**Attendance Last Sunday:** 95

**General Fund offering:** $3,621.00 + year-to-date = $107,945.17

**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2015:** $217,040.00

##### THIS WEEK

 **Today, 5:30pm** – Sojourners & Friends at Dave & Mary Miller’s

 **Monday, 10:00am/5:30/6:30pm** – Music Together classes

 **Monday, 6:00pm** – Renovations group

 **Monday, 6:00pm** – MVS Support committee

 **Tuesday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes

 **Wednesday, 5:30pm** – Helping Hands sabbatical group

 **Thursday, noon** – Bulletin items due

 **Thursday, 1:30pm** – Elkhart Bible study

 **Thursday, 6:30pm** – ESL classes

**Friday, 7:00pm** – Restauración Bible study

**Saturday, 10:00am** – Jubilee House work day

**COMING EVENTS –September**

 **22** – Congregational Board meeting, 6:00pm

 **23** – Company of Women, 7:00-9:00pm

 **24** – Goshen Bible study, 1:30pm

 **25-26** – Michiana MCC Relief Sale (Goshen)

 **30** – Elders meeting, 6:00pm



**Prairie Street Mennonite Church**

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Office Hours**:** Tuesday–Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm

Administrative Assistant: Joy Detweiler

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**Elders:** John Sommers, Ross Ringenberg, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Lois Longenecker

**For pastoral care** you are welcome to contact a pastor or elder directly, or call the church office to make an appointment

*Lead Pastor Nelson Kraybill is on sabbatical until November 29, 2015.*

See Pastor Nelson’s biblical sites blog at *peace-pilgrim.com*

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 **PRAIRIE STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**

 1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN 46515-1687

Sunday, September 13, 2015

*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**

### Gathering music

**Call to worship**

**SINGING**

***Sing the Journey* 3**– “Jesus calls us here to meet him”

***Hymnal* 250** – “Beneath the cross of Jesus”

***Hymnal* 535**– “Who now would follow Christ”

#### CONFESSION OF SIN AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### RECOGNIZING BOARD AND TEAMS

#### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Steve Wiebe-Johnson

**Scripture:** James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

**Sermon:** Suella Gerber (Pastor, Fellowship of Hope)

 “Who do we say Jesus is?”

#### RESPONDING

#### *Sing the Journey* 30 – “Jesus Christ is waiting”

**Sharing joys and concerns**: Lois Longenecker

### Offering

**Pastoral prayer:** Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson

#### SENDING

### *Bulletin Insert* – “We rejoice to be God’s chosen”

**Benediction:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

*A prayer team is available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary following the service. This can include anointing.*

**THIS MORNING:**

**Worship leader:** *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

**Pre-service music:** *Music team/instruments*

**Song leader:** *Kyle Weirich*

**Spanish Translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Prayer team:** *Lois Longenecker, Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson*

**Visuals:** *Heather Blaha*

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeters:** *Rachel Denlinger, Mara Weaver*

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *TBA*

**Library assistant:** *Mildred Schrock*

**Fellowship-15:** *Scott Hamilton, Karl Stutzman*

**Building lock-up:** *Milo Wiese*

Sound tech: *Josh Kinder*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR:**

**Children**:

 *Preschool - Grade 8 – Lower Level*

 *Grades 9-12 – Upper Room*

**Adult classes:**

 **Bible Class/Spanish** – *Lower level, Sojourner room*

**Sabbatical group** – Gospel of John Bible study *– Lower level classroom* – Matt Cordella

**Sermon Response class** – *Outside of sanctuary*

**NEXT SUNDAY:** **Peace Sunday**

**Sermon:** *Karl Hansen & Tilahun Beyene, Eastern Mennonite Missions*

**Worship leader:** *Sara Wenger Shenk*

**Song Leader:** *John Sommers*

**Children’s time:** *Steve Wiebe-Johnson*

**Prayer team:** *John Sommers, Lois Longenecker*

**Visuals:** *Heather Blaha*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**If you have not** yet filled out a gifts discernment form, "How do I get Involved ?” there is one waiting for you on the table by the name tags. Each person is an important part of making the Prairie Street family work together!

**A series of "welcome to Prairie Street" lunches** are being planned for September through October 4.  Next Sunday, September 20, the hosts will be A Book & A Prayer small group.

**Work opportunity:** If you missed the work day yesterday, there will be another chance to help at Jubilee House on September 19 at 10:00am with window replacement, yard work around the house and, if enough people, the garage.

**Time for the annual MVS unit food shower**! Help give a boost of love and support to the Jubilee House. Bring non-perishable food (items suggested by MVS members: jasmine rice, lentils, coconut oil, Triscuits, slivered almonds, dried figs or dates) to church next Sunday, **September 20** or to the unit on Saturday the 19th when there will be work done on the house.

**Small groups** are forming and re-forming for the year ahead. These meet once or twice a month in homes. Content varies - support and prayer, discussion of book or topic, shared meals. What appeals to you?
If you would like to join or change to a new group, you can tell Joy Detweiler in the office. 293-0377 or office@prairiestreetmc.org

**All women** interested in meeting monthly with **Company of Women** in the upcoming school year, please mark **Wednesday, September 23**on your calendars. We will meet at the church from 7:00-9:00pm. Company of Women is a small group open to all ages. What we do together is shaped by those in attendance.  Some years we have studied a book; last year we read Scripture aloud (Gospel of Mark). Come and bring your ideas to our first organizational meeting of the year.  If you have any questions, please contact Tacy Heisey or Jeanette Krabill.

**Photo sharing** needed for our Prairie Street website, Facebook page and upcoming new photo directory. Help collect images to share our life together. Anthony Hunt is our new photo curator. Please send the images you catch to huntaczksr@gmail.com

**Elkhart CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm.** If you have participated in Crop Hunger Walk before, particularly within the last 5 years, please see Nick Bouwman who has been designated the coordinator for PSMC but has never participated and would love to hear your experience.