

*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*

**11:55 a.m.**  
Dirige: Palma Nohemí

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.

"Puedes dar sin amar, pero no puedes amar sin dar. / You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving."  
*Glen Wheeler*

**Mira con cuidado los planes que Dios tiñe para ti /  
Look carefully at the plans God has planned for you**  
Marcos 8:22-26

**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 Mireles & Rubén Montes  
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    Jordan Penner

*Jesus y el Hombre Ciego / Jesus and the Blind Man*

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

**Hoy:**

6:00 p.m. MCC Bolivia with Jordan Penner & Jenny Regier

**Reserve Estas Fechas:**

Septiembre 19, 7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles.  
Septiembre 20, 7:00 p.m. Reunión Concilio de la Iglesia  
Septiembre 21, 7:00 p.m 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3- Estudio Bíblico /  
También, Kid's Club. (traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)  
Septiembre 22, 7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos  
Septiembre 25, 6:00 p.m. Pastor Juan Montes hablando de Colombia

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, September / Septiembre 18**

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  
6:00 p.m. MCC Bolivia with Jordan Penner & Jenny Regier

**Monday, September / Septiembre 19**

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

**Tuesday, September / Septiembre 20**

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2  
7:00 p.m. Council

**Wednesday, September / Septiembre 21**

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, September / Septiembre 22**

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

**Friday, September / Septiembre 23**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

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**Primera Iglesia Menonita**

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*September / Septiembre 18, 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 Beatitudes -- 2**

### **Gathering for Worship**

Gathering Music Fiddlenecks

Welcome and Invocation Ruth Buxman

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

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* WH 369

Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 61:1-4*

Choral Anthem

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (Rutter) Church Choir

### **Sharing with Each Other**

I've Known Blessings Marty Zimmerman

Bringing our Tithes and Offerings

Sharing with Each Other

Morning Prayer Stephen Penner

Prayer Song

*God Remembers* SJ 107

### **Listening**

Time with our Children

Choral Anthem

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown* (Marshall)  
(Words by Albert Schweizer) Church Choir

Proclamation

*Comfort for the Mourning* Stephen Penner

### **Sending**

Sending Song

*Blest are They* SJ 94

Benediction

Postlude

**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.

**Early Worship Service in the Fall** During these Fall Sundays, our early service will focus on the Beatitudes found in Matthew 5, the first verses of the Sermon on the Mount. Steve Penner will do most of the preaching in the Fall but we will have two special guest speakers during these months, Steve Ratzlaff on October 9 and Clare Ann Ruth-Heffelbower on October 30.

**Pastor Juan Montes at Camp Keola** Pastor Juan Montes spent a good part of this weekend at Camp Keola attending Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference board meetings. He is a member of the PSMC board.

**Opportunity to Discuss Pastor Steve Penner's Evaluation with the Deacons** There will be several deacons in the Library following this morning's worship service to talk with anyone who would like to discuss any questions raised from the deacon letter that's available on the back table regarding Pastor Steve Penner's upcoming evaluation.

**Child Care Provider/Teacher** Our church is seeking to engage a new Child Care Provider/Teacher. This is a part-time paid position. The Child Care Provider/Teacher serves as a child care provider during our early worship service and as a teacher during our late worship service. The job description is available in the church office. For more information please speak with Ligia Duran or Barbara Ewy.

**Memorial Service for Helen Krause** The memorial service for Helen Krause, Jim Krause's mother, will be held this coming Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church. We extend our condolences to Jim and Ruthanne, his dad Walter, and the entire family.

**Our Condolences** Wendell Rempel, long-time member of our church, former pastor at our church, and beloved administrator at Sierra View Homes for many years, died in Kansas on September 9. A memorial service was held at Bethel College Mennonite Church on Friday of this week. It is anticipated that at an undetermined later date there will be a service in Reedley. If you wish to send a card to Aleta, her address is:27 Lakewood Circle, North Newton, KS 67117.

**Jordan Penner and Jenny Regier on Bolivia** Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Jenny Regier and Jordan Penner will be sharing about their three years with Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia.

**Upcoming Sunday Evening Programs** Next Sunday evening, September 25, Pastor Juan Montes will share about his recent three month sabbatical in Colombia. The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall and will begin at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday evening, October 2, also in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m., a pre-recorded hour and a half long webinar with Dr. Loren Johns, New Testament professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be presented. The topic of the webinar is "How We Got the Bible." This webinar quickly and in an interesting manner recounts the story of how the precious book we hold in our hands came to be.

**Peace Center** Friday, September 23, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Scott Peters, Professor of Development Sociology at Cornell University specializing in Community Development and Public Engagement. *What is the Role of the Scholar in a Democracy?* Peters will trace the debate about the ways scholars have pursued their conflicting roles as academics and citizens.

**All Church Work Day** The trustees are calling a work day for October 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tasks will include deeper cleaning of the sanctuary and the education wing and some outdoor clean-up.

**Adult Sunday School Classes in the Fall** Several adult Sunday School classes meet on our campus every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. You are always welcome to join any class. Here are the classes and what they are studying in the Fall.

*Koinonia Class:* The class is studying *Trouble I've Seen* by Drew Hart. The Koinonia Class meets in the church basement but is discussing a move to a more accessible location.

*Fellowship Class:* In September the class is finishing their current study of *Nonviolence: The History of a Dangerous Idea* by Mark Kurlansky. In October the topic will be *The Grief Process and Addiction* (e.g. Kubler-Ross and Wilson-Schaef) and will be taught by Jim Compton-Schmidt. In November the class will begin a study of *How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian* by John Dominic Crossan. This class meets in Rooms 7 and 8.

*Spanish Language Class* This class is continuing their every other week pattern of studying *Dialoguemos* by Barry Bartel one week and focusing on Christian Formation the next week. The class meets in Room 5.

*Encountering the Divine Along the Way:* This class uses personal stories as a means of examining our faith. Paul and Ruth Buxman lead this class and it meets in Room 10.

**Prayer Vine** Today, Mennonite Church USA congregations are invited to celebrate Peace Sunday with resources created by Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for God's wisdom as we challenge the violence that continues to be our culture's all-too-frequent response to conflict.

**MCC Relief Kits** MCC has a significant need for relief kits. These kits are shipped to places of need around the world. 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)