \$10! Peeler cards are available from students and board members: Asher Hess, Narkiso Odhiambo, Christa Pennington, Melody Claassen, Crystal Underwood, and John Alter. Thanks for your support.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops needs your help. The Depot is looking for volunteers to work with sorting, preparing and pricing the donated clothing that helps support the work of the Mennonite Central Committee. Please consider donating some of your time and contact Karen or Doug at 534-1828 or stop in at 1013 Division Street in Goshen.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes has extended the deadline until March 21 for applications for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the program, staff and budget of the Great Lakes region and representing MCC Great Lakes within the broader MCC system and churches in the region. For more information visit serve.mcc.org or contact Susan Wadel at 717-552-5785.

Stations of the Cross and Resurrection. Follow the footsteps of Jesus on his way to the cross at Pathways Retreat, 309½ Hackett Road, Goshen, March 23-26. The traditional 14 Stations of the Cross are designed and handcrafted by local artist John Nafziger. Then, on Sunday,

March 27, through the 50 days of Easter, seven Stations of the Resurrection will mark the risen Christ's appearances. These stations are ceramic tiles made from paintings by local artist and spiritual director, Sylvie Gudin. The walks appeal to all ages and are available during daylight hours. There is no cost, although donations are gratefully accepted. See pathwaysretreat.org for photos and directions.

From Chris and Trish Habegger: Our home at 2625 Pleasant Plain Avenue (on the southeast corner of the church property) will be for sale through a realtor at the beginning of April. If you know of anyone in the church or seminary community who might be interested in acquiring this property directly, please have them contact Chris before that time (cell 574-238-0911).

Coming in April

Hively spring clean-up day, Saturday, April 16, 8:30-11 am with a focus on cleaning up the grounds.

Camp Friedenswald—dessert and conversation, Thursday, April 14, at 7 pm at Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen.

Fund-raiser for Center for Healing and Hope, Friday, April 15, at 7 pm at the Bread and Chocolate Ballroom in Goshen. Jep Hostetler will be the featured speaker.

Christian Education today

Children are invited to have a snack in the educational wing before joining their classes.

Adults will explore chapter 9 of *Dig In: 13 Scriptures to help us know the way*.

Holy Week and Easter schedule

Maundy Thursday, March 24

6 pm Light supper, followed by a service with communion commemorating the Last Supper and Jesus' crucifixion. Foot washing is included.

Last names beginning with A-J: Bring sandwiches
Last names beginning with K-Z: Bring fruit

Easter, March 27

7:30 am Early service

8 am Breakfast
Breakfast casseroles will be provided.

Last names beginning with A-J: Bring fruit
Last names beginning with K-Z: Bring breads

9:30 am Worship service
Charles Geiser, worship leader
Includes a dramatic re-enactment of the first Easter morning and Jesus' first appearances to the disciples

11:00 am Christian education

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Order of service continued

SENDING

*Hymn *This little light of mine*, vv 1, 2 HWB 401

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader Annie Mohr
Pianist Beth Suderman
Song leader Colleen White
Ushers Pratik Bagh, Shabnam Bagh
Chris Habegger, David Habegger
Childcare Elya and Jake Hess

Host Rosalie Grove

Next Sunday Charles Geiser, worship leader
Drama: The story of Easter morning and Jesus appearing to the disciples

Attendance on March 13 71, including 4 guests

Calendar for the week

Mon, March 21, 5 pm	Reading the Bible together
Wed, March 23, 7:15 am	Lent prayers
Wed, March 23, 4:45 pm	Year of the Bible Committee
Thurs, March 24, 6 pm	Maundy Thursday service
Fri, March 25, 6-10 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, March 26, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Birthdays this week

Larry Underwood (20)
Lucille Gering (25)