

Attendance last Sunday: 78
General Fund offering: \$11,485.00 + year-to-date = \$139,416.58
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, following second hour – Congregational meeting follow-up
Wednesday, 11:30am – Elkhart Mennonite Pastors at PSMC
Thursday, 8:30am – Open Circle & Friends at Granma's House of Pancakes
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due

COMING EVENTS – December

- 16 – Elders meeting, 12:15pm
- 19 – Company of Women, 6:30pm
- 20 – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm
- 23 – “Ray of Hope” candle light vigil, 5:30pm
- 24 – Christmas Eve service, 5:30pm (Bring cookies to share after the service)



Prairie Street Mennonite Church

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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, December 9, 2018

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

ADVENT 2 - PEACE

GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

Sing the Story 10 – “Come! Walk in the light”

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

SINGING

Hymnal 176 – “Comfort, comfort, O my people”

Sing the Journey 8 – “Somos pueblo que camina”

CONFESSION

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING THE WORD

Children's time: Jeanette Krabill

Scripture reading: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:57, 59-64

Sermon: Carolyn Gardner Hunt

“Want Peace? Make Noise!”

RESPONDING

Hymnal 174 – “Bless'd be the God of Israel”

Sharing joys and concerns: Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

Offering – Sing the Story 2 – “Maranatha, come”

Pastoral Prayer: Frances Ringenberg

SENDING

Sing the Journey 95 – “I want to walk as a child of the light”

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: *Eleanor Kreider*
Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich*
Visuals: *Worship team and friends*
Prayer team: *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, 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*

Second hour:

Children (through grade 8) will meet in the lower level Hartzler Room.

Adults: Sermon response discussion, Fellowship Hall – *Ellen Morey*
Sing “The Messiah”, Sanctuary – *Eleanor Kreider*

Clase en español: Continuamos con una clase en español para compartir testimonios y aprender sobre cómo nos conectamos con la historia de la Iglesia Prairie Street. También continuamos estudiando la Biblia y desarrollando liderazgo. Esta mañana, nos reuniremos en la Graber Room (nivel bajo) durante la segunda hora para hablar sobre Hebreos 13 y Romanos 12, dirigido por nuestro hermano Julián.

Cualquiera que entienda el español es bienvenido, ya sea que haya hablado español toda la vida o simplemente esté aprendiendo ahora.

NEXT WEEK: Advent 3

Sermon: *Ben Ollenburger*
Worship Leader: *Karl Stutzman*
Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich*
Children’s Time: *Mary Kathryn Miller*
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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today during Fellowship-15: A celebration for the upcoming birth of Alicia and Leo Rodriguez’s baby boy!

Congregational meeting, part 2: We will meet at 12:15 today, at the conclusion of second hour activities, to attend to remaining business. We need to approve the transition tasks and attend to any discussions proposed from the floor. I anticipate this will be a relatively short meeting. Thank you for your excellent engagement with and contribution to the meeting last Sunday. I appreciate hearing a variety of perspectives as we make shared decisions for our congregation's future. -Karl Stutzman, congregational chair

Volunteer Opportunity: Elkhart Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Black Expo, and the Elkhart Chapter of the NAACP are working together to sponsor a community Christmas dinner at the Roosevelt Center on Saturday, December 15 from 12 noon-3:00pm. Churches in Elkhart are cooperating to bring side dishes and serve the meal. Would you be able to help for **one hour** the day of the meal? Call or text Pastor Carolyn at 574-350-6285. Thank you!

The Prairie Street food pantry is almost empty. There are people in our congregation who rely on the pantry for supplemental food. During the Christmas season, you are invited to bring items for the pantry - especially items that can be easily eaten like cereal, soup, canned pasta, peanut butter, etc.

Please remember: Do not wear perfumes, colognes or aftershave when coming to church out of concern for those who experience allergies to heavy scents. Even though it is understood that wearing scents can be enjoyable, we want everyone to be able to worship without feeling their health is being compromised. Thank you.

You are invited to the Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Holiday Gift Sale at Kern Road Mennonite Church, 18211 Kern Road, South Bend on December 14 & 15 (Friday and Saturday), 10:00am-6:00pm. Support artisans from around the world by purchasing fair trade Christmas gifts.

ADVENT BANNER "Promise" 1988

We anticipate the mystery of Immanuel, Love breaking into our world of chaos, during these weeks of Advent. This quilt is to call us to that promise. Color and pattern are the dominant elements in this advent quilt. The darkness of the world is expressed in the use of black. Purple represents this time of reflectiveness, a time to prepare for Immanuel. The hope of God's promise is reflected in the blue moving throughout the piece. The yellow conveys the presence of God's light breaking into the darkness. The log cabin pattern was chosen to provide the "world" into which the light comes. It is a familiar pattern symbolizing home and comfort. The strip of free-form blocks breaks into that world bringing light and new ways of love into the darkness. God comes to us and dwells with us. We wait for that promise.