

Attendance last Sunday: 78
General Fund offering: \$2,874.11+year-to-date = \$150,334.09
General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2017: \$237,687.00
Nehemiah Fund pledges: \$167,555.28; received to date: \$163,040.28

THIS WEEK

Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm – Fellowship hall reserved
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 1:30pm – Goshen Bible study
Sunday morning worship – Christmas Music Sunday (no Sunday school)

COMING EVENTS – January

2 – Church office closed for New Year holiday
3 – Helping Hands group, 5:30pm
4 – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am
7 – Monthly potluck lunch (Three Kings Day); stories and pictures from Congo by Nelson Kraybill; noon
8 – Music Together classes begin, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm



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 24, 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 4

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome
Hymnal 212 – “O come, all ye faithful”
Call to Worship

SINGING

Hymnal 189 – “To us a Child of hope is born”
Sing the Story 3 – “Come, Light of the world”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s time: Jeanette Krabill
Sermon: Nelson Kraybill
“Here I am, the servant of the Lord”

RESPONDING

Hymnal 178 – “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”
Sharing joys and concerns: Frances Ringenberg
Offering – Sing the Story 14 – “Prepare the way of the Lord”
Pastoral prayer: Anna Ruth Hershberger

SENDING

Sing the Story 10 – “Come! Walk in the light”
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: *Twilla Epp-Stutzman*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Song leader: *Carolyn Smith*

Prayer team: *Anna Ruth Hershberger, Frances Ringenberg*

Spanish translator: *TBA*

Visuals: *Worship team*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Stan & Judy Robinson*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Building lock-up: *Al Longenecker*

AV technician: *Anthony Hunt*

SECOND HOUR:

No Sunday school today or next Sunday. Please join us in the sanctuary to sing along with selected songs from Handel's Messiah today. Or you can come and listen.

NEXT SUNDAY: Christmas Music Sunday

Worship Leader: *Eleanor Kreider*

Song Leader: *Ellen Kraybill*

Prayer team: *Nelson Kraybill, Lois Longenecker*

Visuals: *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Marie Troyer*

Greeter: *Becky Miller*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Building lock-up: *Al Longenecker*

AV technician: *Anthony Hunt*

Text calling us to worship: Isaiah 9:2-4

² *The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.*

³ *You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.*

⁴ *For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advent at Prairie Street: We end the season with our **Christmas Eve service tonight at 5:30pm**. The service will conclude with singing *Silent Night* and passing the candle light one to another, *Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!* Then we gather in the Fellowship Hall for shared cookies. Come join us!

Christmas Eve Cookies: Bring cookies to share after the service, placing them on the long serving tables in the Fellowship Hall.

We are grateful for end-of-year giving received from past attenders who continue to support Prairie Street. Thank you to all who participate financially in our ministry!

Holiday office hours: This week Joy will be in the office Wednesday, 10:00am-2:30pm; Thursday and Friday, 8:00am-2:30pm. Pastor Frances will be out of town and Pastors Nelson and Carolyn will be available for emergency situations only. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, January 2 for the New Year holiday.

The Michiana Shaped Note Singers will host a singing from the *Harmonia Sacra*, Joseph Funk's shape note tune book, on **Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2018** at the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. We'll sing from 1:00 to 5:00pm and share a carry-in meal afterward. All are welcome to come sing with us. Loaner books will be available.