



**HIVELY AVENUE
MENNONITE CHURCH**
Charles Geiser, Pastor
September 9, 2012



SERMON **God's Story, Our Story, The Continuing Story**
Karla Minter

Responding

Confession

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus,
by too many things and too much to do.
We are driven by the need to succeed
and distracted by our service.
We have often lost our way. Forgive us.

Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed
and sit at your feet. Amen

*HYMN *Will you come and follow me* SS 39

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 *Thuma Mina* HWB 434

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

We welcome Karla Minter to our service this morning. She will bring the morning message. Karla is a graduate of the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a degree in Christian formation. She is a member of Waterford Mennonite Church in Goshen.

Order of Worship 9:30 a.m.

Christian Formation Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE Beth Suderman
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*HYMNS *We sing to you, O God* SJ 1
O sing to the Lord SJ 12

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE Megan Whitacre

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

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN'S STORY Charles Geiser

SCRIPTURE Ryan and Brenna Harker
Deuteronomy 6:1-5, II Corinthians 4:16-18

*HYMN *Love the Lord your God* SS 55

SERMON TEXT Luke 10:38-42

Welcome to Worship



For our guests and attenders:

- * There is an opportunity for introductions of guests during the pre-service time.
- * Please sign the attendance registry during the offering time.
- * Large print hymnals, bulletins and hearing devices are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Fellowship time following the worship service:

- * Coffee and goodies are available from the kitchen window.
- * Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 11:00 a.m. Children meet in the educational wing of the church.

Caring for the children:

- * Professionally-staffed child-care is provided for children 4 years and younger in the educational wing lower level.
- * A quiet play area for families with very small children is provided in the Northwest corner of the sanctuary.
- * Snacks are provided for children during the fellowship time in the educational wing.
- * Children are encouraged to come to the front of the church during the children's time in the service.
- * Children's activity pages are available. Ask an usher for assistance.

May you have a meaningful time of worship and fellowship.

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TerraCycle Update and Clarification: TerraCycle has moved downstairs to its new drop-off and sorting location. Also, please note that the list of plastic bag type items featured in the newsletter are items that *you* can recycle at designated locations (store bag collection bins) – these items are NOT part of the TerraCycle program.

A note from Theo and Agnes Odhiambo --

Many times God has revealed himself in our life through his servants. When we wonder if we deserve his mercy and abundant love, God makes us see angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives among us. Last July after the death of my father we had many demands to be able to attend the funeral in Tanzania. We want to thank everybody for amazing support which made our trip easy. The comfort and prayers, the contributions and meals, the transport and loving care of our children provided peace in sad times. May God bless you for all you have done.

You're invited to the **annual Menno-Hof Singspiration** on the front lawn tonight at 5:00 p.m. Pre-service singing begins at 4:45 p.m. Come and enjoy a cappella singing, ice cream, pretzels and more singing inside following the worship service. Bring lawn chairs for seating.

Bethany Christian High School Alumni Weekend will be hosting class reunions and activities for its alumni and their families, Sept. 21-22. All Bethany alumni will receive free admission to the Bethany boys soccer game at 5:00 p.m. Friday. The following graduating classes will hold their reunions Saturday: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007. Reunion classes will meet Saturday afternoon/evening for visiting and a catered dinner. Alumni interested in attending should register by Sept. 14. More details available at www.bethanycs.net/reunions.

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

--New Revised Standard Version

Prayer Requests: Mennonite Mission Network's partner, DOOR, will send a delegation of staff and board members to participate in the Beloved Community Council meeting September 13-15 in Atlanta. Pray for the Holy Spirit's inspiration in reflecting on race and culture and in envisioning new programs that authentically integrate the gospel and urban communities.

Assisting in our worship today

Worship Leader: Charles Geiser
Song Leader; Sae-Jin Lee
Ushers and Greeters: Virgil Claassen, Rosalie Grove
Eric and Linsey Vandrick
Nursery: Lucille Gering and Valeria Rosales
Visuals:

Next Sunday

Charles Geiser, Speaker
Megan Whitacre, Worship Leader

Calendar for the week

Mon. September 10 – 6:30 p.m. Bi-Lingual Cultural and
Bridge Building meeting
Tues. September 11 – 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council
Thurs. September 13 - 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
12:30 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting

Attendance on September 2

80 including 4 visitors

Birthdays this week Lara Claassen (10) Austin Underwood (10)
Jonas Greig (13) Beth Suderman (13) Matt Kotva (14)

Educational Hour:

The Bible Study Class will be discussing Hebrews 11: 1-3,6 and Psalm 46:1-3, 8-11, Faith: Trusting the Living Faithfully. The Coffee and Conversation class will be looking at chapter 11 in **Widening the Circle**. Caitlyn Dejardins and perhaps others, will be present to share about the MVS unit that is connected with Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK

Winifred Saner will be on **vacation** for the next two weeks from September 8 – 26. Amanda Fast will be helping with secretarial duties. Charles Geiser will be in the church during his office hours.

Take note of the **Michiana Relief Sale schedule**. Items for food donations, pans, plastic bags, labels, are on the table this morning for you to take home. Because we do not have a booth this year we are requesting that you bring more baked goods. A sign up sheet is posted for workers in the Ten Thousand Villages display. An additional area of work will be in the Coffee House on the Green. We will need workers from 11:00 – 3:00. If you wish to help here please contact Louise Claassen.

All singers welcome! Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m. choir rehearsal.

You can't find your mailbox? They are finally all arranged alphabetically again. Look again.

Hively Avenue Mennonite Church is cordially invited to celebrate **Ron Mohr's 60th birthday**, September 16 with an open house from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. No gifts needed. Bring conversation and an appetite. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

We have received a **letter from Cesar and Patricia** which is posted on the bulletin board. They are facing overwhelming needs as their church responds to the large influx of Colombian refugee families. The Quito Mennonite Church has a special project, "Urgent Action in Ecuador", for which they are inviting contributions. The Witness and Caring Commission is sending \$50 from their budget and encourages individuals who would also like to contribute to note the details on the bulletin board.