



First Mennonite Church
Primera Iglesia Menonita
1208 "L" Street, P.O. Box 111
Reedley, CA 93654
November 20, 2011

Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.

Nuestra Visión es/Our Vision is:
"Hacer Más Y Mejores Discípulos Para Jesucristo"
"Make More and Better Disciples for Jesus Christ"
 Mateo 20:19-20 / Mathew 20:19-20

Vehículo de movilización / Mobilization vehicle of: "PESCAD"
Juan 1:40-45; Hechos 20:20; 1ra Timoteo 2:2;
Hechos 6:3; Salmos 22:5; Josué 6:5.
John 1:40-45; Acts 20:20; 1 Timothy 2:2; Acts 6:3;
Psalm 22:5; Joshua 6:5

November 20, 2011
10:45 a.m.

A United Service
Bridges to the Cross
Walking in Faith, Hope, and Love

Gathering in the House of the Lord

Prelude Music Eleanor Friesen
 Second Sonata (Mendelssohn)
 Choral Introit Church Choir
 Thank the Lord (Clausen)
 Gathering Words and Prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sharing our Thanksgiving Joys and the Concerns We Carry
 Praying for Each Other and the World Juan Montes and Stephen Penner

Praising God in Song and with our Gifts

Songs of Praise and Adoration PIM Worship Team
 Congregational Songs
 Morning Offering
 Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Fount of Grace (Bach)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading
 Matthew 18:19-20 and I Corinthians 13
 Proclamation Stephen Penner and Juan Montes
 Faith, Hope, and Love
 Choral Anthem Church Choir
 Esto Les Digo (Kinley Lange)

Sending

Benediction Wendell Rempel
 Postlude Eleanor Friesen

Welcome to our Worship Service This Morning If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book at the back of the church and accept a small gift prepared for you.

About This Morning's United Worship Service We welcome you to this morning's united worship service. On most Sundays at FMC we hold two worship services but today our English and Spanish services are united. This service will blend together elements of worship familiar in either of our normal worship services. Our service will begin with a time of congregational sharing and prayer. Our worship will include Ele Friesen's gifts at the church organ and two numbers by our church choir. All our congregational singing will be in one block, led by our PIM worship team. Feel free to stand or sit during the time of singing. Our two pastors, Juan Montes and Stephen Penner, will share the pulpit. We trust that this time of worship will be a blessing to all.

Esto Les Digo Towards the end of our worship service this morning the church choir will sing *Esto Les Digo*. This is a choral piece based on the words from Matthew 18:19-20, *where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also*. On this special Loyalty Day, where we gather in worship as a united body, the choir offers this gift, reminding us of God's presence among us as we journey through life's hills and valleys.

Church Loyalty Day Dinner Today! Following this morning's worship service everyone is invited to our annual Church Loyalty Day dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The traditional turkey dinner is being prepared by the kitchen crew at Sierra View Homes. An alternative vegetarian dinner plate is also offered today. We are grateful to all in the congregation who are bringing desserts to today's meal. Special thanks go to members of the Loyalty Day dinner committee for organizing today's meal. Members of the committee are: Brad and Jo Lynne Blake (chairpersons), Sebastian Andrade, Don and Ele Friesen, Paul and Ruth Buxman, and Ruben and Taylor Montes.

Sunday Worship Schedule The church council and deacons met on Tuesday evening following last Sunday evening's meeting about our Sunday worship schedule. The group agreed that beginning on January 8 we will hold our English language worship service at 9:30, followed by Christian Education at 11:00. Our Spanish language worship service will begin at noon. The group suggests that the new schedule be on the agenda at our 2012 mid-year business meeting to determine if some adjustments need to be made.

Volunteer Needed For many years Stella Bohn has capably served our congregation by handling our church payroll and attendant responsibilities. Stella is now resigning from this role and the church council is seeking a replacement. If you are interested in volunteering for this responsibility please talk to Wendell Rempel, Joleen Siebert, or Jerry Linscheid.

Nursery So that you can enjoy your worship experience with us, we have a staffed, early childhood nursery which is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

November 20 – Edith Montaña, Ramona Fraga

November 27 – Sharon Reimer, Margie Mireles

December 4 – Gail Harder, Katrina Mireles

Welcome Gifts If you can share a few jars of jam or jelly for our Sunday morning guests, it would be greatly appreciated. A BIG thank you for the donations we have received so far. *Ethel Harder*

The Office Will Be Closed over the Thanksgiving weekend (Thursday and Friday).

Deacon Nominations will be held next Sunday, November 27. Our current deacons are Ruth Buxman, Joleen Siebert, Dorothy Boldt, Maxi Ambriz, Larry Harder, and Fernando Contereras, Ruth Buxman and Joleen Siebert will be going off the board. Please prayerfully consider two new people to be on the board of deacons.

San Joaquin Chorale The annual San Joaquin Chorale concert, led by Roy Klassen and accompanied by Kevin Memley, will perform in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. They will be performing the world premiere of *Gloria in Excelsis* written by Kevin Memley. There is no charge for admission.

Inventory Reduction Sale—"Black Friday" sale at the World Handcrafts store. All regular-priced items (excluding food items) will be 75% off and items already on clearance will be an additional 25% off. Store hours are 10-5.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week Evaline Preheim (11/22); Arnold & Melva Ewy (11/25)

Actividades y Programas para Hoy / Activities and Programs for today:

Noviembre / November 20, 2011 After United Service Comida / Lunch "Loyalty Day / Día de Acción de Gracias.

Noviembre / November, 23, 2011 Invadir a Reedley de Oración, palabra y salvación. / Invasion of Reedley with prayer scripture and salvation

Noviembre / November 27, 2011. "Día De Mi Salario Para Cristo" My Salary for Christ Day. (Este fondo será compartido aqsi: 65% para rebajar los costos de Camp Keola y agragar un día. 15% será destinado para worship – Spirit Westcoast y jóvenes adultos)

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Esto Les Digo

Esto les digo,
esto les digo,
si dos de ustedes se ponen,
si dos de ustedes se ponen,
se ponen en acuerdo aquí en,
en la tierra para pedir,
pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo,
en el cielo, en el cielo,
se lo dará, se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres,
porque donde dos o tres,
se reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo,
allí estoy yo,
en medio de ellos,
medio de ellos.
Esto les digo,
esto les digo,
esto, esto,
esto les digo.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday

8:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Time in the Fireside Room
Christian Education Classes for all ages
United Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Loyalty Day Dinner
Sara Wenger-Shenk, AMBS President

Monday

12:00 p.m.

AA Meeting in Rooms 7 & 8

Tuesday

6:15 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

Anabaptist Prayer Time
Prayer Time in the Basement

Saturday

5:00 a.m.

Prayer Time in the Fireside Room

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Spanish Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall