

Attendance last Sunday: 75
General Fund offering: \$1,732.01 + year-to-date = \$141,148.59
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, 12:15pm – Elders meeting
Wednesday, 6:00pm – Young Democrats (Jay Little)
Wednesday, 6:30pm – Company of Women
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 1:30pm – Elkhart Bible study (@ Dorothy Horst's home)

COMING EVENTS – December/January

23 – “Ray of Hope” candle light vigil, 5:30pm
24 – Christmas Eve service, 5:30pm
25 – Church office closed (Merry Christmas!)
30 – Christmas Music celebration, 9:30am
Jan. 1 – Church office closed (Happy New Year!)
3 – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am



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 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.*

ADVENT 2 - JOY

GATHERING TO WORSHIP AND WELCOME

Hymnal 185 – “Hail to the Lord’s anointed”

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof.

People: The hungry will be filled and the rich sent away empty.

Leader: Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein,

then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.

People: He will give his people knowledge of salvation through the remission of sins and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: Rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with his righteousness and the people with his truth.

SINGING

Hymnal 55 – “Cantemos al Señor”

Sing the Journey 105 – “Don’t be afraid”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Leader: What is the kingdom of God, or in what does it consist?

People: In this life it is within all believers - it is righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit - it is an eternal, blissful life with God and all the elect.

Leader: How do we attain it?

People: By faith in God through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Leader: Will a mere oral profession of our faith suffice?

People: No. Faith without works is dead; faith must work by love.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING THE WORD

Children's time: Mary Kathryn Miller

Scripture reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Sermon: Ben Ollenburger
"Joy and Judgment"

RESPONDING

Sing the Journey 65 – "Let justice flow like streams"

Sharing joys and concerns: Leo Rodriguez

Offering – Sing the Story 2 – "Maranatha, come"

Pastoral Prayer: Anna Ruth Hershberger

SENDING

Sing the Journey 71 – "Alleluia, the Great Storm is over"

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

Visuals: *Worship team and friends*

Prayer team: *Leo Rodriguez, Anna Ruth Hershberger*

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:

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 4

Sermon: *Frances Ringenberg*

Worship Leader: *David Miller*

Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich*

Children's Time: *Mary Kathryn Miller*

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Building Lock-up: *Al Longenecker*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

"Ray of Hope" Candle light vigil: Sunday, December 23, 5:30pm. This year marks five years since the death of Devonte "Ray" Patrick in our church parking lot. This event will include sharing of stories, song and remembrance for Devonte and others who have died from gun violence.

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, December 24, 5:30pm. Come, sing and worship! Bring cookies to share afterward if you are able.

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. We want everyone to be able to worship without feeling their health is being compromised. Thank you.

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.