

Attendance last Sunday: 80
General Fund offering: \$1,610.00+year-to-date = \$143,883.18
General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2017: \$237,687.00
Nehemiah Fund pledges: \$167,555.28; received to date: \$159,090.28

THIS WEEK

Today, 1:00-6:00pm – Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday, 6:30pm – MVS Support committee
Thursday, 8:30am – Open Circle & Friends
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 6:30pm – Elders meeting

COMING EVENTS – December

21 – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm
23 – “Ray of Hope” prayer vigil, 5:30pm
24 – Christmas Eve service, 5:30pm
26 – Church office closed
28 – Goshen Bible study, 1:30pm



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 10, 2017

*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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymnal 181 – “My soul proclaims with wonder”

Call to Worship

SINGING

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

Sing the Story 14 – “Prepare the way of the Lord”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s time: Becky Miller and Lora Miranda

Sermon: Carolyn Gardner Hunt
“Comfort ye?”

RESPONDING

Sing the Journey 100 – “Here I am”

Sharing joys and concerns: Anna Ruth Hershberger

Offering – Hymnal 172 – “O come, O come Immanuel”

Pastoral prayer: Frances Ringenberg

SENDING

Sing the Story 1 – “Praise the One who breaks the darkness”

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: *Scott Litwiller*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Song leader: *Kyle Weirich*

Prayer team: *Anna Ruth Hershberger, Frances Ringenberg*

Spanish translator: *TBA*

Visuals: *Worship team*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeter: *Nick Bouwman*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Fellowship-15: *TBA*

Building lock-up: *Milo Wiese*

AV technician: *Brian Sutter*

SECOND HOUR:

Children:

Kindergarten–Grade 4 – Lower Level

Grades 5-8 – MYF room

Adults:

- **Spanish Class/Discipleship** – *Lower level classroom*
- Wendell Wiebe Powell representing **Elkhart Advocates for Peace and Justice** will be speaking second hour in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY: Advent 3

Sermon: *Ben Ollenburger*

Worship Leader: *Twillia Epp-Stutzman*

Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich*

Prayer team: *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

Visuals: *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Stan & Judy Robinson*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Building lock-up: *Jim Bixler*

AV technician: *Brian Sutter*

Text calling us to worship: Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advent Isaiah scriptures for next Sunday: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Advent at Prairie Street: This year we are featuring a different Nativity each Sunday during Children's Time. The idea originated with St Francis in 1223. He set up an empty manger inside a cave, and included a live ox and donkey beside the manger just as it was believed to have happened on that first Christmas night. Through this visual aid he wanted to show how Christ came into the world in poverty and simplicity. Nativities from around the world reflect the many different cultures who cherish this image.

December Calendar Notes:

- "Ray of Hope" prayer vigil, Saturday, December 23, 5:30pm
- Christmas Eve service, Sunday, December 24 at 5:30pm. Bring cookies to share together after the service.
- Christmas Music Sunday, Sunday, December 31, 9:30am
- There will be **no Sunday school** on Sunday, December 24 or Sunday, December 31.

Offering Envelopes for 2018: If you use offering envelopes to track your giving to Prairie Street, the new boxes are in your church mailbox. If you currently don't use offering boxes and would like to, please contact Joy in the office before December 31.