**Attendance last Sunday:**

**General Fund offering:** $2,565.00+year-to-date = $106,377.48

**General Fund contributions budgeted for all of 2017:** $237,687.00

**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** $167,555.28; received to date:$147,930.28

##### THIS WEEK

 **Today, noon** – Potluck lunch

 **Tuesday** – Office closed for Labor Day holiday

 **Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm** – ESL classes

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

 **Thursday, 9:30am** – Mennonite Women Service Circle

 **Thursday noon** – Bulletin items due

 **Thursday, 6:30-8:00pm** – ESL classes

 **Saturday, 9:00am-Noon** – Church work day

**COMING EVENTS - September**

 **18** – Fall Music Together classes begin, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm

 **19** – Worship team meeting, 5:00pm

 **20** – Rhythm Kids classes begin, 4:00pm

 **21** – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm

 **22-23** – Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale



**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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**Pastor** Nelson Kraybill (574) 370-0329*nelsonkraybill@gmail.com*

**Pastor** Carolyn Hunt (574) 350-6285 *carolyn.gardner.hunt@gmail.com*

**Pastor** Frances Ringenberg (574) 621-2676 *mfrancesvr@gmail.com*

**Elders:** Dorothy Wiebe-Johnson, Lois Longenecker, Brent Eash,

 Anna Ruth Hershberger

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

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 **PRAIRIE STREET MENNONITE CHURCH**

 1316 Prairie Street, Elkhart IN 46515-1687

Sunday, September 3, 2017

*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* 69 – “The Lord is King”

### Call to Worship

**SINGING**

***Sing the Journey* 19 *–*** “I will call upon the Lord”

***Hymnal* 493 *–*** “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

**CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### BIRTHDAY BLESSING – Brent Eash

#### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Frances Ringenberg

**Scripture reading:** Romans 12:9-21

**Sermon:** Nelson Kraybill

 “The church as beloved community”

#### RESPONDING

***Sing the Story* 15** – “Hope is a candle”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Lois Longenecker

**Offering – *Bulletin insert*** – “Cantad al Senor/Sing praises to God”

**Pastoral prayer:** Brent Eash

#### SENDING

***Sing the Journey* 57 *–*** “Your will be done (Mayewnziewe)”

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:** *Scott Litwiller*

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

**Song leader:** *Ellen Kraybill*

**Prayer team:** *Lois Longenecker, Brent Eash*

**Spanish translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Visuals:** *Worship team*

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *None*

**Fellowship-15:** *TBA*

**Building lock-up:** *Ron Ringenberg*

AV technician: *Orion Blaha*

**SECOND HOUR:**

**Children**:

 *Kindergarten–Grade 4 – Lower Level*

*Grades 5-8 – Pedal Power Bike shop (see announcement)*

**Adults:**

 **Spanish Class/Discipleship** – *Lower level classroom*

 **“Sermon on the Mount” –** *Lower level classroom* – Nelson Kraybill

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Sermon:** *Josh Kinder*

**Worship Leader:** *Twilla Epp-Stutzman*

**Song Leader:** *Kyle Weirich*

**Children’s time:** *TBA*

**Prayer team:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger, Frances Ringenberg*

**Visuals:** *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeter: *Mary Kathryn Miller*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *Sidney Hawkins*

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

AV technician: *Nick Bouwman*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pastor Nelson will be out of the office this week as he travels to Paraguay and Argentina. Joy will also be out of the office for vacation this week. Please direct any concerns to Pastor Frances or Pastor Carolyn.**

**Thanks to everyone** who brought items or donated money to make relief kits for MCC.  We were able to complete 50 kits with your kind help.  Many thanks from the Women’s Service Circle.

**Another Work Day** is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 from 9:00am to Noon.  Thank you to all who came to help yesterday. The work will continue on the outdoor patio space.

**This fall, grade 5-8 Sunday school** will be working on bicycles in the garage next door to the church. Since this activity will involve dirt and grease, regular attenders should have a change of clothes that can get messy. We will have some aprons for visitors. We hope to have fun serving together. --your teachers, Karl, Nick, and Allan

**If you are not a member** at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, we invite you to explore the possibility of making that commitment. We expect to have at least four noon-time gatherings for persons exploring membership--on October 8 and 22, and November 5 and 19 (note change in dates). These meetings will include lunch, storytelling, theological reflection, and orientation to PSMC church life. You are welcome to join these sessions, with no obligation to take the formal step of membership until you are ready. Talk to one of the pastors if you are interested.

**Remember the “My Coins Count” offering** each Sunday between now and the MCC Relief Sale on Friday, September 22. Their goal this year is to raise $500,000! If you’d like a pledge card to send a donation directly to the MCC office, please let Joy know.

**"Semillas de Paz: Seeds of Peace, the Story of Semilla Latin American Anabaptist Seminary"** A new documentary on Semilla Latin American Seminary will be shown in Umble Center at Goshen College on Saturday, September 9 at 7:30pm. For more information, see Charlie Geiser.

**River Revival: Does God care about the Elkhart River?** Doug Kaufman, pastor of Benton Mennonite Church, says yes! And he will lead us through Biblical passages that demonstrate that concern. How do you relate to the Elkhart River? On Saturday, October 7 we will explore with the Bible in the one hand and the river on the other hand. On Sunday, October 8 we will see God’s vision for a renewed river. Stay tuned for details on specific times and locations.