

Attendance last Sunday: 54
General Fund offering: \$2,465.00 + year-to-date = \$29,197.49
General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2019: \$156,000.00
Offering needed per week to meet budget: \$3,100.00

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 6:30pm – ESL classes
Thursday, 9:30am – Mennonite Women Service Circle
Thursday, noon – Bulletin items due
Thursday, 6:30pm – ESL classes
Saturday, 10:00am – Congregational Board meeting
Sunday, noon – Potluck lunch (and farewell for Joy)

COMING EVENTS – April

11 – Open Circle & Friends, 8:30am at Granma's House of Pancakes
11-13 – Comforter Bash Sew-a-thon, 9:00am-5:00pm each day
17 – Company of Women, 6:30pm
18 – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm
18 – Maundy Thursday
19 – Good Friday (office closed)



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 31, 2019

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

LENT FOUR

WELCOME / BIENVENIDO

Sing the Journey 64 – “Somos el cuerpo de Cristo (We are the body of Christ)”

CALL TO WORSHIP / INVOCACION

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We confess our sin to you,
and you forgive us.

People: We offer our prayers to you, and you embrace us.

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings,
we sing for joy, and you uphold us.**

SINGING / CANTANDO

Hymnal 544 – “When we walk with the Lord”

Sing the Journey 23 – “Slowly turning, ever turning”

SHARING THE PEACE / LA PAZ

La Paz de Cristo

HEARING THE WORD / LA PALABRA

Song: “God is so good”

God is so good (x3); He's so good to us

Dios, bueno es (x3); Bueno es el Señor

Children's Time: Lois Longenecker (includes Blessing for Anne Mitchell)

Scripture reading: Luke 15:1-2, 11-24

Sermon: Steve Thomas

“God as Loving Parent”

RESPONDING / RESPONDIENDO

Sing the Journey 91 – “Like a mother who has borne us”

CONFESSION / CONFESION

Sharing joys and concerns: *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*
Offering – Hymnal 152 – “Kyrie”
Pastoral prayer: *Leo Rodriguez*

SENDING / ENVIANDO

Sing the Journey 78 – “Sizohamba naye”
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: *Ben Ollenburger*
Song Leader: *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*
Gathering Music: *Music Team*
Visuals: *Worship team*
Spanish Translation: *TBD*
AV Technician: *Anthony Hunt*
Prayer Team: *Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Leo Rodriguez*
Usher: *Marie Troyer*
Greeter: *Mary Kathryn Miller*
Hall Monitor: *Jay Little*
Church Nursery: *LaNasha Taylor*
Building Lock-up: *Al Longenecker*

SECOND HOUR:

Children (through grade 8) will meet in the *lower level Hartzler Room*.
Adults: Spanish language class – *Lower level Graber Room*

NEXT WEEK: Lent Five

Sermon: *Matt Cordella-Bontrager*
Worship Leader: *Frances Ringenberg*
Song Leader: *Kyle Weirich*
Children’s Time: *Matt Cordella-Bontrager*
AV Technician: *Orion Blaha*
Usher: *Marie Troyer*
Greeter: *Mary Kathryn Miller*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Party Team is considering new kitchen patterns since Mary Alice is no longer with us. We'll need to find new ways to buy supplies, provide cocoa and enlist the help needed for Fellowship 15, potluck and other hospitality events. Please help by signing up for Fellowship 15 and giving Party Team your ideas (Steve Wiebe-Johnson, Allan Bernhart and Pastor Frances.)

Before Hymnal: A Worship Book, before The Mennonite Hymnal, there was the Church Hymnal. First published in 1927, it was used by many Mennonite congregations for decades. Step back into that bygone era, and request your favorites, at a 1927 Church Hymnal Hymn Sing - to be held **Today at 4:00pm**, at the College Mennonite Church sanctuary. Bring a copy of the hymnal if you have one.

Next Sunday’s preacher: Matt Cordella-Bontrager is a Jubilee House alum and was baptized at Prairie Street. He’s a graduate of AMBS, and currently teaches at Rosedale Bible College in Ohio. He and his wife Rachel have been appointed missionaries to Kosovo, a majority Muslim country in the Balkans. They hope to begin their term at the end of summer 2020.

Remember the monthly potluck lunch next Sunday. Bring a dish to share and your own tableware. We will thank and celebrate **Joy Detweiler** as she ends her service to Prairie Street.

The 2019 Elkhart County Jail Ministry Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30th from 7:00-8:30 pm (doors open at 6:00pm). It will be a dessert banquet held at Maple City Chapel in Goshen and will include sharing of news from the ministry. This year, Cory Martin, Chaplain, will highlight the work and partnership happening with Prairie Street and the Jubilee House. See or call Ron Ringenberg if you'd like to sit at one of the PSMC tables.

Sew-a-thon for Comforter Bash! Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11, 12 and 13, 9:00am – 4:00pm at PSMC. The Comforter Bash committee for Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes received donations of fabric that will make lovely comforter tops and backings for our Comforter Bash event this fall. Come help piece tops during these days in April! We have work for any willing hands – ironing fabric, cutting (scissors or rotary cutting), designing tops and sewing. We will have fabric, thread, and patterns/ideas, and an extra sewing machine or two.

What to bring:

- Sewing machine, basic tools and notions
- Cutting tools if you want to help cut fabric
- Your creative ideas for tops and backings
- Your own lunch
- Questions? Call or email me: Carol Honderich, 574-536-9062, carol@honderich.com