

**Attendance last Sunday:** 65  
**General Fund offering:** \$1,332.75 + year-to-date = \$99,646.21  
**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2018:** \$218,488.55  
**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** \$167,555.28; received to date: \$167,895.28

### THIS WEEK

**Today, 6:00pm** – Sojourners & Friends at the Ringenbergs  
**Monday, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm** – Music Together classes  
**Tuesday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes  
**Wednesday, 4:30pm** – Rhythm Kids  
**Wednesday, 6:45pm** – Company of Women  
**Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due  
**Thursday, 1:30pm** – Elkhart Bible study  
**Thursday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes  
**Friday-Saturday** – MCC Relief Sale at Elkhart County Fairgrounds  
**Friday-Sunday** – Jonathan Brenneman/Sarah Thompson's wedding weekend (see announcements)

### COMING EVENTS – September/October

**Sept. 27** – Goshen Bible study, 1:30pm  
**Oct. 4** – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am  
**7** – Monthly potluck lunch  
**11** – Open Circle & Friends, 8:30am



#### 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 16, 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 226** – “You are salt for the earth”

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

### SINGING

**Hymnal 592** – “Love divine, all loves excelling”

**Sing the Story 64** – “There is a well (Un pozo hay)”

### CONFESSION OF FAITH AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### HEARING THE WORD

**Children's time:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

**Scripture reading:** Selections from I John and Ephesians

**Sermon:** David Miller

“Community: An intended consequence”

### RESPONDING

**Sing the Journey 62** – “Christ's is the world”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

**Offering** (Offertory: Eleanor Kreider and Danny Dean)

**Pastoral Prayer:** Frances Ringenberg

### SENDING

**Hymnal 459** – “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

**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:** *Ellen Morey*  
**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*  
**Sharing Time:** *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*  
**Prayer Team:** *Frances Ringenberg, Carolyn Gardner Hunt*  
**Visuals:** *Frances Ringenberg*  
**AV Technician:** *Brian Sutter*  
**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:** *Jim Bixler*

## **Second hour:**

All ages are encouraged to gather in the Fellowship Hall for the introduction to the Prairie Street timeline.

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**Sermon:** *Community Stories*  
**Worship Leader:** *Karl Stutzman*  
**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*  
**Children's Time:** *Jeanette Krabill*  
**Sharing Time:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger*  
**Pastoral Prayer:** *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*  
**AV Technician:** *Anthony Hunt*  
**Usher:** *Becky Miller*  
**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*  
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## **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. Call Joy at 293-0377 to schedule a time.

**"My Coins Count": Today is the last day for this special offering** for the Relief Sale on September 21 & 22. Have your coins (and bills) ready for the noise offering during children's time. Let's collect more than we did last year (\$500.52)!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who filled school kits for Mennonite Central Committee! There were 67 school kits filled this year which is the most that Prairie Street MC has ever donated at one time! - Mennonite Women Service Circle

**The Company of Women** will begin again on Wednesday, September 19. Any woman of any age is welcome to be part of the group for the year. We decide together at the first meeting what we want to do during our monthly meetings. Our usual meeting time is 6:45 to 9 pm. Our first meeting will be in the visiting area of the Fellowship Hall at the church for better accessibility than a house. Have questions? Contact Janice Wiebe Ollenburger: 607-7335, text or [janicewo@gmail.com](mailto:janicewo@gmail.com)

**A warm welcome to all PSMCers** to join Sarah Thompson and Jonathan Breneman for their wedding festivities, rain or shine, next weekend at Camp Mack (1113 E. Camp Mack Rd., Milford). The schedule is as follows: Friday, September 21, 7:30-9:30pm Opening Ceremony of Presentations & popcorn around a campfire. Saturday, September 22, 11:00-1:00pm Open house at the Relief Sale as well as family friendly activities at the camp all day. Saturday, 7:30pm, Palestinian pre-wedding dance party, "*sahra*." Sunday, September 23, 11:45am Joint potluck at Fellowship of Hope; Sunday, 3:00pm Sacred vow ceremony at Camp Mack, informal gelato reception to follow.  
*If you plan on coming for any part, and have not yet RSVPed please do so at our wedding website [weddingwire.com/nahar](http://weddingwire.com/nahar)*

**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. RSVP at the website: [katherineollenburger.com/rsvp](http://katherineollenburger.com/rsvp).

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary** is very excited to share that we are making plans to offer community-based living on our beautiful campus in Elkhart! The AMBS Village will give Elkhart residents a Mennonite retirement community option in Elkhart so that they can age in place and still be part of their home congregation. Information can be found at [www.AMBS.edu/Village](http://www.AMBS.edu/Village). We're inviting everyone who might be interested to complete the survey that is at the bottom of that page.