**Attendance last Sunday:** 91

**General Fund offering:** $3,310.01+year-to-date = $121,523.64

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

**Nehemiah Fund pledges:** $167,555.28; received to date:$156,455.28

##### THIS WEEK

**Today, noon** – Membership exploration lunch

**Monday, 4:30/5:30/6:30pm** – Music Together classes

**Monday, 6:30pm** – MVS Support Committee

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

**Wednesday, 4:30pm** – Rhythm kids class

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

**Thursday, 8:30am** – Open Circle & Friends, Granma’s House of Pancakes

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

**Thursday noon** – Bulletin items due

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

**Thursday, 6:30pm** – Elders meeting

**Friday, 6:00pm** – Anabaptist Disabilities Network Banquet

**Sunday, 5:30pm** – Sojourners & Friends

**COMING EVENTS - October**

**19** – Elkhart Bible study, 1:30pm

**20 & 21** – MCC Comforter Bash, Pleasant View Mennonite Church

**22** – Membership exploration lunch



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

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**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, October 8, 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* 14 – “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

### Call to Worship

**SINGING**

***Bulletin insert –*** “Down by the Riverside”

***Sing the Journey* 49 *–*** “Rain down”

**CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

#### HEARING THE WORD

**Children’s time:** Doug Kaufman

**Scripture reading:** Revelation 22:1-5

**Sermon:** Doug Kaufman

”The River of the Water of Life”

#### RESPONDING

***Hymnal* 372** – “O healing river”

**Sharing joys and concerns:** Nelson Kraybill

**Offering – *Sing the Journey* 79** – “As I went down to the river to pray”

**Pastoral prayer:** Carolyn Gardner Hunt

#### SENDING

***Hymnal* 611 *–*** “Soon and very soon”

Benediction: Nelson Kraybill

*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:** *Anna Ruth Hershberger*

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

**Song leader:** *Carolyn Smith*

**Prayer team:** *Nelson Kraybill, Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

**Spanish translator:** *Martin Miranda*

**Visuals:** *Worship team*

**Usher:** *Becky Miller*

**Greeter:** *Rachel Denlinger*

**Hall monitor:** *TBA*

**Church nursery:** *Sidney Hawkins*

**Fellowship-15:** *TBA*

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

AV technician: *Brian Sutter*

**SECOND HOUR:**

**Children**:

*Kindergarten–Grade 4 – Lower Level*

*Grades 5-8 – Pedal Power Bike shop*

**Adults:**

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

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

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Sermon:** *Carolyn Gardner Hunt*

**Worship Leader:** *Brian Sutter*

**Song Leader:** *Ellen Kraybill*

**Prayer team:** *Frances Ringenberg, Lois Longenecker*

**Visuals:** *Worship team*

Pre-service music: *Music team/instruments*

Usher: *Becky Miller*

Greeters: *Al & Lois Longenecker*

Hall monitor: *Jerry Miller*

Church nursery: *Sidney Hawkins*

**Building lock-up:** *Jim Bixler*

AV technician: *Orion Blaha*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**The River Revival theme will be continued this evening at 6:00pm,** gathering at Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship (925 Oxford). **Questions?** Talk with Anna Ruth Hershberger.

**Today:** If you’re interested in exploring church membership, plan to stay for lunch at noon for the first class.

**Please note:** The Mennonite Women Service Circle will meet on the second Thursday of the month in October (12) and November (9). We meet at 9:30am, share a lunch together, and are finished by 1:30pm. All women of the church are welcome to join us.

**Phyllis Weaver,** widow of Don Weaver, turns 90 this month on October 13. We'd like to remember Phyllis by singing for her on Sunday, October 15 at Brentwood in Elkhart. We also will sing for **Jeannine Mann** at Golden Living in Elkhart. Both these dears ones have a long history at Prairie Street. The group would grab a quick lunch together somewhere after Sunday school. Please let Pastor Frances know if you can join in this event so we know if enough are available to carry a good tune!

**The October issues** of the Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine and the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference prayer memo are available now on the table in the narthex. Remember to pray for our sister churches in conference and the ministries of MMN around the world.

**The E3 Survival Skills for Life** program that is a partnership between Amigo Centre and Goshen Middle School is in need of male mentors. To learn more about how you can become a mentor check out the link to the E3 program on the Amigo website.

**Handmade and international gifts that support missions:**  Mark your calendars now for the CMI Bazaar/Beautiful Things Marketplace on Sunday afternoon, November 12, at Ellen and Nelson Kraybill’s home. Your purchases support Tina Stoltzfus Horst as she coaches cross cultural workers, and provide essential funding for Coaching Mission International’s work around the world. There are many creative people at PSMC!  If you are one, and have items you’d like to **donate** to benefit missions leaders, consider giving an item or two (or more!) to the CMI Bazaar/Beautiful Things Marketplace. Contact Tina Stoltzfus Horst at Tina@cmiprograms.org (or 534-0400) to donate.