

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### Easter Sunday, April / Abril 5

- 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, April / Abril 6

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room
- 6:00 p.m. Practica del Grupo de Alabanza (Miércoles)

### Tuesday, April / Abril 7

- 9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2
- 6:00 p.m. Tiemplo Servicio de Oración / Prayer Time
- 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting

### Wednesday, April / Abril 8

- 7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
- 7:00 p.m. Net de Apoyo Matrimonios Jóvenes/  
Marriage & Family Class in Rm. 5
- 7:00 p.m. Kids Club
- 7:00 p.m. MYF
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer, Bible Study Young Adults "Bethel" PIM
- 8:00 p.m. Worship Young Adult "Bethel" PIM

### Thursday, April / Abril 9

- 5:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training

### Friday-Saturday, April / Abril 10-11

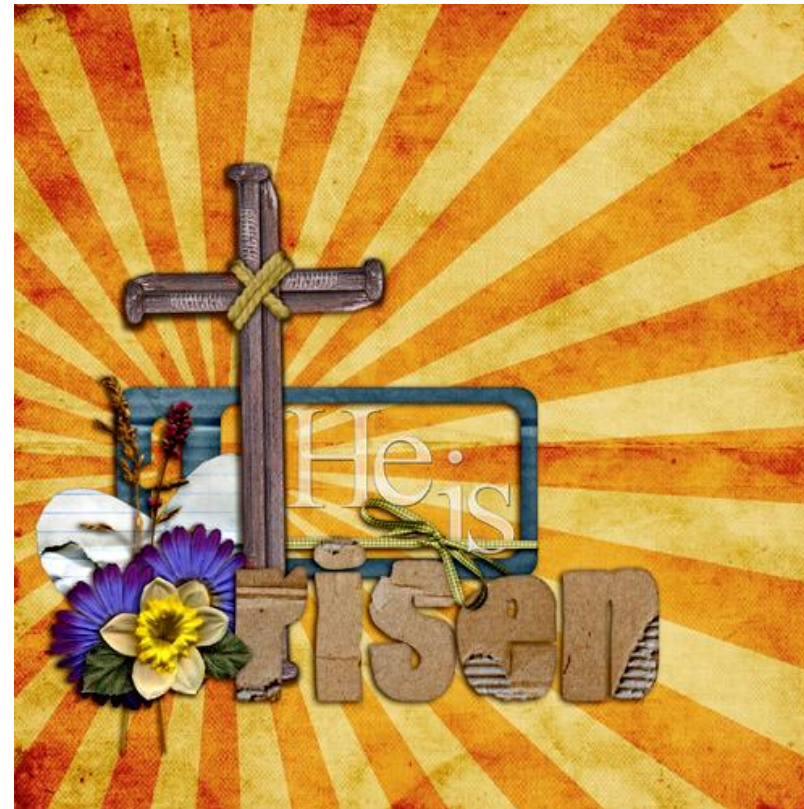
West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction at FPU

### Sunday, April / Abril 12

- 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
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## IMPORTANT SUNDAY EVENING DATES

April 19; 6:00 p.m. - Kevin Enns Rempel speaking on "Mennonites in CA"  
May 17; 6:00 p.m. - Pastor Juan sharing on his Israel/Palestine Trip



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9:30 a.m.  
**Upside Down and Inside Out**  
**Easter: We Have Waited for This**

**FIRST LOOK**

Prelude Eleanor Friesen  
*Wondrous Love* (Wood)  
*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (Wood)

Welcome and Opening Prayer Christine Moyer  
Gathering Hymn  
*We Sing to You, O God* SJ 1

Scripture Reading  
*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Call to Authenticity  
Leader: There you go again, God, turning things inside out and upside down.  
*People: While bringing life out of the grave sounds good to us, we're nervous about what else you might have in mind.*  
Leader: Following your lead means letting go of ours.  
*People: And letting go is hard*  
(Silence)  
Leader: Yet you are good, you are the one for whom we have waited.  
*People: Help us rejoice in your salvation.*

Hymn of God's Work in our Lives  
*Thine is the Glory* WH 269

**UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT**

Call to Grace  
*It is good to give thanks to our good God whose faithful love lasts forever.*  
*Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"*  
*Let those who honor the Lord say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"*  
*Let each person, from youngest to oldest, say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"*

Time with our Children Barbara Ewy  
Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Morning Prayer Stephen Penner  
Choral Anthem  
*Achieved is the Glorious Work* (Haydn)

Meditation Stephen Penner  
*An Easter Sunday Meditation*

**SECOND LOOK**

Reader's Theatre  
Scripture Reading  
*John 20:1-18*

Choral Anthem  
*Magdalene Cease From Sobs* (Hurford)

Sharing our Gifts  
*Beautiful Savior* (Christiansen)

Call to Commitment  
Leader: God turns the world upside down and inside out, bringing life out of death and beginnings out of endings.  
*People: God, we offer you our hands and hearts. Take from them whatever prevents us from following Jesus through death and into new life. We want to be fully useable for you.*

Hymn of Thanksgiving for God's Work in our Lives  
*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* WH 280  
Words of Blessing  
Postlude  
*Toccata on "O Filii et Filiae"* (Farnham)

**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 Workers** The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. An un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. The following people are scheduled to work during the early service: April 5 - Sharon Reimer; April 12 - Gail Harder; April 19 - Barbara Ewy.

**He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!** Today we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. We acknowledge life with its decay and discouragement but we proclaim that life, transformation, resurrection, and love have the final word.

We pray that this Easter Sunday will be a blessed day for all. Our campus is a little quieter today because folks from our late service are meeting for an Easter celebration at Burriss Park. We join them in celebrating this resurrection Sunday.

**Beginning Next Sunday** Beginning next Sunday and continuing until June our early worship service will be shaped around the theme of "journeying." Each Sunday a different journey story from the Bible will be considered. Next Sunday, Lance and Christy Zimmerman will bring special music and special guests Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook from Goshen, Indiana, will lend their musical talents to the morning mix.

**Help our High School youth go to Kansas City This Summer!** Ten of our high school youth will be going to Kansas City this summer to attend the Mennonite Youth Convention. There are a number of ways via which you can assist our youth. The youth are looking for work opportunities to help earn their way to Kansas City. If you have a job to offer please contact Ro Linscheid.

Or perhaps, you would just like to make a gift. To do so write a check to FMC and put on the memo line "MYF."

Another option is to attend and give liberally on May 6 at the annual hamburger and hot dog Dine Out at Church.

**Pastor Juan Montes' trip to Israel/Palestine** Pastor Juan Montes will be traveling to Israel/Palestine this April 17-29 as part of a thirteen person Mennonite Church USA delegation. The trip is co-sponsored by Mennonite Church USA, Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, and Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. The objectives of the trip are to meet Mennonite partners in Israel/Palestine including Palestinian Christians, develop a deeper understanding of the realities of occupation, hear a variety of Jewish/Israeli perspectives, and visit sites important to the Biblical story.

Mennonites have witnessed to the way of Jesus in Israel/Palestine for over 65 years. In 2011 the Executive Board of MC USA, in response to an urgent appeal from a broad range of Palestinian Christian leaders, agreed to expand opportunities for Mennonite leaders to visit Palestinian Christians and "come and see" their realities. In our desire to be peacebuilders, the Executive Board is also committed to learning from the Jewish story of suffering and injustice.

Pastor Juan will be traveling with five other PSMC leaders, four persons from the PNMC, and three MCUSA people from the East Coast. MCC Jerusalem staff plan the itinerary in close consultation with MC USA staff and accompany and guide the group.

If you would like to support this trip financially, please write a check to our church and designate it for "Come & See Fund."

**Peace Center** Friday, April 10 and Saturday April 11 (no meeting). Reedley Peace Center will have a school-kit-booth at the Annual West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale at Fresno Pacific University.

**Prayer Vine** Today, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over evil and death, pray with Mennonite Mission Network personnel that God will inspire in each of us the joyful impulse of the first missionaries, the women who shared good news of God's life and love across the street and around the world.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** The MDS project in Puna, Hawaii is scheduled for 8 weeks beginning on Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The project is to repair 2 houses severely damaged in Hurricane Iselle in August 2014. For the first four weeks MDS needs experienced roofers. *For volunteers willing to stay and work for a minimum of 2 weeks airfare to and from Hilo, Hawaii will be purchased by the Mennonite Disaster Service.* For now MDS has accommodations for men only, but is working on accommodations for women. If you would like to volunteer, please contact John Eshleman, region4@mds.mennonite.net or Cell 909-630-3660.