

**Attendance last Sunday:** 80  
**General Fund offering:** \$4,391.25 + year-to-date = \$104,037.46  
**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

**Monday, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm** – Music Together classes  
**Tuesday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes  
**Wednesday, 4:30pm** – Rhythm Kids  
**Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due  
**Thursday, 1:30pm** – Goshen Bible study  
**Thursday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes

### COMING EVENTS – October

**Oct. 4** – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am  
**7** – World Communion Sunday  
**7** – Monthly potluck lunch  
**11** – Open Circle & Friends, 8:30am



#### **Prairie Street Mennonite Church**

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Office Hours: Tues–Fri, 8:00am to 2:30pm  
Administrative Assistant: Joy Detweiler  
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**Transitional Pastor:** Steve Thomas (574-202-0048)  
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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 23, 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**

*Prairie Street Sings 74* – “As we rise, O God, to meet you”

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**

### **SINGING**

*Hymnal 43* – “Christ is our cornerstone”

*Prairie Street Sings 71* – “On God alone I wait silently”

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

### **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**TIME OF BLESSING:** Frances Ringenberg

### **HEARING THE WORD**

**Children’s time:** Jeanette Krabill

**Scripture reading:** Ephesians 2:19-22

**Community stories:** Connie Caiceros, Carolyn Heydon, Jerry Miller

### **RESPONDING**

*Hymnal 600* – “O bless the Lord, my soul”

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

**Offering – Sing the Story 120** – “Somebody prayed for me”

**Pastoral Prayer:** Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

### **SENDING**

*Hymnal 459* – “The peace of the earth/ La paz de la tierra”

**Benediction:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

*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:** *Karl Stutzman*  
**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*  
**Sharing Time:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger*  
**Prayer Team:** *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Anna Ruth Hershberger*  
**Visuals:** *Frances Ringenberg*  
**AV Technician:** *Anthony Hunt*  
**Usher:** *Becky Miller*  
**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*  
**Hall Monitor:** *Jim Bixler*  
**Church Nursery:** *LaNasha Taylor*  
**Fellowship 15** **Please see Mary Alice to Sign up!**  
**Building Lock-up:** *Ron Ringenberg*

## **Second hour:**

All ages are encouraged to gather in the Fellowship Hall for continued work on the Prairie Street timeline.

## **NEXT WEEK:**

**Sermon:** *Eleanor Kreider*  
**Worship Leader:** *Brian Sutter*  
**Song Leader:** *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*  
**Children's Time:** *Jeanette Krabill*  
**Sharing Time:** *Leo Rodriguez*  
**Pastoral Prayer:** *Lois Longenecker*  
**AV Technician:** *Orion Blaha*  
**Usher:** *Becky Miller*  
**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*  
**Hall Monitor:** *Jerry Miller*  
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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Blessings to Sarah Thompson and Jonathan Brenneman** as they are married today at Camp Mack and take the name Nahar, meaning "river" in both Arabic and Hebrew.

**Our condolences to Ana Smith**, whose brother Conrado died September 18 in Veracruz, Mexico after a lengthy illness. Funeral services in Mexico are pending.

**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.

**Offering Counters:** Several people are needed to help count offerings one or two Sundays a month. If you would like to be added to the monthly schedule, please call or email Joy in the office.

**Church Community Services** is in need of items for their food pantry. Some suggested items include: Cereals, Pasta, Peanut butter, Boxed potatoes, Rice, toiletries, etc. To see a full list of items they are requesting, see the hallway bulletin board.

**"Amazing Grace"** - the new original musical based on the awe-inspiring true story behind the world's most beloved song - will be presented at the Lerner Theater, Friday, October 12, Saturday, October 13 and Sunday, October 14. Tickets are \$21/adult; \$18/student or seniors (60+). Amber Heydon, daughter of Carolyn, is a part of the ensemble in this production.

**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.