



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA

November 22, 2009
10:45 a.m.

Church Loyalty Day 2009
Breathe and Be Filled
Celebrating God's Love

Gathering in the House of God

Music for Gathering

Prelude in E Minor (Bach)

Gathering Words and Prayer

Hymns and Songs of Praise

God is Here Among Us

In Christ There is no East or West

Eleanor Friesen

Barbara Boldt

WH 16

WH 306

God's Love, our Church

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

Choral Anthem

Esto Ies Digo (Lange)

A Short Meditation in English

Many Gifts, One Body

Choral Anthem

God is Our Sure Confidence (Bach)

Church Choir

Stephen Penner

Church Choir

Sharing with our Children

Children's Time

Praising God in Word and Song

Songs of Praise

Especial Son (Special Song)

A Short Meditation in Spanish

Que es lo que Tienes Dentro de Ti

2da Juan 1:4

PIM Worship Band

Luz Rios

Sebastian Andrade

Sharing and Praying

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings

A Thanksgiving Prelude (Callahan)

Recognizing PSMC and MC USA Involvements

Congregational Sharing

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Sending

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

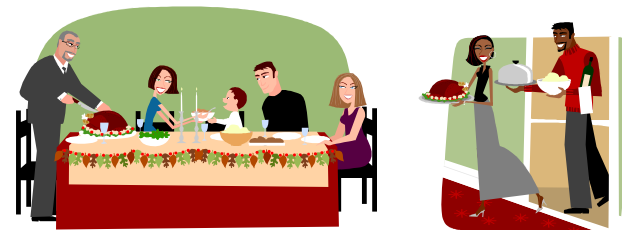
Now Thank We All Our God (Karg-Elert)

PIM Worship Band

Juan Montes

Church Loyalty Day

Today we celebrate and give thanks at our Annual Church Loyalty Day Dinner. After the service, everyone is invited to a turkey dinner in the church Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted at the meal.



Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. If you are visiting with us today we ask that you sign the guest book at the back of the church and that you please accept a small gift prepared just for you. The gift can be found in a basket on the back table!

The Oil Lamp at the front of our meeting place symbolizes our prayers for peace between our country and neighbors around the world.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available from the audio operator.

About This Morning's Worship Service Normally on Sunday mornings our church has two separate worship services, one in English and one in Spanish. But today we are meeting for a united worship service on this, our Church Loyalty Day. Our music this morning will include in songs in English and Spanish, the two primary languages of our congregation. We will sing in Spanish and English and our church choir will share two pieces with us. We trust that this service will glorify God and bless all who worship and fellowship here today.

The Choir is Singing "Esto les Digo" This Morning Our church choir is singing a selection by Lange this morning. The words are in Spanish and are based on the words of Jesus found in Matthew 18:19-20. These verses read: *...if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*

Later Today We are glad that you have joined us for this special Loyalty Day service of worship at our church. Following this morning's worship service our annual Loyalty Day dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us around the table!

November 29, 2009 This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. During our worship service we will light the first Advent candle as we begin our trek towards Christmas and the coming of the Christ child into our world. Laura Neufeld will offer the proclamation this morning. In our Spanish language service we will light the first Advent candle and Juan Montes will bring the morning message.

December 6, 2009 This is the second Sunday of Advent. During our Spanish language service Juan Montes will speak and we will sing with joy as a congregation. During our English language service Stephen Penner will be preaching and the church choir will sing.

Memorial Service The memorial service for Elmer Schmidt will be held at Sierra View Homes on November 28 at 2 p.m. Elmer was 93 years old at the time of his death on November 12.

Pastoral Absence Steve Penner will be out of the office this Wednesday through Friday on holiday.

Joys and Concerns Today, after the worship service, we will eat around tables laden with food. During this Thanksgiving season families and friends will gather together around the table. The food we eat, which sustains our bodies, is a blessing from God. But even as we eat we remember that in our town, our country, and our world, there are folks without much to eat. We eat with joy, but we maintain mindful minds and hearts, ready to do our part for those in need.

Nursery Workers are greatly appreciated. The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

November 22 – Alexis Sandoval, Glenna Penner

November 29 – Kate Milton, Guillermina Ibarra

December 6 – Peggy Unruh, Graciela Sandoval

If you are unable to take your turn on the scheduled day, please trade with someone.

