

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November / Noviembre 20**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. United Worship Service / Servicio Alabanza y Adoración
- 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Sunday Fellowship Meal

**Monday, November / Noviembre 21**

- 7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

**Tuesday, November / Noviembre 22**

- 9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2

**Wednesday, November / Noviembre 23**

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Sunday, November / Noviembre 27**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Curso Cuidado Pastoral
- 10:45 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
- 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)
- 11:50 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services



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

Cuestra Visión es / Our Vision is:

*Hacer Más Y Mejores Discípulos Para Jesucristo*

*Increasing Disciples for Jesus Christ in Depth and Numbers*

Our Mission: Vehículo de Movilización / Mobilization Vehicle of: PESCAD

**10:30 a.m.**

*Unidos de Cristo*

### Thanksgiving Sunday Worship

#### **Tiempo de Preparacion/Preparing for Worship**

Gathering Music	Eleanor Friesen
<i>The Faithful Sheperd</i> (Handel)	
Bienvenida/Welcome	Lance Zimmerman
Oracion de Apertura/Opening Prayer	
Scripture Reading	
<i>Acts 2:43-47/Hechos 2:43-47</i>	
Choral Anthem	Church Choir
<i>With a Voice of Singing</i> (Shaw)	

#### **Alabemos Dios Juntos/Praising God Together**

Cantos de Alabanzas/Songs of Praise	Grupo de Alabanza/Worship Team
Bringing our Tithes and Offerings/Diezmos y Offrendas	
Prayer/Oracion	
Cantos de Fe/Songs of Faith	
<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	WH 521
<i>Amazing Grace!</i>	WH 143

#### **Olgamos de Palabra de Dios/Listening to God's Word**

Time with our Children/Tiempo con los Ninos	Barbara Ewy
Predica/Sermon	Juan Montes and Stephen Penner
<i>Day by Day, They Spent Time Together</i>	
<i>Dia por Dia, Pasamos Tiempos Juntos</i>	

#### **Bendicion/Benediction**

Bendicion/Benediction	Juan Montes
Canto de Fe/Song of Faith	
<i>Guide My Feet</i>	WH 546

**Welcome to Our Service of Worship** We are so glad you have joined us today to participate in this service of worship. Please know that regardless of where you have come from, or what you have experienced in the past, we welcome you. If you have a particular prayer concern, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of the deacons or pastors. If you are visiting today, we are glad you are here.

**Nursery** A staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

**Fellowship Meal Today** Following our united worship service today we will enjoy a wonderful fellowship meal in the Fellowship Hall. Gluten-free and vegetarian meals will be available upon request.

**Christmas Shopping** Tagua, a fair trade store, will be is our campus on today. It will be open after our Thanksgiving dinner until 3:00 p.m. You can shop for jewelry, home decor, hand-woven African baskets, Indian saris up-cycled into jewelry, olivewood nativities from Bethlehem, and much, much more. this is a great opportunity to shop for unique Christmas gifts that support the efforts of artisans and farmers around the world.

**Deacon Discernment** It is time for our annual deacon discernment process. Nomination forms are available in your bulletin and on the back table. Nominations for up to three deacons can be submitted through Sunday, November 27. Lance Zimmerman and Ted Loewen are concluding their three year terms as deacons with the end of this calendar year. Both have indicated they will not serve an additional term.

**Advent Begins Next Sunday** Next Sunday, November 27, is the first Sunday of Advent. Next Sunday, and during the weeks to follow, we will sing songs of the season as we journey towards the Bethlehem manger scene and our annual celebration of the birth of Jesus our Lord.

**The Syrian Refugee Potluck-Supper Welcome Event** The Syrian Refugee Potluck event, scheduled for December 3, has been postponed. It will likely be rescheduled for early 2017.

**The West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale** is bringing back the "Outside Auction." They are looking for good condition yard sale items to be auctioned off at their next sale. It is the 50th anniversary of the sale. If you need more information, or have items that need to be picked up, call Vern Willems at 559-246-1518. See you at the sale April 7-8, 2017!

**Caroling to the Tree** Join others in the community this Saturday, November 26, for Christmas Caroling starting at Pioneer Park at 5:00 p.m. and walking and singing down to 11th & G Streets where the Christmas Tree will be lit at 5:30 p.m.

**Annual Children's Christmas Program** Once again this year we will create a first century village scene in the Fellowship Hall for an inter-generational Christmas program. This will take place on Sunday evening, December 18.

**MCC Relief Kits** MCC has a significant need for relief kits. The Mission and Service Committee invites you to make a kit. These kits are shipped to places of need around the world. In recent times, kits have been sent to Iraq, Syria, and Ukraine. They have been shared with Syrian refugees living in camps in Lebanon and Jordan. The kits can be delivered straight to West Coast MCC or brought to church. Here are the ingredients:

- 4 large bars bath soap
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo (13–24 oz; place in resealable plastic bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap (Some stores carry Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote® brands)
- 4 adult-size toothbrushes
- 4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colors)
- 2 wide-tooth combs (6–8 in)
- 1 fingernail clipper (good quality)
- 1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40 count, assorted)
- 1 package sanitary pads (18–24 count **thin** maxi)

**Prayer Vine** Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships..