

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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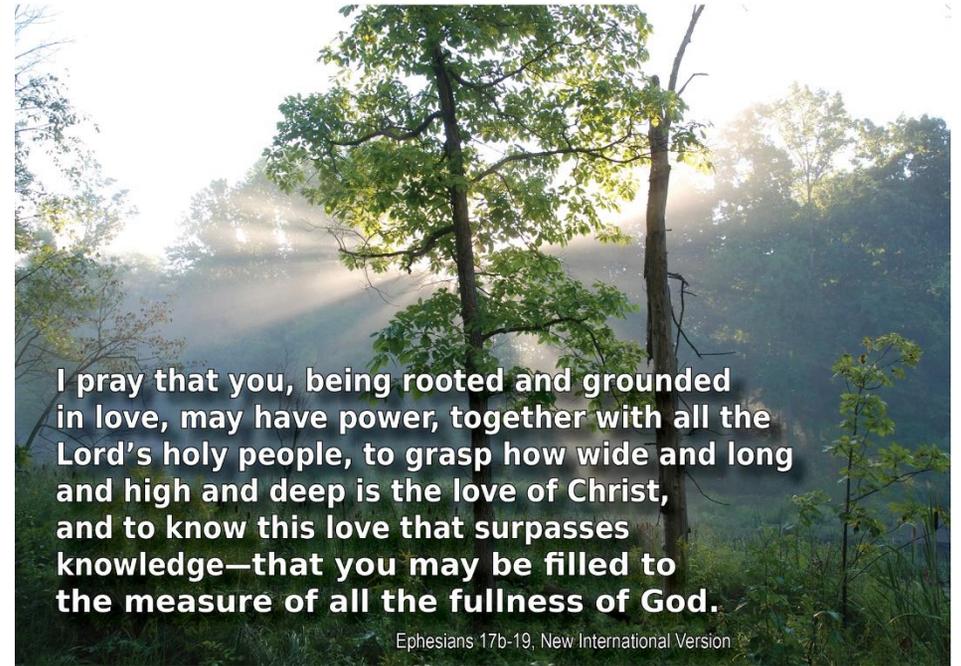
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Cover: Friedenswald sunrise, Mary E. Klassen



Hively Avenue Mennonite Church

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

September 1, 2019



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

September 1, 2019
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Beth Suderman
How he loves by David Crowder Band

Welcome and introductions

Announcements

Call to worship

*Hymns *Amazing grace*, vv. 1-3,5,6 HWB 143
Wonderful grace of Jesus HWB 150

CONFESSION

Confession
Leader: Lord, our God,
great, eternal, wonderful,
utterly to be trusted:
**All: you give life to us all,
you help those who come to you,
you give hope to those who cry to you.**

Leader: Forgive our sins, secret and open,
and rid us of every habit of thought
that stands against the gospel.
**All: Set our hearts at peace,
so we may live our lives before you
confidently and without fear,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

Assurance Romans 8:38-39

Hymn *Immortal love, forever full* HWB 629

Lighting the Peace Candle Febri Kristiani
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

Children's time Jake Hess

Scripture Ephesians 3:14-19 Esther Muhagachi, Beth Suderman

Sermon **Power to know and comprehend deeply**
Tim Stair

RESPONDING

*Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy*, vv. 1-4 HWB 124

Responding in testimony and sharing Tim Stair
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 *The love of God* SJ 44

*Benediction

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

Children in 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

South Bend Cubs game today: Those going to the South Bend Cubs game who want to carpool should meet at Hively by 1 pm. If you are not carpooling, look for Tim outside the stadium before the game to get your tickets. Payment for tickets should go to Tim Stair (make checks payable to him).

There will be no Spaghetti and Scripture today because of the Cubs game.

Hively's annual retreat at Camp Friedenswald will be Sunday, Sept. 8. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to eat brunch and/or supper that day. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to come on Saturday and spend the night. If younger children want to come for the night, they must be accompanied by an adult. Please note this on the sign-up sheet also. (See schedule on reverse side)

Leadership Council appointments: The Leadership Council has filled vacancies in our leadership group with two appointments:

- Leroy Saner will serve as moderator-elect this year (and moderator the following year)
- Trish Habegger will serve as member-at-large, filling the position that Leroy had been elected to fill.

This completes Hively's Leadership Council for this year: Sueann VonGunten, moderator; Leroy Saner, moderator-elect; Amanda Fast, senior deacon; Theo Odhiambo, member-at-large; Trish Habegger, member-at-large. Ex-officio members: Jake Hess, Tim Stair, Mary Klassen.

Sunday School class work on display: Spend time looking carefully at the first-century home that the middler Sunday School class created this summer. One tray shows the main floor, the other shows the roof and upper room. Thank you, Kathee Kirchner, and middler class for your work to help us all see how people lived in Jesus' time.

Church Community Services requests for food pantry: With the change of seasons, guests are requesting soups. The pantry also needs canned meats—tuna, chicken, beef and ham. Please add some CCS foods to your cart the next time you shop.

Fund-raising events: Posters for several fund-raising events are on the bulletin board in the foyer. See information about how to support Church Community Services Seed to Feed program, The Window in Goshen, and the CROP Hunger Walk.

Goshen College's Music Together program will be offered at Hively this fall. This is for children from birth through age 5 with parents or caregivers. It will meet on Tuesdays, from 5:30-6:15 pm in the north section of the sanctuary, beginning September 24. There will be bilingual (Spanish-English) aspects of the program, though it will mostly be in English. Hively has several vouchers to help families with the cost. See <https://gcmusiccenter.org/music-together/music-together-family-classes/> for information and see Mary Klassen for vouchers. Please share this information with families you know who have young children.

Christian Education

Adults will discuss the sermon and worship service, with Walter Sawatsky leading the discussion.

Children and youth will meet in their classes as usual.

September 1, 2019

Hively Retreat at Camp Friedenswald

Schedule, Sunday, September 8

9:00-9:30 am Arrive
9:30 Worship (Cottonwood Center)
11:00 Brunch (Dining hall)
11:45 Hively's Goals: Making and blessing our commitments
1-5 pm Free time
1:30 pm Pontoon ride
3:30 pm Nature walk
Other activities: swimming, kayaking, volleyball, hiking, table games, game room, basketball
5 pm Supper (Dining hall)
6-8 pm Departure

Youth in grades 6-12 may come on Saturday and spend the night. Younger children may come if accompanied by an adult.

Bring with you:
Hively goals form
Swimming gear
Insect repellent, sunscreen
Table games
Anticipation of enjoying the fellowship and nature setting

Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader Jake Hess
Pianist Beth Suderman
Song leader Walter Sawatsky
Worship visuals Mary Klassen
Ushers John Alter, Sueann VonGunten
Rose George, Norm Cender
Childcare Elaine Frey, Rachele Claassen
Sound system Marc Roth

Snacks Carol Selman, Annie Mohr

Hosts Sueann VonGunten and John Alter

Attendance, August 25 84

Next Sunday Retreat at Camp Friedenswald
Worship leaders: Mary Klassen, Sueann VonGunten

Calendar for the week

Mon, Sept 2 Labor Day, offices closed
Thurs, Sept 5, 6:30 pm Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, Sept 7, 7-9 am Rios de Agua Viva

Upcoming calendar items

Retreat at Camp Friedenswald, September 8
Prayer Choir, Sept 11 and 25
Spaghetti and Scripture, Sept 15 and 29
CROP Hunger Walk (50th anniversary), Oct 6

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.