



**HIVELY AVENUE
MENNONITE CHURCH**
Charles Geiser, Pastor
May 29, 2011



Order of Worship **9:30 a.m.**
Turn to Jesus, go with the Spirit

We Gather

PRELUDE Crystal Underwood
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
*CALL TO WORSHIP SS 191

*HYMN *Christ is the world's true light* HWB 334

OPENING PRAYER
Leader: We bless you, O God. Let the sound of your
praise be heard.
People: for you have kept us and adopted us as your own.
Leader: We have been tested:
People: caught in the net, faced with fire and water.
Leader: Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
ALL: We bless you, O God,
for you have kept us and adopted us as your own.

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE
*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.*

HYMN *We are people of God's peace* HWB 407

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE Acts 17:22-31 Readers' Group
CHILDREN'S STORY Beth Suderman & Brenda Summers

SCRIPTURE I Peter 3:13-22 Marlyn
Fast

*HYMN *I know not why God's wondrous grace* HWB 338

SCRIPTURE John 14: 15-21 Amanda Fast

SERMON "A Real and Present Presence" Charles Geiser

We Respond to God

*RESPONSE HYMN *I Will Come to you in the Silence* SS 49

RESPONDING IN TESTIMONY AND SHARING
*What spoke to you in this service?
What joys and concerns would you share?
(Brief comments appreciated)*

PASTORAL PRAYER
OFFERING
(Please sign the attendance registers at the end of the row)

*HYMN *Abide, O dearest Jesus* HWB 426
*BENEDICTION SJ 162
POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

Personal hearing assistance is available. Please ask an usher for a receiver. Large print editions of the bulletin are available if you desire to have one. Please ask one of the ushers to make one available to you.

We welcome all visitors to our service this morning. Let us all take time to greet one another during the fellowship time following the worship service.

Nursery is provided for children 4 years and younger. Parents are invited to use this service.

Participants in our worship today:

Worship Leader: Walter Sawatsky
Pianist: Crystal Underwood
Ushers: Paul and Carol Selman
Larry and Austin Underwood
Nursery: Elisabeth Brendebach and Crystal Kim

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Attendance: May 22 73 including 6 visitors

Next Sunday Getu Haile Abiche, Speaker
Margaret Sawatsky, Worship Leader

Birthday this week: Elaine Frey (29) Judy Roth (30)
Harold Hartman (31) Owen Marks (1)
Rosa Hershberger (2)

Calendar for the week:

Mon. May 30 -- Memorial Day – Office closed

Educational Hour Today:

Bible Study Class on the Northside of the sanctuary.

Coffee and Conversation meets on the Southside

Topic: Focus on Alcoholism

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

The **Morning Prayers held on Thursday mornings** will be discontinued through the summer months.

A letter with pictures from **Neal and Janie Blough** has been posted on the bulletin board.

VBS Reminders – June 6 - 10, 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. at Belmont

Mennonite Church. Student registration forms are available and should be returned to Melody Claassen. Pray for the teachers and leaders as they prepare for this outreach to children of the community.

The Tuition Assistance Committee is now accepting applications for the tuition assistance grants for Mennonite Middle School, High School, College, and Seminary students for the 2011-2012 school year. These are available in the church office and are due by June 1, 2011. Please see Winifred Saner, church secretary or Amanda Fast.

Men: Come and enjoy singing in the first ever Mennonite Men's Chorus Festival featuring the Kansas Men's Chorus, the Michiana Men's Chorus and the Ohio Men's Chorus who will join in a fundraiser concert for Mennonite Central Committee. The concert will be at Sauder Concert Hall at Goshen College on Saturday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals are Sundays 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. May 29 and June 5, and Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. as well as the afternoon of June 11 Further information is posted on the bulletin board.

The Central District Conference Annual Meeting will be held June 23-25, 2011 at **Silverwood Mennonite Church in Goshen.** The theme will be "Following Christ and Growing Together." Registration is now open at www.centraldistrict.mennonite.net. Early registration deadline is June 10. All registration forms are available for download online or contact the conference office for assistance.

Elkhart County Clubhouse, Inc. is a newly formed organization looking for an executive director. Clubhouse is an international model of recovery and reintegration for people with mental illness (for more info, please visit www.iccd.org). If you or someone you know is interested in this full-time, paid position, please call or email Jonathan Gingerich at 574-349-0393 / jnging2@gmail.com

MDC Goldenrod is having a garage sale and carwash June 4 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at 1514 College Ave. in Goshen We are collecting gently used items to sell and are looking for volunteers to help. Please contact Christy Nine at 574-533-9720 ext. 4 to arrange for drop-off or pick-up of items or if you are interested in volunteering. And of course, come out on June 4 and shop while your car gets washed – there will be a lot of treasures you won't want to miss.

Prayer Request: Pray for the trustees of London Mennonite Centre as they make decisions regarding the future. Pray that the Centre will continue to prophetically speak into England's changing reality with the good news of Jesus.

John 14: 15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

15 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

--New Revised Standard Version