**Attendance Last Sunday:** 108

**General Fund offering:** $2,594.58 + year-to-date = $162,506.79

**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2015:** $217,040.00

##### THIS WEEK

 **Today** – Potluck and congregational meeting

 **Wednesday, 6:30pm** – “Fencerows to Foodsheds” film

 **Thursday, 8:30am** – Open Circle & Friends at Granma’s House of Pancakes

 **Thusday, noon** – Bulletin items due

**Friday, 7:00pm** – Restauración Bible study

**Saturday, 9:30am** – Care Circle meeting

**Sunday, 5:30pm** – Sojourners & Friends at Wiebe-Johnson’s home

**COMING EVENTS – December**

 **14** – MVS Support committee

 **17** – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm

 **17** – Elders meeting, 6:00pm

 **19** – Secret Sisters Christmas breakfast, 9:00am



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**Pastor** Carolyn Hunt (574) 350-6285 *carolyn.gardner.hunt@gmail.com*

**Pastor** Frances Ringenberg (574) 621-2676 *mfrancesvr@gmail.com*

**Elders:** Ross Ringenberg, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Lois Longenecker, Brent Eash

**For pastoral care** you are welcome to contact a pastor or elder directly, 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, December 6, 2015

*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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ADVENT 2 – Come, refine our way

**GATHERING** **TO WORSHIP**

### Welcome

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

**Call to worship**

**Advent theme song – *Sing the Story* 3** – “Come, Light of the world”

 (Verses: 1 - “New life from the stump,” 2 - “Come, refine our way”)

**SINGING:**

***Hymnal* 151** – “Marvelous grace of our loving Lord””

***Sing the Story* 6** – “Save us O Lord”

#### CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING:** Lois Longenecker

#### HEARING THE WORD

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

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

**Sermon:** Nelson Kraybill

 “A refiner’s fire”

#### RESPONDING

#### *Sing the Story* 15 – “Hope is a candle”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Frances Ringenberg

### Offering

**Pastoral prayer:** Lois Longenecker

#### SENDING

### *Sing the Journey* 78– “Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)”

**Benediction:** Frances Ringenberg

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary following the service. This can include anointing.*

**THIS MORNING:**

**Worship leader:** *Brent Eash*

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

**Song leader:** *Ellen Kraybill*

**Prayer team:** *Frances Ringenberg, Lois Longenecker*

**Spanish translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Visuals:** *Heather Smith Blaha, Brent Eash*

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeters:** *John Henry Brimmer, Alan Kreider*

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *Alexis Klosinski*

**Library assistant:** *Yasi Bouwman*

**Fellowship-15:** *Orion Blaha, Mary Lackore, Anna Ruth Hershberger*

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

Sound technician:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR:**

**Children**:

 *Kindergarten - Grade 5 – Lower Level*

**Adult classes:**

 **Bible Class/Spanish** – *Lower level, Sojourner room*

**Sabbatical group** – Gospel of John Bible study *– Lower level classroom* – Matt Cordella

**Sermon Response class** – *Outside of sanctuary –* Eleanor Kreider

**NEXT SUNDAY:** **Advent 3**

**Sermon:** *Nelson Kraybill*

**Worship leader:** *Frances Ringenberg*

**Song Leader:** *Ben Bouwman*

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

**Prayer team:** *Ross Ringenberg, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*

**Visuals:** *Heather Blaha, Brent Eash*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Alan Kreider, John Henry Brimmer*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *Sidney Hawkins*

Library assistant: *Mildred Schrock*

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

**Sound technician:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**We hope you remembered to bring table service for the potluck today.**  In the interest of being more "green" the Party Team is asking that we bring table service from home. We will no longer be providing disposable plates and plastic ware. A few green plates and silver ware from the kitchen will be available for guests. These will need to be washed. Please save these for guests.

**Today** following the potluck meal, there will be a congregational meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes approving the 2016 church budget and an update from the Renovations Committee. Please plan to stay and participate in the life of the congregation in this way.

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**This week:** Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30pm there will be a showing of the film: “Fencerows to Foodsheds” at Prairie Street Mennonite Church sponsored by Seed to Feed and Church Community Services. The film was made by Green Mountain College masters student (now graduated) Janet Kantz and Mission 3 Media. This showing is for participants in the film and their families, including Prairie Street, as a family to CCS and Katie Jantzen.

**All women of Prairie Street Mennonite Church:** You are invited to the Secret Sisters Christmas breakfast on Saturday, December 19 at 9:00am here at the church.

**You know what's easier than teaching children's Sunday School?**  Washing dishes!  A couple of adults who frequently help with coffee cleanup have let Pastor Carolyn know they are open to assisting in Sunday school, but don't want to leave the dishes unwashed.  Could you help make coffee and clean up once every month or six weeks?  Sign up sheet for Fellowship 15 is on the counter where coffee is served.  Thanks for helping if you can.