

Attendance last Sunday: 79

General Fund offering: \$2,089.00+year-to-date = \$25,497.55

General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2018: \$218,488.55

Nehemiah Fund pledges: \$167,555.28; received to date: \$165,800.28

THIS WEEK

Monday, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm – Music Together classes

Tuesday, 6:30pm – ESL classes

Wednesday, 4:30pm – Rhythm Kids class

Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due

Thursday, 6:30pm – ESL classes

Thursday, 7:00pm – Elders meeting

Saturday – IN-MI Mennonite Conference regional meeting at Bethany Christian Schools

Sunday – Daylight Savings Time begins. Remember to change your clocks.

COMING EVENTS – March

15 – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm

18 – Sojourners & Friends

22 – Goshen Bible study, 1:30pm

29 – Maundy Thursday service

30 – Office closed for Good Friday



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, March 4, 2018

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

LENT 3

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Prairie Street Sings 74 – “As we rise, O God, to meet you”

Call to Worship

SINGING

Sing the Story 96 – “Had God brought us out”

Hymnal 526 – “In the rifted Rock I’m resting”

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offense.

***O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.***

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

***Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.***

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

BIRTHDAY BLESSING – Anna Ruth Hershberger

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s time: Carolyn Gardner Hunt

Scripture reading: Exodus 20:1-10; Matthew 22:36-40

Sermon: Nelson Kraybill

“Beyond rules”

RESPONDING

Prairie Street Sings 65 – “The arc of history”

Sharing joys and concerns: Frances Ringenberg

Offering – *Prairie Street Sings 69* – “In love you summon”
Pastoral Prayer: Anna Ruth Hershberger

SENDING

Sing the Story 72 – “We are often tossed and driv’n”
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: *Paula Killough, Mikayla and DaeAnna*
Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*
Song leader: *Kyle Weirich*
Prayer team: *Anna Ruth Hershberger, Frances Ringenberg*
Spanish translator: *Martin Miranda*
Visuals: *Worship team*
AV technician: *Nick Bouwman*
Usher: *Becky Miller*
Greeters: *Stan & Judy Robinson*
Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*
Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*
Fellowship-15:
Building lock-up: *Ron Ringenberg*

SECOND HOUR:

Children:

Kindergarten–Grade 4 – Lower Level
Grades 5-8 – MYF room

Adults:

- **Spanish Class/Discipleship** – *Lower level classroom*
- **Ephesians: Christ is our Peace** – read and discuss Paul’s magnificent letter of reconciliation – *Lower level classroom* – Nelson Kraybill and Eleanor Kreider

NEXT SUNDAY: Lent 4

Sermon: *Sally Longley*
Worship Leader: *Frances Ringenberg and child*
Song Leader: *Ellen Kraybill*
Prayer team: *Carolyn Gardner Hunt, Nelson Kraybill*
Visuals: *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

AV technician: *Orion Blaha*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Stan & Judy Robinson*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Building lock-up: *Milo Wiese*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All are welcome to the potluck lunch at noon today. Stay to enjoy warm food and fellowship.

Today is the performance of "Esther" by Kids' Community Theater! KCT is co-sponsored by Sunnyside and Belmont Mennonite Churches, and this year three Prairie Street children are participating too! Come see Silas Stutzman, Junia Stutzman, and Ren Hunt in this musical this evening, 6:00 PM at Sunnyside MC.

Exhibit at Goshen College: "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War," in the Goshen College Library basement gallery. This traveling exhibit prepared by the Kauffman Museum (N. Newton, Kansas) lifts up the prophetic insights and the personal courage of World War I peace protesters and suggests parallels to the culture of war and violence in our world today. The exhibit runs through April 8.

Amigo Volunteer Weekend. April 13-15: Amigo Centre invites you to consider helping us prepare for the summer season. Projects are dependent on the weather, but will hopefully include wood splitting, painting, cleaning and gardening. There will be something for all ages. Come Friday night and stay all weekend; or just come on Saturday to help. Meals and lodging are free. Please RSVP by calling the office 269-651-2811 or on our website at amigocentre.org/volunteer-weekend.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Event: Join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam at **7:00 pm, Sunday, April 15**, here at Prairie Street Mennonite. Special guest speakers will be Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.