Fellowship Time Everyone is invited to come to the kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. after the Sunday School Hour for a time of food and fellowship. The following people are scheduled to help with coffee prep and bring food on the following Sundays:

November 22 – Loyalty Day (no fellowship time today)

November 29 – Georgia & Allen Linscheid (coffee); Hope Nisly (food)

December 6 – Annie & Jim Compton-Schmidt (coffee); Ligia Franco (food)

If you are unable to take your turn on the scheduled day, please trade with someone.

Lessons & Carols by FPU Music Department is being performed at the First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd in Fresno today at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Peace Center Friday, November 27 and Saturday, November 28, Sweet Home Ranch Annual Art Show and Holiday Gift Sale, featuring Paul Buxman original oil paintings, lithographs and art cards; farm crafted foods and gifts from Sweet Home ranch and neighboring farms; and tractor pulled hay rides for kids and adults. Enjoy the beauty of the farm, the tastes of home, and visits with neighbors and friends. The ranch is located at 4399 Avenue 400 in Dinuba.

A Word of Thanks I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and visits that I received while I was in the hospital and at Sierra View Homes for rehab. I want to especially thank Pastor Steve for the visit he made. It was all greatly appreciated. *Bernice Isaak*

Open House at World Handcrafts You are invited to a special evening at World Handcrafts, 1012 G Street in Reedley from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, November 27. All nativities and Christmas items will be on display.

The San Joaquin Chorale with Roy Klassen conducting will be performing in a concert here on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. They will be singing Christmas choral music from around the world, including new arrangements and traditional carols. There is no charge for admission, however, a freewill offering will be taken.

Join the Fellowship Sunday School Class to study the book *Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence* by Terrence J. Rynne. The Fellowship class will begin this study on December 6 and continue for (at least) the rest of the winter quarter. For more information or to order a book, please contact Don Friesen by mid-November. You are invited to join the Fellowship class for this study.

Our Old Beautiful Benches Over the years we have removed pews from our sanctuary. These old, beautiful benches now take up space in our church basement. The church council has asked the trustees to find a graceful way of getting rid of these classic pews. If you are interested in having one of the pews, please contact John Krahn (638-9617) or Paul Reimer (638-3968).

Housing Needed A Christian college girl needs a place to live while she attends Reedley College next semester. If you know of a place or have a room she can rent from the first week of January until the end of the semester, please call Earl or Julie Lambdin at (760) 876-4143 or e-mail them at lamb@lonepinetv.com.

MDS Needs Your Help There is an urgent need for volunteers to package and distribute food for the people displaced by the water shortage on the West Side of Fresno County. For more information and/or to sign up to help, please call Dana Wilkie at 237-3663 or email her at dwilkie@communityfoodbank.net.

PIM Anuncios

Hoy: 7:00 PM. "Red De Apoyo Matrimonial" – Habrá cuidado para niños

Servicio de Alabanza, Oración y Entrenamiento Cristiano.
Diciembre 5, 2009 Giovanni Ríos. En Concierto de "Celebración Y Júbilo". Por primera vez en Reedley.

Próximos Eventos:

Enero 2, 2010. Por Primera vez en Reedley y en Concierto Erick Porta.

Nota: Todos los Miércoles de 12:00-12:45 PM. Enseño un estudio bíblico en el River Packing. 7:00-8:30 PM Oración Estudio Bíblico.

Viernes y sábados. 7:00 PM, Actividades variadas para jóvenes.

Sábados de 5:00-6:00 PM. Instalación del sistema de sonido.

6:00-9:00 PM. Ensayo del Grupo de Alabanza

Loa domingos de 9:30-10:30 AM Escuela De Capacitación Y Entrenamiento Dominical

10:45: 12:30 PM Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 22, 2009

8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. United Worship Service in the Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Church Loyalty Day Dinner
6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

Tuesday, November 24

6:15 a.m. Anabaptist Prayer Gathering

Sunday, November 29

8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. English Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Spanish Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 5 San Joaquin Chorale Performance
Dec. 10 FPU Ensemble Performance
Dec. 20 Christmas Program 5PM
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service