

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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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016



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GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Pre-service singing *Thy Word* Sungbin Kim, Pratik Bagh, SaeJin Lee

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship *Based on Psalm 32*

Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked,

**All: but steadfast love surrounds those who trust
in the Lord.**

Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

All: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

*Hymn *Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah*, vv. 1, 3 HWB 50

Lighting the Peace Candle Jamie Pitts
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.

Children's time Chris and Trish Habegger, Beth Suderman

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Year of the Bible reflection Christa Pennington

Hymn *I love to tell the story*, v. 2 HWB 398

Scripture Joshua 5:9-12 Sophia Austin
Luke 15:11-24 Andrew Austin

Confession

While we keep silent, our bodies waste away through our groaning all day long. Day and night your hand is heavy upon us and our strength dries up as in the heat of summer. Then, when we acknowledge our sin to you, and do not hide our iniquity, you forgive the guilt of our sin. Therefore, we offer our prayer and worship to you.

Silence

Words of assurance

Hymn *We are people of God's peace*, vv 1,2 HWB 407

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Message **Faithful living in liminal time** Charles Geiser

RESPONDING

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)

*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

Offering
(Please sign the attendance registers at the end of the row)

SENDING

*Hymn *God of the Bible*, vv. 1, 3, 4 SJ 27

*Benediction

*Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carry-in lunch: Join us for our noon meal today as we enjoy the bounty of our monthly carry-in lunch.

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

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know: Why Studying the Bible Still

Matters: Jewel Gingerich Longenecker's final presentation in our Spiritual Life Emphasis will be this Wednesday, March 9. Come for conversation about how we can find new understandings in the Scriptures for our lives today. A light meal will be served at 6 pm; the presentation will begin at 6:45 pm.

Lent-Easter choir: For the Lenten/Easter season, the choir will continue with this year's theme of Messiah choruses. We will rehearse Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. The choruses are shorter and less difficult than we did during Advent, so join us.

Sunday noon lock-up duties: Hively Trustees are asking for volunteers to help make sure the building is locked after our Sunday morning activities. If you are willing to take a turn with this responsibility, please talk with Colleen White or John Landgraf.

Palm Sunday Peace Parade: The sixth annual peace parade will begin from Hively's peace pole on Palm Sunday, March 20, at 2 pm. Join with others from local congregations to bring a message of peace to our neighborhoods. The group will walk to the plaza in downtown Elkhart, arriving around 3 pm for a time of prayer and singing.

Easter morning drama: Our Easter worship service will feature a re-enactment of the first Easter morning and Jesus' first appearances to the disciples. All of Hively's children will be involved and several adults also are needed. If you are interested, please talk to Mary Klassen or Beth Suderman. **The first rehearsal will follow the carry-in meal today; the final rehearsal will be March 20, following a light lunch for the cast.**

Preschool News

Peeler Fundraiser, March 6–21: Peeler cards offer more than 31 discounts at local businesses for a donation of just \$10! South Bend and Elkhart area versions are available (see bulletin board for details). Peeler cards are available from the following students and board members: Asher Hess, Narkiso Odhiambo, Christa Pennington, Melody Claassen, Crystal Underwood, and John Alter. Thanks for your support.

Childcare help is needed for Parent/Teacher Conferences, March 17 (4:30–8 pm) and March 22 (1–4:30 pm). Please contact Melody Claassen to volunteer. (You do not have to cover an entire time slot.)

The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College, and director Russell Adrian will present the program "Transform Our Lives" on Thursday, March 10, 7 pm, at College Mennonite Church in Goshen. A free-will offering will be taken. Visit www.hesston.edu for tour details.

MDC Goldenrod invites you to the Project Promise Easter play on Saturday, March 19, at 3 and 6 pm at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. Admission is free. Project Promise provides spiritual and social support for people with disabilities. A free-will offering will be collected. Visit mdcgoldenrod.org or call 574-533-9720 for more information.

Bethany Visit Days are a great way for prospective students and families to see Bethany Christian Schools in action.

Grades 4-5 on March 9: Students in grades K–4 are invited to visit with a parent from 9:30–11 am.

Grades 6-10 on March 21: Students in grades 6–10 can shadow a Bethany student from 8:40 am–3:30 pm.

For more information or register, see bethanycs.net.

Christian Education today

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

Adults will explore chapter 7 of *Dig In*, with Elya Hess leading the discussion.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Deb Byler
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	SaeJin Lee
Ushers	Jamie Pitts, Amanda Fast, Marlyn Fast
Childcare	Elaine Frey, Fabian Rosales

Next Sunday Charles Geiser, speaker
Annie Mohr, worship leader
Sermon text: Philippians 3:4b-14

Attendance on Feb 28 64, including 1 guest

Calendar for the week

Mon, March 7, 5 pm	Reading the Bible together
Tues, March 8, 4:30 pm	Deacons Council
Tues, March 8, 4:45 pm	Stewardship Commission
Tues, March 8, 5 pm	Education Commission
Wed, March 9, 7:15 am	Lent prayers
Wed, March 9, 6 pm	Spiritual Life Emphasis meal and presentation with discussion
Thurs, March 10, 5 pm	Worship Commission
Thurs, March 10, 6:30 pm	Leadership Council
Thurs, March 10, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva service
Sat, March 12, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, March 12, 8 am	Men's Fellowship breakfast

Birthdays this week

Jacob Underwood (7)
Andrew Austin (7)

Upcoming calendar items

Palm Sunday Peace Parade, March 20, 2 pm
Maundy Thursday service, March 24, 6 pm
Easter, March 27: Early service, 7:30 am; breakfast, 8 am; worship, 9:30 am; and Christian education