

## 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.

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Elijah ascending into heaven

## Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

November 4, 2018



Hively Avenue  
Mennonite  
Church

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

November 4, 2018  
Worship: 9:30 am  
Christian Education: 11 am

## GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements, introductions

Call to worship and prayer HWB 661

\*Hymns *I want to walk as a child of the light* SJ 95  
*Som'landela (We will follow)* SJ 40

## CONFESSON AND RECONCILIATION

Lighting the Peace Candle Marc Roth  
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.

Confession HWB 696

Assurance (Psalm 16)

Hymn *Keep me safe, O God* SJ 50

## LISTENING TO GOD

Children's time Sueann VonGunten

\*Hymn *When we walk with the Lord* HWB 544

Scripture 2 Kings 2:1-15 Cheryl Zehr, Beth Suderman

Sermon **Keep walking to receive your portion**  
Esther Muhagachi

## RESPONDING

\*Hymn *Come, come, ye saints* HWB 425

Responding in testimony and sharing Esther Muhagachi  
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 *Bwana awabariki* HWB 422

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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\*Please stand if you are able for items marked with an asterisk.

Children grades K through 5 are invited to the playground 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.

November 4, 2018

**Assisting in our worship today**

Worship leader	Terry Zehr
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Lane Miller
Ushers	Clara Grubert, Marilyn Klassen Mary Klassen, Tyler Klassen
Childcare	Elaine Frey, John Vargas
Visuals	Mary Klassen
Sound system	Marc Roth

**Snacks** Sueann VonGunten and John Alter

**Next Sunday** Tim Stair, preacher  
Leroy Saner, worship leader

**Attendance, Oct 28** 88, including 8 guests

**Birthdays this week**

Christopher Vargas (10)

**Calendar for the week**

Tues, Nov 6, 6:00 pm	Prayer choir
Wed, Nov 7, 6:30 pm	Mennonite Women work project
Wed, Nov 7, 7 pm	Worship Commission
Thurs, Nov 8, 10:30 am	Deacons Council
Thurs, Nov 8, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Nov 10, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All are welcome to our carry-in lunch today.**

**Congregational meeting today:** Following our carry-in lunch, we will have a meeting to discuss proposed congregational goals. This is an opportunity to review and reflect on a revised set of goals following the discussion at our retreat on September 9. Everyone is encouraged to participate, whether you are a member or not.

**Message from the Stewardship Commission:** For the first nine months of 2018, our deficit spending was \$7,764. This is not unusual for this period of time. However, as you plan your giving for the next two months, please consider Hively's need at this time.

**Mennonite Women work night:** The Mennonite Women will meet here at the church at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 7. It will be a work night. We will be folding, cutting and stringing plastic bags to make mats for the homeless. The only skill required is a willingness to help. Come and join other women in fellowship and helping a good cause. See you here!

**Hively Preschool request:** The preschool needs lidded containers for their Thanksgiving celebration. If you have empty containers with lids—from coffee, oatmeal, baby formula, Pringles, etc.—please bring them to the church no later than next Monday, Nov. 12.

**Hively Directory:** The directory for 2018-19 is in mailboxes. If you discover errors, please let Mary Klassen know.

**The Mennonite Women are encouraging you to contribute** to our fall giving project, which this year is supplying items for MCC sewing kits. A list of items to bring has been placed in mailboxes and items can be brought to the church anytime until November 18. A basket has been placed on the table for your contributions. Money contributions can be given to Lucille Gering.

**The Indonesian fabric** on the table in the foyer is a gift from Febri Kristiani. Thank you!

**Comforter Bash:** Join the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes Comforter Bash on November 9 and 10. People of all ages are invited to knot comforters at Pleasant View Mennonite Church (58529 County Road 23).

**The Goshen Community Chorale**, in collaboration with Goshen College, is sponsoring an Alice Parker Celebration Concert at 7 pm on Sunday, Nov. 18, at College Mennonite Church. The noted composer, conductor and teacher, Alice Parker, is coming to Goshen for this event. The Chorale will perform Parker's "Melodious Accord" cantata, with harp and brass quartet, and four other local choral groups will also perform. There is no admission charge and all are welcome.

**Pray for those gathered for the** Women Doing Theology conference at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary this week, Nov. 8-10.

**Visit Bethany Christian Schools on Nov. 12 or 14:** Students in grades 5-10 are invited to shadow a Bethany middle or high school student on Monday, Nov. 12, or Wednesday, Nov. 14. Students in grades K-4 are invited to visit grade 4 and 5 classrooms with a parent for the morning. For more information, to register, or to schedule a visit on another date, see [www.bethanycs.net](http://www.bethanycs.net).

### Christian education today

The adult class is studying *Pathways*, a study guide drawing on Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward goals. Sueann VonGunten leads the class today.

**Children and youth** will meet in their classes as usual.