

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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Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

March 8, 2020
First Sunday of Lent



www.hivelymennonite.org
800 E Hively Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46517

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Worship: 9:30 am
Christian education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we are invited to new ways of thinking and being, where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us and never leaves us or forsakes us.

*Hymns *Great is thy faithfulness* HWB 327
Like a mother who has borne us SJ 91

Lighting the Peace Candle Jan Stair
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

Confession

All: **We confess. O God, that You are faithful, loving, and totally trustworthy. We also confess our desire for what is familiar, comfortable, and secure. We acknowledge that you sometimes call us to accept new challenges, new ways of thinking, or new places of service. Lord, give us the grace to respond to your call when you invite us into new ways of being.**

Assurance of pardon

Leader: Friends, the One who calls us is the Faithful One who has promised to never leave us or forsake us. May you know God's faithful presence more fully.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

*Song *Father Abraham*

Children's time Greg Suderman

Scripture Romans 4:18-25, Genesis 12:1-4a
Carol Troyer, Jamie Pitts

Sermon **Show us your faithfulness, God: Hoping against hope...** Jake Hess

RESPONDING

Hymn *Abre mis ojos/Open my eyes* SS 65

Ritual of response

Responding in testimony and sharing Jake Hess
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 *Come, walk with us* SJ 2

*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

Your bulletin today includes two blank pieces of paper. These are for the response after the sermon. In case someone next to you didn't pick up a bulletin, you have an extra paper to share.

There will be no Spaghetti and Scripture this evening because of the theater performances at Bethany Christian and Concord schools.

This afternoon, Mennonite Women USA is hosting an **International Women's Day Celebration**. From 2-4 pm, join the afternoon of dance, art and celebration of women. The event includes a special performance by Uzima! dance group and musician Rebel Noire, accompanied by Three Legged Chair. The event is at the Mennonite offices, 3145 Benham Avenue, Elkhart.

For Sunday, March 15: Do you have a story of finding God/Jesus in an unexpected person, place and/or circumstance that you would like to share with the congregation in some form on March 15? Please contact Tim Stair to let him know: tstair@hivelymennonite.org or 574-320-6265.

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. Please give money for your order to John Alter or Mary Klassen. Orders are due by March 23; delivery is on April 1.

Volunteers needed for Hively Avenue Preschool: When the preschool hosts parent-teacher conferences, volunteers are needed: 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.

According to the Hively constitution, the Leadership Council is to lead an evaluation of the pastor(s) toward the end of every three-year term. The Council has decided to use an appreciative inquiry method to conduct the evaluation. In your mailboxes you will find a form with guiding questions we would like you to start to consider about each of our pastors. On Sunday morning, March 22, during the Sunday School hour we are inviting all members and regular attendees to be part of a small group to respond to the questions. We will also do another group on Wednesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at Hively Church for children's Sunday School teachers and anyone else who will not be able to attend on March 22. If you would like to submit your thoughts in writing, please use the form in your box and return to the church office or Sueann VonGunten by March 29. If you have questions please ask anyone on the pastoral review committee: Trish Habegger, Theo Odhiambo, Sueann VonGunten.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is seeking a half-time Executive Director to start between May and September 2020. Interested people are invited to send a resume and statement of intent to president@mennohealth.org. More at www.mennohealth.org.

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers and director Russell Adrian will perform their "Lift Our Voices Together" program on Friday, March 20 at:
Chapel at Bethany Christian School, Goshen, Ind., 10:45-11:20 a.m.
Greencroft Community, Community Center, Goshen, Ind., 1 p.m.
College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Ind., 7 p.m. Reception following.

Christian Education

Adults are studying "Justice and the Prophets." The second lesson, "A prayer for justice," focuses on Habakkuk 1:1-4 and 12-14. Tim Stair will lead the discussion.

Children will meet in their classes as usual.

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Margaret Sawatsky
Musicians	Crystal Underwood, Gay Kauffman, John Vargas
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Worship visuals	Mary Klassen
Ushers	Virgil Claassen, Louise Claassen Doris Bohn, Clara Grubert
Childcare	Annie Mohr, John Vargas
Sound system	Fabian Rosales

Snacks Karen Cender

Hosts Amanda and Marlyn Fast

Attendance, March 1 90, including 12 guests

Birthdays this week

Milo Wiese (10)

Next Sunday Tim Stair, preacher
Jake Hess, worship leader

Calendar for the week

Tues, March 10, 5:30 pm	Stewardship Commission
Tues, March 10, 5:45 pm	Christian Education Commission
Tues, March 10, 7 pm	Worship Commission
Wed, March 11, 6 pm	Prayer Choir
Thurs, March 12, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, March 14, 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.