

# 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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## Third 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 24, 2019



Hively Avenue  
Mennonite  
Church

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

March 24, 2019  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

Focus statement: When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from destruction to God's grace.

### GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship (based on Psalm 63)

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: We have seen you in the sanctuary,  
And know your power and glory.

**People: We will praise you and bless you as  
long as we live.**

**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 *Come, thou fount* HWB 521  
*We are people on a journey* SJ 8

Lighting the Peace Candle Margaret Sawatsky  
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

Children's time Jan Stair

Hymn *O blessed spring* SS 100

Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:4-9  
Brenda Summers, Jamie Pitts

Homily **Water, Wine, Milk and Manure:  
Finding satisfaction in mixed metaphors** Tim Stair

\*Hymn *O let all who thirst* HWB 495

### CONFESSING

Confession (from Isaiah 55:1-3a)

"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
And you who have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live."

Who will listen to the Lord today? (Responders come forward)

Prayer

Leader: We are all invited to listen to the Lord today.  
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer:

**All: God of life, we listen to you,  
for you alone have the words of life.  
when we realize that we have paid too much  
attention to the voices in our world, we listen to you.**

Leader: When we sense the poverty of our souls (pause),  
we listen to you.  
When our souls hunger for abundant life (pause),  
we listen to you.

**ALL: In the morning and in the evening,  
we will listen to you.**

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Mennonite Women:** An afternoon service project for anyone interested is planned for April 3. Plans are to meet at the church at noon, then proceed to Panera Bread for a nice lunch before going to the MCC Resource Center at the Goshen Depot. We will spend two hours there working on one of the MCC projects.

**Sign up today for the Hively Avenue Preschool Spring Fundraiser.** Orders for Wakarusa Dime Store jelly beans and Rise'n Roll Bakery's famous crunch are due tomorrow. 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.

**Jail Ministry banquet:** The 2019 Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 7-8:30 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.

### **Goshen College performances**

**Lavender Jazz,** Goshen College's big band jazz ensemble, will present a free concert in Rieth Recital Hall on Saturday, March 30. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm.

**The Goshen Choirs present the annual EARTHTONES choral concert** on Saturday, April 6, at 7:30 pm. in Goshen College Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The concert draws on powerful melodies originating from almost every continent. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors/students, available online at [goshen.edu/tickets](http://goshen.edu/tickets) or via the Goshen College Box Office at 574-535-7566.

**Mennonite Mission Network** is currently seeking to fill three full time positions: Donor Relations Representative (western region), Editor and Marketing Associate. You can see the position descriptions at [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net). Please send a cover letter and resumé to [StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:StaffRecruitment@MennoniteMission.net).

**Celebrate 20 years of the Center for Healing & Hope** and help support its future. Fiesta Feast raises funding for the Center to continue to provide medical care for uninsured people and resources for our immigrant neighbors. Buy your tickets now for the event on Saturday, April 13, 5-7 pm., at College Mennonite Church, Goshen. Enjoy a delicious Mexican meal, a special 20th anniversary program, a live fundraising auction, door prizes and opportunities to add your support to making our community stronger for all of us. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$10 for youth; children 0-5 eat free. Purchase tickets and make an additional donation at [www.CHHclinics.org](http://www.CHHclinics.org) or call 574-534-4744."

**MCC Borderlands Learning Tour:** Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. The learning tour will take place on May 22--26 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule and online registration, visit [mcc.org/borderlands-may-2019](http://mcc.org/borderlands-may-2019) or contact Juan Sebastian Pacheco Lozano at [JuanPacheco@mcc.org](mailto:JuanPacheco@mcc.org) or (574) 534-4133.

**Sew-a-thon for Comforter Bash:** The Comforter Bash committee for Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes has received donations of fabric for our Comforter Bash knotting and binding event this fall. Prairie Street Mennonite Church invites people to help piece comforter tops April 11, 12 and 13, 9 am to 4 pm. Work is available for any willing hands—ironing fabric, cutting, designing tops and sewing. Come for all or part of a day or two; no reservations needed. Contact Carol Honderich for information: 574-536-9062, [carol@honderich.com](mailto:carol@honderich.com)

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**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader Margaret Sawatsky  
 Pianist Crystal Underwood  
 Song leaders Lara Claassen, Hillary Harder  
 Worship visuals SaeJin Lee, Elaine Frey, Annie Mohr (banner)  
 Elaine Frey (table)  
 Ushers Mark Claassen, Rachelle Claassen,  
 Melanie Quinn, Norm Cender  
 Childcare Annie Mohr, Rachelle Claassen  
 Sound system Mary Klassen

**Snacks** Winifred and Leroy Saner

**Hosts** John Alter and Sueann VonGunten

**Birthdays this week**

Lucille Gering (25)  
 Andres Nogales (28)

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
 Hillary Harder, worship leader

**Attendance, March 10** 71, including 2 guests

**Calendar for the week**

Wed, March 27, 6 pm Prayer Choir  
 Thurs, March 28, 6 pm Rios de Agua Viva  
 Sat, March 30, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

**Upcoming calendar items**

**Spaghetti and Scripture**, April 14 and 28  
**Prayer Choir**: March 27, April 10, April 2  
**Maundy Thursday service**, April 18, 6 pm  
**Good Friday service**, April 19, 7 pm,  
 at Church Without Walls  
**Easter**, April 21  
 Early service, 7:30 am  
 Breakfast, 8:15 am  
 Worship service, 9:30 am  
 Sunday School, 11 am

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Order of service (continued)

**RESPONDING**

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)

\*Hymn *Rain down* SJ 49

\*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.