

**11:55 a.m.**  
 Dirige: Irma Aguilar

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.

" Mi mayor siembra seguir plantando, en el reino de Dios. / My greatest sowing is to continue planting, in the kingdom of God " J.V Montes

Lectura Biblica  
 Proverbios 3:6-12

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**  
 Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Coordinador  
 Bienvenida / Welcome Coordinador

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together**  
 Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy David Aguilar  
 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

**Oigamos la Palabra de Dios / Let Us Listen to God's Word:**  
 Oración por el Predicador / Prayer for the Preacher Coordinador  
 Predica / Sermon Pastor: J.V. Montes  
*Secreto De Prosperidad / Secret of Prosperity*

**Hoy:**  
 6:00 p.m. "Pérdida de la Isla de la Tortuga" con Katerina Friesen  
 "Loss of Turtle Island" with Katerina Friesen

**Reserve Estas Fechas Para Septiembre / September 2017**  
 Septiembre 26, 7:00 p.m. Reunión de Educación  
 Septiembre 27, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3- Estudio bíblico, Salón social, Español y salón #6 English. También Kid's Club. (traigan sus hijos a esta reunión. ¿Quieres predicar en Miércoles?, habla con el pastor.  
 Septiembre 28, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, September / Septiembre 24**  
 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)  
 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración / Worship Services  
 6:00 p.m. "Loss of Turtle Island" with Katerina Friesen

**Monday, September / Septiembre 25**  
 6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

**Tuesday, September / Septiembre 26**  
 9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2  
 7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September / Septiembre 27**  
 7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos  
 7:00 p.m. Kids Club  
 7:00 p.m. MYF  
 7:00 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, September / Septiembre 28**  
 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

**Friday, September / Septiembre 29**  
 6:30 p.m. Peace Center  
 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Library

**Sunday, October / Octubre 1**  
 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary  
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*Emphasizing Christ-centered community and the Jesus way of service and peacemaking.*

**9:30 a.m.**

*Love is a Verb*  
**Love in Action**

**Gathering for Worship**

Gathering Music	Eleanor Friesen
<i>Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Fount of Grace</i> (Bach)	
Choral Introit	Church Choir
<i>Behold Now, Praise</i> (Titcomb)	
Welcome and Prayer	Christine Moyer
Sharing the Peace of Christ	
Gathering Hymns of Joy and Praise	
<i>We Sing to You, O God</i>	SJ 1
<i>Over My Head</i>	SJ18

**Sharing Our Gifts, Our Lives**

A Different Perspective	
<i>All Alone</i>	
Congregational Sharing	
Morning Prayer	Stephen Penner
Praying in Song	
<i>Who Has Known the Mind of Jesus</i>	SJ 58
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings	
<i>Pastorale</i> (Purvis)	

**Listening for God's Voice**

Time with Our Children	
Scripture Reading	
<i>Matthew 22:34-40 and Matthew 5:38-45</i>	
Choral Anthem	Church Choir
<i>See What Love</i> (Mendelssohn)	
Proclamation	Steve Ratzlaff
<i>Love is an "Action" Verb</i>	
Responding in Song	
<i>Heart With Loving Heart United</i>	WH 420

**Sending**

Benediction	
Postlude	
<i>Lead On O King Eternal</i> (Helman)	

**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** 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. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Debra Lyons; October 1 - Christy Zimmerman; October 8 - Edith Montano.

**Welcome to Steve Ratzlaff** We welcome Steve Ratzlaff to our worship service this morning. During his pastoral ministry years Steve served congregations in Seattle, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Fresno. Steve has been and continues to be a passionate advocate for God's just peace to reign in our world. Besides pastoral ministry, Steve has worked with inner-city youth, spent time with CPT, and served with MCC in Bolivia.

**"Loss of Turtle Island"** Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall come and experience the participatory learning exercise "Loss of Turtle Island." This exercise depicts the historic relationship between European settlers—including Mennonites—and the Indigenous nations, the original inhabitants, of the land we now call the United States of America. Katerina Friesen will facilitate this learning experience.

**Soccer in the Sports Park** Most every Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. there is an open-to-all, male and female, soccer game held at the Reedley Sports Park. It's a great time for exercise. During the half-time break we take the opportunity to share our faith and enjoy fellowship with each other.

**Next Sunday at FMC** During next week's Sunday morning worship service Lance Zimmerman will be our worship leader, Barbara and Suzi Ewy will provide music, and Stephen Penner will bring the morning proclamation.

**Peace Center** Friday, September 29, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Don Linscheid. Topic: *Why the Lion Cannot Lie Down With the Lamb: Christian Peacemaker Team Experience in Israel / Palestine.*

**Thursday Evening Prayer Gatherings** Beginning on Thursday evening, October 5 and continuing into early December, all are invited to weekly gatherings centered around prayer. This is an opportunity to think about prayer, reflect on prayer, and pray. The conversation will be led by Malcolm and Tina Mitchinson beginning at 7:00 p.m. Richard Foster's book, *Prayer/ Finding the Heart's True Home*, will be used and can be purchased by signing up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. The October gatherings will take place at Paul and Sharon Reimer's home.

**Silent Meditation Group** Beginning Sunday October 8, a silent meditation group will begin to meet during the Sunday morning Christian Education hour. This gathering will take place in the basement prayer room. If you have any questions about this, contact David Krehbiel or Hope Nisly.

**Treasurer's Note** The end of August brought us to the 2/3 mark in our church year. We have received \$124,000, mostly in donations, which represents generous support for our ministries. Thank you! We are keeping very close to our budget, but we have a deficit of \$35,000 and will probably need about \$115,000 in additional giving by the end of the year to equal our expenses. Let's all consider the work of our church and what we can contribute to these ministries as we plan our giving for the rest of the year.

**Need a Job?** Your retail management skills are needed to further God's kingdom. Tagua, a nonprofit fair trade gift store, is seeking a manager to operate a brick and mortar store opening this Fall in Fresno. Tagua's mission is to support marginalized artisans worldwide by marketing their beautiful creations. For information go to [taguafairtrade.org](http://taguafairtrade.org).

**Responding to Emergency Needs** One is easily overwhelmed trying to take in the series of hurricanes ravaging the Caribbean and Florida, the tragic earthquake in Mexico, not to mention the ongoing human toll in South Sudan, Iraq, Syria, and the Congo. One way to respond is through Mennonite Central Committee. A trip to the MCC web site gives further information on these parts of the world, and more, and how you can respond.

**MDS Responds to Hurricane Victims** Please pray for the survivors of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. MDS has begun work in Bloomington, Texas and has an investigation team heading to Florida. MDS is accepting financial donations. To donate, send your check to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543.

**MCC Responds to Hurricane Irma Damage in Cuba and Haiti** Hurricane Irma tore roofs from houses in Cuba and dashed houses to the ground. In Haiti, Irma's rain turned into flash floods that rushed into houses and caused families to escape in waist-high water. In both countries, crops, gardens and livestock were destroyed. Your gift to Mennonite Central Committee helps people in Cuba to rebuild and people in Haiti to recover. You can donate online at [donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response](http://donate.mcc.org/cause/hurricane-irma-response). Contributions can also be made by sending a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

**Prayer Vine** Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.