

Attendance last Sunday: 80
General Fund offering: \$1,278.00+year-to-date = \$33,414.13
General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2018: \$218,488.55
Nehemiah Fund pledges: \$167,555.28; received to date: \$166,375.28

THIS WEEK

Today, 2:00pm – 8th annual Palm Sunday Peace Parade
Tuesday, 6:30pm – ESL classes
Wednesday, 4:30pm – Rhythm Kids class
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday service
Friday – Office closed
Sunday – Easter Sunday worship (see announcements)

COMING EVENTS – April

5 – Mennonite Women Service Circle, 9:30am
5 – Elders meeting, 7:00pm
8 – Pastor Nelson's farewell Sunday with potluck lunch at noon
9 – MVS Support Committee
12 – Open Circle & Friends at Granma's House of Pancakes, 8:30am



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 25, 2018

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

PALM SUNDAY

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome

Hymnal 2 – “In Thy holy place we bow”

Call to Worship

Hymnal 238 – “Hosanna, loud hosanna”

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GATHERING THE CHILDREN: Frances Ringenberg

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Prairie Street Sings 9 – “Holy Lord”

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture reading: Mark 11:1-11

Sermon: Nelson Kraybill

“Disruptive hope”

RESPONDING

Hymnal 239 – “Ride on, ride on in majesty”

CONFESSION AND NAILING OF SINS TO THE CROSS

The paper in the bulletin is provided to name or represent brokenness to bring to the cross of Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Offering – Hymnal 530 – “What wondrous love is this”

Pastoral prayer: Frances Ringenberg

SENDING

Hymnal 653 – “Abide with me”

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: *Allan Bernhart and child*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Song leader: *Carolyn Smith*

Prayer team: *Frances Ringenberg, Anna Ruth Hershberger*

Spanish translator: *Martin Miranda*

Visuals: *Worship team*

AV technician: *Brian Sutter*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Stan & Judy Robinson*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Fellowship-15: *Ellen Kraybill*

Building lock-up: *Orion Blaha*

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: Easter Sunday

Sermon: *Nelson Kraybill*

Worship Leader: *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich and helpers*

Prayer team: *None*

Visuals: *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

AV technician: *Nick Bouwman*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeter: *Mary Kathryn Miller*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*

Building lock-up: *Ron Ringenberg*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today: 8th Annual Palm Sunday Peace Parade. 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, April 1:

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)

Also, 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.

Sunday, April 8 will be Pastor Nelson's last Sunday. There will be a celebration potluck at noon. You are encouraged to bring vegetarian dishes to share in honor of Pastor Nelson.

Ministry Banquet Invitation: Ron and Frances Ringenberg, along with Karl Stutzman, are planning to attend the **Elkhart County Jail Ministry dessert banquet on Tuesday, April 24, 7:00pm at Maple City Chapel** in Goshen. Each congregation can reserve a table for 8 and Ron is looking for five more people to fill a table. The evening consists of Essenhaus Pie (as much as you can eat!) and hearing testimonies from former and current inmates whose lives have been impacted by the jail ministry. Please talk with Ron if you would like to attend.

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.