**Attendance last Sunday:** 70

**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

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

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

**Thursday noon** – Bulletin items due

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**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



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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 10, 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

### *Sing the Journey 22* – “By the waters of Babylon”

### Call to Worship

**SINGING**

***Hymnal* 36 *–*** “God of our strength”

***Hymnal* 229 *–*** “Lord, you have come to the lakeshore”

**CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Josh Kinder

**Scripture reading:** Hosea 5:13 – 6:3; Mark 1:12-13

**Sermon:** Josh Kinder

”O Lord, Mother, Bear”

#### RESPONDING

***Sing the Story* 50** – “Woza nomthwalo wakho”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Anna Ruth Hershberger

**Offering**

**Pastoral prayer:** Frances Ringenberg

#### SENDING

***Sing the Story* 124 *–*** “My soul cries out”

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:** *Twilla Epp-Stutzman*

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

**Song leader:** *Kyle Weirich*

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

**Spanish translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Visuals:** *Worship team*

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeter:** *Mary Kathryn Miller*

**Hall monitor:** *Jerry Miller*

**Church nursery:** *Sidney Hawkins*

**Fellowship-15:** *TBA*

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

AV technician: *Nick Bouwman*

**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: Summer Sunday**

**Sermon:** *Frances Ringenberg*

**Worship Leader:**

**Song Leader:** *Carolyn Smith*

**Prayer team:**

**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:** *Jim Bixler*

AV technician: *Brian Sutter*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**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.

**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.

**South Asia Flooding:** MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. More information at mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief.

**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.

**Next Sunday:** Our Creation Series continues with **Land Sunday**. A writing exercise is available to help you engage this theme – see Pastor Frances. Also let her know if you have a story, song, or reflection on the theme of “Land”.

**Pastor Carolyn** is on vacation September 10-18, returns to the office on the 19th. **Pastor Nelson** continues on Mennonite World Conference travels until the 19th.