**Attendance Last Sunday:** 110

**General Fund offering:** $3,481.63 + year-to-date = $165,988.42

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

##### THIS WEEK

 **Today, noon** – Young adult lunch outing

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

 **Monday, 6:00pm** – MVS support committee

 **Thursday, 1:30pm** – Elkhart Bible study

 **Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due

 **Thursday, 6:00pm** – Elders meeting

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

**Saturday, 9:00am** – Secret Sisters breakfast

**COMING EVENTS – December**

 **23** –Ray of Hope prayer vigil, 7:00pm

 **24** – Christmas Eve service, 5:00pm

 **25** – Christmas day - office closed

 **27** – CCS collection



**Prairie Street Mennonite Church**

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(574) 293-0377; *office@prairiestreetmc.org*

Website: *http://www.prairiestreetmc.org*

Office Hours**:** Tuesday–Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Administrative Assistant: Joy Detweiler

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**Pastor** Nelson Kraybill (574) 370-0329*nelsonkraybill@gmail.com*

**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 13, 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 3 – Flow, wellspring of life

**GATHERING** **TO WORSHIP**

### Welcome

***Hymnal* 79** – “Lord, with devotion we pray”

**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,”

 3 – “Flow, wellspring of life”)

**SINGING:**

***Hymnal* 514** – “Lord, I am fondly, earnestly”

***Hymnal* 11** – “Sweet hour of prayer”

#### CONFESSION & WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### HEARING THE WORD

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

**Scripture:** Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7

**Sermon:** Nelson Kraybill

 “A ray of hope”

#### RESPONDING

#### *Sing the Story* 49 – “I will come to you in the silence”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

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

**Pastoral prayer:** Ross Ringenberg

#### SENDING

### *Hymnal* 434– “Thuma Mina”

**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:** *Frances Ringenberg*

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

**Song leader:** *Ben Bouwman*

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

**Spanish translator:** *Betty Puricelli*

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

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

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

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *Sidney Hawkins*

**Library assistant:** *Mildred Schrock*

**Fellowship-15:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger, Ron Ringenberg*

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

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 4**

**Sermon:** *Nelson Kraybill*

**Worship leader:** *Eleanor Kreider*

**Song Leader:** *Gary Horst*

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

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

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

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Young adult lunch outing today -** meet after Sunday School (12:00 noon) to see who's going and where we want to go. Don't let finances be an issue; if you need help with payment, please let Ben Bouwman know.

**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. Please RSVP to the office before Wednesday, December 16. 293-0377 or office@prairiestreetmc.org

**"Learning to Love Boko Haram: A Nigerian Peace Church Responds," Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm** in the College Mennonite Church sanctuary.  A public lecture by Peggy Faw Gish sponsored by College Mennonite Church and Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism.

**Christmas events** that you may want to participate in at Prairie Street and other area churches:

**December 20** – Advent Lessons and Carols, St John the Evangelist Episcopal, 7:00pm

**23** – Ray of Hope Prayer Vigil, 7:00pm

**24** – Christmas Eve service, 5:00pm

**25** – Christmas Day service, St John the Evangelist Episcopal, 9:00am (Several Prairie Street families have the tradition of attending)