

**Attendance last Sunday:** 60  
**General Fund offering:** \$1,596.86 + year-to-date = \$91,855.71  
**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2017:** \$218,488.55  
**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** \$167,555.28; received to date: \$167,875.28

### THIS WEEK

**Tuesday** – Office will be open  
**Tuesday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes  
**Wednesday, 7:00pm** – Latino Festival prep meeting, FH  
**Thursday, 9:30am** – Mennonite Women Service Circle  
**Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due  
**Thursday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes  
**Saturday, 9:30am** – Care Circle meeting  
**Sunday, 11:30am** – Potluck (no second hour)

### COMING EVENTS – September

**12** – Rhythm Kids & Music Together classes begin  
**15** – Community Latino Festival at PSMC  
**16** – Second hour – Timeline launch  
**16** – Sojourners & Friends, 6:00pm at the Ringenbergs  
**20** – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm  
**21-22** – Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale in Goshen



#### Prairie Street Mennonite Church

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**Elders:** Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Lois Longenecker, Anna Ruth Hershberger, Leo Rodriguez

**For pastoral care** you are welcome to contact a pastor or elder directly, or call the church office to make an appointment.



### PRAIRIE STREET MENNONITE CHURCH

1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN 46515-1687

Sunday, September 2, 2018

*Joyfully following Jesus in a spirit of celebration,  
hospitality, and caring so that others may know  
Jesus and follow his way of peace.*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

*Hymnal 29* – “Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

### SINGING

*Sing the Story 109* – “Blessing and honor”

*Sing the Story 121* – “Nothing is lost on the breath of God”

### CONFESSION OF FAITH AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING:** Leo Rodriguez

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Frances Ringenberg

**Scripture reading:** John 15:1-16

**Sermon:** Steve Thomas

“The aim of our journey”

### RESPONDING

*Hymnal 373* – “Thou true Vine, that heals”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Anna Ruth Hershberger

**Offering – *Sing the Journey 69*** - “Cuando el pobre”

**Pastoral Prayer:** Leo Rodriguez

### SENDING

*Hymnal 420* – “Heart with loving heart united”

**Benediction:** Frances Ringenberg

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary following the service. You are welcome to request anointing.*

## **THIS MORNING:**

**Worship Leader:** *Allen Bernhart*  
**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*  
**Sharing Time:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger*  
**Prayer Team:** *Leo Rodriguez, Anna Ruth Hershberger*  
**Visuals:** *Frances Ringenberg*  
**AV Technician:** *Brian Sutter*  
**Usher:** *Marie Troyer*  
**Greeters:** *Al & Lois Longenecker*  
**Hall Monitor:** *Jim Bixler*  
**Church Nursery:** *LaNasha Taylor*  
**Fellowship 15** **Please see Mary Alice to Sign up!**  
**Building Lock-up:** *Al Longenecker*

## **NO SECOND HOUR THIS WEEK.**

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**Sermon:** *Dorothy Horst – Faith journey*  
**Worship Leader:** *Steve Wiebe-Johnson*  
**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*  
**Children's Time:** *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*  
**Sharing Time:** *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*  
**Pastoral Prayer:** *Frances Ringenberg*  
**AV Technician:** *Orion Blaha*  
**Usher:** *Becky Miller*  
**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*  
**Hall Monitor:** *Jerry Miller*  
**Church Nursery:** *LaNasha Taylor*  
**Fellowship 15"** **Please see Mary Alice to Sign up!**  
**Building Lock-up:** *Milo Wiese*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Have you had your interview with Pastor Steve as part of our transitional process?** If not, please schedule with Joy in the office. Sign up for a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at 8:00, 10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, or 6:00. If signing up for 12:00 or 6:00, indicate whether you want to meet over a meal. Pastor Steve will be out of town from September 8-15. Call Joy at 293-0377 to schedule a time.

**Looking for Testimonies!** Worship services September through November will include Sundays with storytelling in areas of Worship, Community and Mission. The Worship team is looking for people to share stories of your time at Prairie Street, whether long or short. Please contact one of the pastors or the church office.

**Remember:** The monthly potluck will be next Sunday, September 9. Join us for food and fellowship!

**As a part of the pastoral transition,** the congregation will be working on a Prairie Street timeline. Be present in worship and second hour on Sunday, September 16 as we begin to fill in the timeline.

**"My Coins Count":** the collection of coins for the Relief Sale on September 21 & 22, will be during children's time on Sunday, September 9 and Sunday, September 16. Please save your change and bring it for a noisy offering on one (or both) of these Sundays. There are giving calendars on the table next to the elevator if you need suggestions on how much to donate each day.

**The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale** is committed to reducing trash to the landfill by supporting recycling and composting. Volunteers are needed Wednesday, September 19 to setup barrels and on Friday and Saturday, September 21-22 to encourage separating and to move bags to dumpsters. Shifts of two hours or ninety minutes are available on all days. Please contact Aaron Gerber [agerbman83@gmail.com](mailto:agerbman83@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

**From the Ollenburger family:** Join us for an evening of music and pie to celebrate our resident raconteur, Ben C. Ollenburger, on this 70th birthday and retirement after 41 years of teaching and service. October 27, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Please let us know if you're able to attend. Please respond by Friday, October 12. To RSVP email: [katherineollenburger.com/rsvp](http://katherineollenburger.com/rsvp).