**Attendance last Sunday:** 88

**General Fund offering:** $2,544.00 + year-to-date = $55,728.98

**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2017:** $237,687.00

**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** $163,020.00; received to date:$125,910.00

##### THIS WEEK

**Today, noon** – Potluck lunch

**Monday, 10:00am/4:30/5:30/6:30pm** – Music Together classes

**Monday, 6:30pm** – MVS Support committee

**Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm** – ESL classes

**Wednesday, 6:00pm** – Go Team meeting

**Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due

**Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm** – ESL classes

**Friday, 7:00pm** – Restauración

**Saturday, 8:30-10:30am** – Ministry Team Roundtable

**Saturday-Sunday** – C.O.W. retreat

**COMING EVENTS – May**

**18** – Link Team, 8:00am

**18** – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm

**21** – Sojourners & Friends at Oxbow Park, 5:30pm



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Anna Ruth Hershberger

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or call the church office to make an appointment.

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**PRAIRIE STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**

1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN 46515-1687

Sunday, May 7, 2017

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

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**GATHERING** **TO WORSHIP**

*The* ***Call to Worship*** *is an invitation into the unique activity of worship. Our primary activity is to participate in the gift exchange of worship itself, by hearing God’s Word, by offering prayers* *and praise.*

### Welcome

### *Sing the Story* 23– “Gloria, gloria, gloria”

### Call to Worship

**SINGING**

*Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we are called to* ***confess our brokenness*** *and ask for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ.*

***Hymnal* 1**– “What is this place”

***Sing the Story* 45**– “Calm me, Lord”

**CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

(Bulletin insert)

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Passing the peace** is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands and tongues in the ways of peace.

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING** – Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

#### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Anna Ruth Hershberger

**Scripture reading:** Psalm 100; Psalm 44:23-26

**Sermon:** Frances Ringenberg

*A* ***sermon*** *is not only teaching for living;*

*it is a time when Christ encounters his people through the Word.*

“Gathering to Worship”

#### RESPONDING

***Sing the Journey* 72** – “One is the body”

**Responsive reading:**

Heavenly Father and God of mercy,

we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,

for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

Because of your power at work in the resurrection of Christ,  
 **we declare that we gather regularly to worship,**

**to celebrate the Lord’s Supper,** **and to hear the Word of God**

**in a spirit of mutual accountability.**

**May the grace of God so fill us,**  
 **May the love of Christ so embrace us,**  
 **May the presence of the Spirit so empower us**

**that we may live to the glory and praise of God.**  
 **Alleluia, Amen.**

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Lois Longenecker

*In response to God’s having gathered us in worship,* ***we******offer our petitions*** *for the church, city, nation, world and those who are suffering.*

**Offering – *Sing the Journey* 112** – “I owe my Lord”

**Pastoral prayer:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

#### SENDING

***Hymnal* 430** – “God be with you”

*In the B****enediction****, Christ ordains you with a blessing that equips you for service.*

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.*

The worship explanation boxes courtesy of City Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

**THIS MORNING:**

**Worship leader:** *David Miller*

**Pre-service music:** *Music team/instruments*

**Song leader:** *Kyle Weirich*

**Prayer team:** *Lois Longenecker, Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

**Spanish translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Visuals:**

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeters:** *Al & Lois Longenecker*

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *Sidney Hawkins*

**Fellowship-15:** *TBA*

**Building lock-up:** *Ron Ringenberg*

AV technician: *Nick Bouwman*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR:**

**Children**:

*Kindergarten–Grade 4 – Lower Level*

*Grades 5-8 – MYF room*

**Adults:**

**Spanish Class/Discipleship** – *Fellowship Hall, north side*

**“Transformational conversations” –** *classroom downstairs* – Tina Stoltzfus Horst

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Sermon:** *Dan Miller*

**Worship leader:** *Paula Killough*

**Song Leader:** *Brent Eash*

**Children’s time:** *Kathee Kime Kirchner*

**Prayer team:** *Frances Ringenberg, Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

**Visuals:** *Heather Blaha/Frances Ringenberg*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Marie Troyer*

Greeter: *Rachel Denlinger*

Hall monitor: *Jim Bixler*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

**Building lock-up:** *Milo Wiese*

AV technician: *Orion Blaha*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Adult Education hour: Tina Stoltzfus Horst will be sharing about “**Transformational Conversations”.  She will bring a brief update on Coaching Mission International and also do a bit of input on how to transition conversations to the heart level.

**All are welcome** to stay for the potluck lunch today at noon.

**Today: Dedication of the Fred Nesbitt art piece prior to the potluck in the hallway.**

**Next Sunday, May 14,** Dan Miller, Conference Pastor, will bring the message during worship.  All adults are invited to participate in a discussion about the "Renewing a Vision" document during the second hour. If you wish to read the document before May 14, it is on the IN-MI Mennonite Conference website.

**Pastor Carolyn** has been with PSMC for over two years!  It is our practice to conduct a congregation-wide pastoral review after a pastor’s first two years of ministry with us. We invite you to prayerfully participate in this process. There is a link for the review questions in Tuesday’s Notes of Joy and you have until May 15 to submit feedback. Paper copies are in the church office for those who prefer to work with a hard copy.

**Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace tour:** On Friday, May 12, 7:00pm at Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Jonathan Kuttab (a prominent Palestinian Mennonite human rights lawyer) and Benjamin Balthaser (a professor at IUSB and member of Jewish Voice for Peace, Chicago) will share their work for peace in Israel-Palestine and their prospects for peace in the current political climate. The audience will be invited to take part in a shared vision of what Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews need to live free, dignified and whole lives in the land. This is part of MCUSA’s “Partners in Peacemaking initiative. MVS volunteer Jonathan Brenneman is organizing this tour as part of his placement with MCUSA.

**Arturo Martinez and Deanna Cender** invite you to their wedding reception open house on Saturday, May 27, 4:00 to 6:00pm at PSMC. Their wedding ceremony will take place in Georgia on May 13.  Gift registry is at Target and JCPenney.