

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.

Dirige: Beth Guerrero

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.



Hoy:

3:00 p.m. Celebración de Pascua en la casa de Ligia Duran
Easter Celebration at Ligia Duran's home

Reserve Estas Fechas Para Abril / April

Abril 2, 7:00 p.m. Reunión Síndicos / Trustees Meeting
Abril 2, 7:00 p.m. Reunión del Comité de Misión y Servicio / Mission & Service Committee Meeting
Abril 3, 7:00 p.m. Reunión de Diáconos / Deacons Meeting
Abril 4, 6:00 p.m. Cene en el salón social / Dine Out
Abril 4, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3-También Kid's Club
(traigan sus hijos a esta reunión)
Abril 5, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos.
6:00- 6:27 p.m. Prayer and Bible Meditation
6:30-8:00 p.m. Practice of the Worship Group

Todos los domingos 5:00-6:00 a.m. Reunión de oración en la iglesia de
5:00-6:00 a.m. (Ven te esperamos usted es bienvenido (a))

Atención: Todos Los Jueves de 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Su Programa "Aroma De Café". 1210 AM / Listen every Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
"Coffee Aroma" Radio Program on 1210 AM

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Easter Sunday, April / Abril 1

5:00 a.m. Servicio de Oración Memorias De La Resurrección FH
8:30 a.m. Desayuno de Compañerismo y Celebración /
Fellowship and Celebration Breakfast
9:30 a.m. English Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Servicio De Alabanza y Adoración en el Salón Social
11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
3:00 p.m. Celebración de Pascua en la casa de Ligia Duran

Monday, April / Abril 2

6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles
7:00 p.m. Mission & Service Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April / Abril 3

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

Wednesday, April / Abril 4

6:00 p.m. Dine Out
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 Practice

Thursday, April / Abril 5

6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

Friday, April / Abril 6

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Library

Friday-Saturday, April / Abril 6-7

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale at Fresno Pacific University

Sunday, April / Abril 8

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

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

9:30 a.m.
Your Will Be Done

Nothing Between Us – Easter

Gathering for Worship

Gathering Music Eleanor Friesen

O Sons and Daughters of the King (Held)

The Easter Story as told in the Gospel of John

John 20:1-18

Call to Worship

Leader: To all who weep, and to all who smile, whether with joy or sorrow, welcome. Welcome home to this house of God. Welcome in the embrace of Christ. Hear and believe the good news, for he is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Praise the Lord, our Jesus lives!

People: Yes, praise the Lord! We will worship God together.

Words of Welcome and Prayer Christine Moyer

Hymn of Praise

Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah

WH 50

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Beautiful Savior (Christiansen)

Confession

Words of Confession

All: God of life, in you, death has no power. Because of you, this life is not our final end. Thank you.

It feels good to celebrate new life, yours and ours.

It's spring.

We long to throw off the heavy blankets of winter and bask in the sun.

We confess that, just as some folks would like to skip winte, there are times when we want to skip the whole crucifixion story and jump straight to the resurrection.

And yet there are other times when death feels more real than life.

When we see an empty tomb, it is easy to despair, and it seems futile to hope.

We hear stories of people who claim to have seen you alive; we want to believe, but struggle.

Forgive us for not recognizing you, for doubting our fellow believers, and for trying to hold you back.

Responding in Faith and Hope

Leader: As a way of proclaiming victory over evil, and life anew, we sing....

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

WH 280

Words of Assurance

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Choral Anthem

Church Choir

Come, Ye Faithful (Thatcher)

Between Me & You

Children and Adults Together

Barbara Ewy

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Choral Anthems

The Spirit Filled the Tomb with Breath (Lovelace)

We will Rejoice in Thy Salvation (Handel)

Church Choir

Meditation

Known by Name

Stephen Penner

Responding in Song

Christ is Alive

Insert

Sending

Benediction

Blessing Song

Christ is Alive Refrain

Insert

Postlude

Awake Thou Wintry Earth (Bach)

Welcome We are glad you are here. We want you to know that no matter who you are, or what your experiences in life have been, you are welcome here at our church. We welcome your participation and your questions. We desire to walk with you on this earthly journey. If you have particular matters for prayer, or would appreciate a visit, please contact one of our pastors or deacons. Their contact information is on the back of this bulletin.

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 - Melinda Hasegawa; April 8 - Barbara Ewy; April 15 - Gail Harder.

Next Sunday's Early Service Next week we begin a series of services built around the theme "Psalms and Hymns." Caley Ortman will bring the morning message and the Fiddlenecks will be playing.

Dine Out at Church Our next Dine out at Church is set for this coming Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Our PIM cooks will be doing the meal preparation.

Peace Center Wednesday, April 4, 5:30-7:30 (reception at 5:30, lecture at 6) at CSU Fresno in North Gym 118. Speaker: Douglas Allen, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Maine, is author and editor of 15 books and a leading expert on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, peace, and nonviolence. Topic: *Gandhi Today: An Ethical Life of Nonviolence and Peace*.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is this coming weekend at Fresno Pacific University. Come out and participate in the Run for Relief (talk to Steve Penner for more information), take in the many sights of food, fine arts, outdoor auction, indoor auction, kids auction, Peace Center School Kit booth, and much more. This is a great place to catch up with all those friends and relatives you only see once a year! And all for a good cause - helping with relief around the world. Hope to see you there! Oh, and don't forget to bring youy My Coins Count bottles!

West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus After the sale you can head over to Riverpark Bible Church, 7500 N. Millbrook in Fresno and hear the men sing at 7:00 p.m. or you can hear them sing at the Reedley MB Church on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Funds raised through free-will offerings at each concert help support the projects associated with disaster relief and humanitarian efforts throughout the world.

Camp Keola Camperships The directors of Camp Keola are trying to make it possible for more young people to attend Mennonite camping at Keola this coming July. A fundraising campaign is underway. At our church we wish to support 10 youth at \$250 per camper (thus, a total of \$2,500) so that they can go to Camp Keola this summer. If you'd like to contribute, make out your check for Camp Keola and designate in the memo line "Camp Keola camperships." You can make your contribution through our church. Caley Ortman is one of the key organizers of our camps this summer.

Church Archivist For many year Corinna Ruth was our faithful archivist, taking care of our historical records. Christy Zimmerman has been doing it for the past two years. We are looking for someone who will take on this ministry. If you are interested in this appointed position, please contact our Moderator, Erasmo Quintanilla or the church office.

Sexualized Violence and the Church MCC is hosting a series of three free webinars to help congregations create a community of care for those affected by harm, and to find life-giving ways to talk about healthy sexuality and sexualized violence. Silvia Rios from West Coast MCC is one of the presenters. For more information go to mcc.org/wwso.

Our "Safe Church" Commitment and Emergency Housing As part of our "safe church" commitment we committed ourselves to making a list of a few people in our church willing to offer their home as an emergency, short-term housing option for someone possibly facing deportation, or some other immigration related concern. If you would like your name to be on the list, please talk to either Pastor Steve or Pastor Juan.

Women & Money Seminar, Wednesday, April 11, 2018; 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at FPU BC Lounge. Sponsored by Everence and Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. A light supper will be provided. Come and join other women who want to live with financial integrity and make wise decisions with their money. We will learn together practical tools on how we can: Avoid living paycheck to paycheck; Invest for retirement; Understand Debt; Simplify Savings; Financial Planning for the Future. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Shalon Anderson at 559-453-2329 or contact Rhoda M Blough at 970-219-0900. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/women-and-money-practical-tools-for-living-with-financial-integrity-tickets.