

uestra 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

**11:55 a.m.**  
Dirige: Carmen Montes

Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. This congregation is based securely in Jesus Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit. May you enjoy this family of God.

"Nada es más desastroso que un ministro predicando un evangelio adulterado a un pueblo ciego, sordo y sin discernimiento. / Nothing is more disastrous than a minister preaching a gospel adulterated to a blind people, and without discernment."  
Charles Spurgeon.

**Mira con cuidado los planes que Dios tiñe para ti /**  
**Look carefully at the plans God has planned for you**  
Romanos 5:7-12

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer                      Coordinador / Leader  
Bienvenida / Welcome    Coordinador / Leader

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together**

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy                                      Leonard, David  
Cantos de Alabanzas - Celebración                      Grupo de Alabanza  
Singing of Praise - Celebration                              Worship Team  
Cantos de Adoración    Grupo de Alabanza  
Songs of Adoration    WorshipTeam  
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings              Coordinador / Leader

**Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let Us Listen to God's Word:**

Predica / Sermon    Rubén Montes

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying  
Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran,  
Gerardo Aguilar.

**Hoy:**

5:00 p.m. Futbol hoy / Soccer today en el sport park

**Reserve Estas Fechas:**

Octubre 10, 7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles.  
Octubre 11, 7:00 p.m. Reunión Relieser  
Octubre 12, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3- Estudio Bíblico /  
También, Kid's Club. (traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)  
Octubre 13, 7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos  
Octubre 16, 6:00pm. Red De Apoyo Matrimonial (Erick Porta En Concierto  
Trayendo una palabra a los matrimonios)  
Octubre 18, 7:00pm Reunión Conilio FMC/PIM.  
Octubre 19-22. Semana de obediencia a la Gran Comisión. Mateo 28:19-20  
Octubre 29, 7:00pm WHAT'S UP FAMILY. - No debes faltar

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, October / Octubre 9**

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

**Monday, October / Octubre 10**

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

**Tuesday, October / Octubre 11**

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2  
7:00 p.m. Reliser - PIM Leadership Meeting

**Wednesday, October / Octubre 12**

7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos  
7:00 p.m. "Bethel" PIM Young Adults  
7:00 p.m. Kids Club  
7:00 p.m. MYF  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

**Thursday, October / Octubre 13**

7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

**Friday, October / Octubre 14**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

**Sunday, October / Octubre 16**

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**Primera Iglesia Menonita**

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*October / Octubre 9, 2016*

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

9:30 a.m.

The Mission of God in a World of Complexity

## The Kingdom of Heaven

### Gathering for Worship

Gathering Music Eleanor Friesen

*Chanson de Nuit, Matin* (Elgar)

Welcome and Invocation Barbara Ewy

The Beatitudes

*Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness:*

*for they shall be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children*

*of God.*

*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:*

*for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* (King James Version)

Praising God in Song

*Here in This Place*

WH 6

Scripture Reading

*Matthew 5:17-20*

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*Treasures in Heaven* (Clokey)

### Sharing with Each Other

I've Known Blessings Oscar Ambriz

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings

*Pie Jesu* (Faure)

Sharing with Each Other

Morning Prayer Sharon Reimer

Prayer Song

*Longing for Light*

SJ 54

### Listening

Time with Our Children

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*The Call* (White)

Proclamation Steve Ratzlaff

*Conservative or Liberal?*

### Sending

Sending Song

*You Are Salt for the Earth*

WH 226

Benediction

Postlude

*Improvisation* (Saint-Saens)

**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.

**Welcome, Steve Ratzlaff** We are pleased that Steve Ratzlaff is joining us this morning to bring the morning proclamation. Prior to his retirement Steve pastored Mennonite congregations in Seattle, Lincoln, and Fresno.

**Pastoral Absence** Stephen Penner is in Dallas, Texas this weekend for Mennonite Mission Network meetings. He returns to town tomorrow evening.

**Pastor Evaluation Forms** The deacons are in the process of evaluating Pastor Steve for his next term of service. Please complete an evaluation form by October 23. These forms are on the back table in the sanctuary. Please put them in the box on the table when completed.

**Peace Center** Friday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Dean MacCannell, Professor Emeritus, UC Davis and author of the classic "The Tourist, A New Theory of the Leisure Class." The Goldschmidt Re-test: The Struggle to Preserve Acreage Limitations under Reclamation Law. In this presentation, MacCannell will tell the story of his arrival at the College of Agriculture in Davis in 1975 and how he was immediately swept up in the controversies over industrial scale farming in the Central Valley. He will share his scientific findings of the Goldschmidt "retest" and also the human side of his work including the enthusiasm of students, and the intimidation, death threats, a poisoning attempt, and efforts at getting him fired from the University by industry adversaries.

**Erick Porta in Concert** On Sunday evening, October 16, Erick Porta will return to our church to perform in our Fellowship Hall. Erick Porta is an accomplished singer/songwriter. Erick Porta has performed at our church several times in the past. He hails from Guatemala but now lives in Rancho Cucamonga. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**Faspa and Book Reading** You are invited for faspa and a book reading with Loretta Willems, hosted by Ruth Buxman, on Sunday evening, October 23, at 5:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

**Musica Viva** Following the Faspa and Book Reading in the Fellowship Hall, Musica Viva will perform at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

**2016 Election Forum** College Community Church (MB) is sponsoring a panel discussion on Sunday evening, October 23, at 7:00 p.m. Kent Klassen, Jeff Wall, and Alan Peters will be discussing the various ballot propositions for the November 8<sup>th</sup> general election.

**The Propositions on the November 8 Ballot—A Conversation** Would you like to talk with others about the propositions on the California ballot this November 8? Come and take part in a discussion of the propositions on Thursday evening, October 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery** The "Doctrine of Discovery" is a philosophical and legal framework dating to the 15<sup>th</sup> century that gave Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize indigenous lands and dominate Indigenous Peoples. Mennonite Community Church and Mennonite Peacemakers are sponsoring a couple of Sunday evening events to explore this further. On Sunday evening, October 23, the film The Doctrine of Discovery: in the name of Christ" will be shown and a discussion, led by Erica Littlewolf, will follow. On Sunday evening, October 30, a presentation out of the Africa context will be offered by Sublime and Rachel Mabilia. Both of these events will take place at Mennonite Community Church in Fresno at 7:00 p.m.

### Pastoral Leadership Congregational Conversation on October 30

The Board of Deacons is calling for a congregational gathering on Sunday evening, October 30, to discuss pastoral leadership at our church into the future. This conversation will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Nine Volunteers Still Needed** Interested in a meaningful week of serving in a beautiful setting? Mennonite Disaster Service is partnering with Camp Keola (a Mennonite summer camp) to clear six felled trees from their property at Huntington Lake. Work will take place October 17-21 and involve removing branches, chipping them and spreading the chips, and making firewood. Cooks are also needed. Come for a few days or the whole week. Meals and lodging provided. Contact Richard Unruh for more information and to volunteer (at [rsunruh@fresno.edu](mailto:rsunruh@fresno.edu) or (559) 255-5560).

**Haiti Relief** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew, which crossed the country Oct. 4. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit [mcc.org/hurricane-matthew](http://mcc.org/hurricane-matthew); call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

**The Peace Lab Podcast** The Mennonite and the Peace and Justice Support Network are sponsoring a new podcast, "The Peace Lab Podcast." You can find it at the PJSN website. The current podcast features Erica Littlewolf and discusses the Doctrine of Discovery, Standing Rock, Native Mennonite Ministries and more.

**Prayer Vine** Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this continent. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network personnel who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.