

Attendance last Sunday: 53
General Fund offering: \$3,852.48+year-to-date = \$32,136.13
General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2018: \$218,488.55
Nehemiah Fund pledges: \$167,555.28; received to date: \$166,275.28

THIS WEEK

Today, 6:00pm – Sojourners & Friends at Nelson & Ellen's home
Tuesday, 6:30pm – ESL classes
Wednesday, 4:30pm – Rhythm Kids class
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 1:30pm – Goshen Bible study
Thursday, 6:30pm – ESL classes

COMING EVENTS – March/April

29 – Maundy Thursday service, 7:00pm
30 – Office closed for Good Friday
April 1 – Easter Sunday (see schedule under announcements)
5 – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am
8 – Pastor Nelson's farewell Sunday with potluck lunch at noon



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 18, 2018

*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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GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymnal 37 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Call to Worship – bulletin insert

SINGING

Prairie Street Sings 92 – “Colossians 3:17”

Bulletin insert – “There is a Redeemer”

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

HEARING THE WORD

Children's time: Paula Killough

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon: James Krabill

“Can I get off the porch yet?”

RESPONDING

Hymnal 483 – “O God, who gives us life”

Sharing joys and concerns: Nelson Kraybill

Offering – Prairie Street Sings 36 – “I have decided to follow Jesus”

Pastoral Prayer: Carolyn Gardner Hunt

SENDING

Prairie Street Sings 84 – “Sent by the Lord”

Benediction: Carolyn Gardner Hunt

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: Jeanette Krabill, Daniella Ochoa

Pre-service music: Music team/instruments

Song leader: Ellen Kraybill

Prayer team: Carolyn Gardner Hunt, Nelson Kraybill

Spanish translator: TBA

Visuals: Worship team

AV technician: Nick Bouwman

Usher: Becky Miller

Greeters: Stan & Judy Robinson

Hall monitor: Jerry Miller

Church nursery: LaNasha Taylor

Fellowship-15: David Miller, Mary Kathryn Miller, Teri Yoder

Building lock-up: Jim Bixler

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: Palm Sunday

Sermon: Nelson Kraybill

Worship Leader: Allan Bernhart and child

Song Leader: Carolyn Smith

Prayer team: Anna Ruth Hershberger, Frances Ringenberg

Visuals: Worship team

Pre-service music: Music team/instruments

AV technician: Brian Sutter

Usher: Becky Miller

Greeters: Stan & Judy Robinson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday - wear scarves to wave for our Palm Sunday procession. Scarves will also be provided for those without.

The 8th Annual Palm Sunday Peace Parade will take place next Sunday, March 25. Elkhart Advocates for Peace & Justice invite you to walk as Jesus did – to demonstrate peace in a community hurt by violence and division. **At 2:00 p.m. we will gather at Hively Ave. Mennonite Church.** The walk will take us past **Prairie St. Mennonite** and **St James AME** as we make our way to the **Elkhart Civic Plaza** where we will gather at **about 3:00**. Persons interested in participating may join the parade at any point along the route. We will pray, sing and hear words from speakers to challenge, encourage and inspire.

Easter Sunday:

8:45am – Easter breakfast, bring breads, fruit, deviled eggs to share

9:45am – Singing begins in the sanctuary

10:00am – Easter Worship will include a Baptism and Communion
(No Sunday school)

On **Easter Sunday** you may bring flowering bulbs (no hyacinth or lilies, due to fragrance sensitivities) for the sanctuary. Let Frances know if you would like to fund a plant which you can then take home after the service

From Ben Bouwman: A Walnut Hill youth, Elizabeth Eby, is organizing students and adults from the Goshen area to attend the **March for Our Lives in Washington DC on March 24th**. She is looking for local students to go along, as well as adults who could function as chaperones or possibly drivers. If you want more information about the march, you may contact Elizabeth at ebyeliz2000@gmail.com. There will be a **local march** on the same day beginning at Goshen High School at 1:00pm and walking to the Elkhart County Courthouse. All are welcome to participate!

You are invited to dialogue on race and white privilege at Belmont Mennonite Church this coming Wednesday, March 21, 7:00-8:30 pm. We are welcoming Cheryl Ross, who will share her journey as an African American woman. Cheryl is a dynamic woman who seeks to empower other women in our community. She will share some reflections and challenges for us and then there will be a time to engage her in more conversation.