



November 8, 2015
Mission Sunday

We GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship

*Hymn *Praise the One who breaks the darkness* SS 1
How clear is our vocation, Lord HWB 541

Lighting the Peace Candle Doris Devadoss
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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD

Children's time SaeJin Lee

Scriptures Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Louise Claassen
Hebrews 9:11-14, 28 Winifred Saner

Hymn *Hark! The glad sound!* HWB 184

Scripture Psalm 146 Margaret Sawatsky

Message **My journey towards missions** Marisa Smucker

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*Hymn *Where cross the crowded ways* (v. 2-5) HWB 405

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)

*Hymn *How can we be silent* (v. 1-4) SJ 61

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand if you are able



Christian Education

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

Adults will have more opportunity to hear from and talk with Marisa Smucker during the Christian education hour.

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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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Walter Sawatsky
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Colleen White
Ushers	Clara Grubert
	Leroy Saner, Winifred Saner
Childcare	Elaine Frey and Fabian Rosales

Hosts Larry and Crystal Underwood

Next Sunday Charles Geiser, speaker
Deb Byler, worship leader
Sermon text: Mark 13:1-8

Attendance on Nov 1 84, including 4 guests

Calendar for the week

Mon, Nov 9 - 6:30 pm	Leadership Council
Tues, Nov 10 - 4:30 pm	Deacons Council
Tues, Nov 10 - 4:45 pm	Stewardship Commission
Wed, Nov 11 - 6 pm	Trustees
Wed, Nov 11 - 7 pm	Women's meeting with Sara Klassen
Thurs, Nov 12 - 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva service
Sat, Nov 14 - 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Nov 14, 8 am	Men's fellowship breakfast

Birthdays this week

Christopher Vargas (10)

Fall calendar items

Thanksgiving service and carry-in meal: Nov 26
Decorating church for Advent: Nov 28
Advent begins: Nov 29
Mennonite Women host Indian meal: Dec 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Marisa Smucker, our guest speaker for Mission Sunday today. She is Church Relations Associate with Mennonite Mission Network. Previously she lived for seven years in Cartago, Costa Rica, helping with education programs for children and adults, and she was part of PULSE in Pittsburgh for one year. Marisa will bring the message and share during the Christian education hour.

Hively women of all ages are invited to a gathering Wednesday, Nov 11, at 7 pm, to hear from Sara Klassen about her work and experiences in Cambodia. Sara, daughter of Tyler and Mary Klassen, served from August 2014 to July 2015 with Mennonite Central Committee's Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program.

Please claim any items that are yours from the table in the foyer. Anything not claimed will be donated to The Depot in Goshen.

Southside Fellowship will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Nov 15. For the past 48 years the congregation has worshiped in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount at AMBS. The anniversary service will begin at 9:30 am and will be followed by a carry-in meal. The congregation invites others to join them for this special event and asks that sister Central District Conference congregations remember them in prayer. For more information, call the Southside office at 574-293-2825.

Choir rehearsals continue each Sunday at 8:30 am.

Seminary Preview Day: If you know someone with gifts for ministry, encourage him or her to attend Seminary Preview Day, Nov 13, at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Register online: www.ambs.edu/visitAMBS.

Affordable, High Quality Primary Care: From Oxymoron to Reality: Dr. James Nelson Gingerich will share the vision of Maple City Health Center in the Goshen College Afternoon Sabbatical, Tuesday, Nov 10, at 1 pm in Sauder Concert Hall.

Music and drama events coming soon:

- **Goshen College Community School of the Arts** Showcase Concert will feature the three youth choirs, Sunday, Nov 15, 4 p.m., Sauder Concert Hall at Goshen College. For tickets call 574-535-7566 or visit www.goshen.edu/tickets.
- **Bethany Christian High School's fall production**, "The Nerd" (a comic play), will be performed Nov 20 and 21 at 7:30 pm, and Nov 22 at 3 pm. For tickets, visit www.bethanycs.net/nerd15
- **Goshen College's fall Mainstage production** is an updated version of "Godspell," performed Nov 13, 14, 15, 21 and 22. For tickets visit www.goshen.edu/tickets.
- **Festival of Carols**, the annual Christmas music performances by Goshen College vocal and instrumental groups is set for December 4, 5 and 6. For tickets, visit www.goshen.edu/tickets

Join the board and friends of Anabaptist Disabilities Network to celebrate the publication of their newest book, *Circles of Love: Stories of congregations caring for people with disabilities and their families*. The dinner will be on Thursday, Dec 3, 6 pm, at Pleasant View Mennonite Church, and will feature the story of the locally-renowned late artist, Chad Friesen, and ten of his God's Eye Art paintings. RSVP to reserve your table or seats. Call 574-343-1362 or email adnet@adnetonline.org.

Prayer request from Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Israel College of the Bible, "the first Hebrew-language Bible college since the days of the disciples," says a Mennonite Mission Network professor. Pray that the Arab Christian and Messianic Jewish students who study together will also be peace-builders in the Middle East.

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

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