



**HIVELY AVENUE
MENNONITE CHURCH**
Charles Geiser, Pastor
November 6, 2011



Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

Gathering and Praising

PRELUDE Crystal Underwood
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
CALL TO WORSHIP HWB 670
*HYMN *Brethren, we have met to worship* HWB 8

Affirming Our Faith

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 *O let all who thirst* HWB 495

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY Leanne Farmwald
SCRIPTURE Psalm 39: 4-6 JoAnn Gundy
Matthew 11: 25-30 Annie Mohr
HYMN *Teach me the measure of my days* HWB 485
SCRIPTURE Proverbs 30:1-9 Rich Preheim
SERMON **Time after Time** Charles Geiser

Responding

*HYMN *Keep me safe, O God (vs. 1,2,7)* SJ 50

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)

Sending

*HYMN *Move in our midst* HWB 418

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please stand if you are able**

Our worship leader this morning is Rich Preheim. He is a member of Hively Avenue Mennonite Church and is director of the Mennonite Historical Archives.

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.

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.

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

Participants in our worship today:

Worship Leader: Rich Preheim
Pianist: Crystal Underwood
Ushers: John Alter and Sueann VonGunten
Mark and Melody Claassen
Nursery: Elaine Frey and Ji Hun Min

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Attendance: October 30 77 including 3 visitors

Next Sunday: Charles Geiser, Speaker
Sueann VonGunten, Worship Leader

Calendar for the Week:

Today, Nov. 6 --7:00 p.m. Songfest, here at Hively
Wednesday, Nov. 9 -- 5:00 p.m. Deacons' Council
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Council
Thursday, Nov. 10 -- 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
Saturday, Nov. 12 -- 8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

Birthdays this week: Joel Hadtasunern (8)
Brendan Roth (10) Christopher Vargas (10)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

During the adult educational hour today --

The educational hour Coffee and Conversation class will be led by Chris Habegger today. The topic is Leadership Development. Everyone is invited to join in this discussion.

Today is the monthly carry-in lunch. You're invited to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Tonight, at 7:00 p.m., is the **SONGFEST** sponsored by the Mennonite Ministers here at Hively Avenue Mennonite Church. Several of the Elkhart churches will be contributing to the service. Let's be a welcoming church to our community churches.

Thank You for the cards and your kind expressions of support, encouragement, and caring. We truly consider it a blessing to be at Hively with you and look forward to this next year of life and ministry together. Charlie and Terri

Join the harvest event: The public is invited to collect wildflower seeds – coneflower, bee balm and native grasses – at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary between 3:30 and 5 p.m. today. At 4 p.m., Bill Minter of Merry Lea Environmental Center will share information about how to incorporate prairie plants in landscaping. Guests should bring scissors or garden clippers and bags for collecting seeds.

An International Thanksgiving Day service and carry-in meal are planned for November 24 at Hively. The service will begin at 10:30 and the meal will be at 12:00. All are invited to participate.

The morning prayer meeting will be meeting on Thursday morning, November 10 at 7:00 a.m. The Anabaptist Prayer Book is being used as a guide for prayer.

Rehearsals have begun for the Advent/Christmas choir. All singers are invited to join the choir this year. Rehearsals begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Sunday mornings. Through the six weeks of the season, we will be singing 4 songs. Even though you may not be present all six Sundays, join us anyway and sing when you are able. All music is new, and should prove to be enjoyable for the more experienced singers, yet not too daunting for the less experienced among us. Chris and Trish Habegger are leading, with Crystal Underwood at the piano.

Preschool News

Party Lite (candle) Fundraiser Event has begun! Details and an order form have been posted on the bulletin board. Order deadline is Nov. 18. Also, thanks to all who supported our BBQ & Bake Sale fundraiser. We raised a total of \$2683!

TerraCycle: Thanks to those who are turning trash into cash for the preschool. We've earned another **\$238.71**, so keep it coming! Collection lists are available to view or print from the preschool's website (preschool.hivelymennonite.org) or you may pick up a copy from the office.

The Mennonite Women will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. Elizabeth Brendebach Greig will be the speaker, sharing about their family's experiences in the L'Arche communities in Canada.

MCC Alumni & Friends Potluck

MCC Alumni & Friends are invited to a potluck at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at North Goshen Mennonite Church, 501 N. 8th St. in Goshen. Special guest and speaker will be Doug Amstutz, recently returned MCC Country Representative for Ethiopia. Doug will share about MCC work around the current famine in East Africa. Please bring your favorite international topping for rice or a dessert to contribute toward the meal. Rice will be provided. RSVP togg@mcc.org or call the MCC-GL office, 574-534-4133.

The Community School of the Arts Showcase Concert is today, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. in Sauder Concert Hall. Choirs performing are REJOICE, SHOUT FOR JOY, and GHS 70-voice Crimson Choir. Tickets are \$7 regular/\$5 students and seniors.

A Hacienda Day will be held Monday, November 7, at Goshen, to benefit Bethany Christian Schools. Hacienda will donate 20% of purchases for food, gift certificates, and carry-outs all that day with presentation of a ticket. Tickets are available on the bulletin board.

Tavi Mounsithiraj, GC men's soccer coach, will discuss "From Laos to Goshen" at the **Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical** on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall. The Mounsithiraj family fled from Laos in 1978 when the Communists took over the country. After a year in a refugee camp, the family eventually settled in Goshen. Tavi will share the story of leaving one homeland as a 13-year-old boy and adjusting to life in another culture.

Goshen College presents its eighth annual *A Festival of Carols* ushering in this sacred season with music by singers and instrumentalists, and with gathered audience participation in traditional carols. Join us for this festive occasion, presented in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall on Friday, Dec. 2 and Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. Reserved seating tickets (\$14) are available now at the GC Welcome Center (574-535-7566).

Prayer request: Today, young adults serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Miami are completing a three-day silent retreat. Pray that these participants in Dwell, a yearlong DOOR program, would be strengthened to live out God's purpose revealed in the time they spent reflecting and praying together.