

*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: Pastora 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.

"Dady te concedo lo que me pides, y oideme lo que quieras. / Daddy I grant you what you ask, and ask me what you want." J.V. Montes

Lectura Biblica  
Eclesiales 3:1 ; Efesios 5:15-17

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer  
Bienvenida / Welcome

Coordinador  
Coordinador

**Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos.**

Lider de Alabama / Praise. para hoy / for today  
Celebración / Alabanza . Adoración.  
Celebration / Praise / Adoration.  
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings

Sergio Alvarado  
Grupo de Alabanza  
Worship Team  
Coordinadora

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

Sermon J. V. Montes  
*Desafió en PIM ante el siglo XXI / Challenge in PIM until the Century XXI*  
Anuncios y Despedida

**Hoy:**

6:00pm Soccer en el Sport Park.  
7:00 p.m. Musica Viva

**Reserve Estas Fechas Para Diciembre / December 2017**

Diciembre 12, 7:00 p.m. "RELIESER" (Reunió para ajustar plan del 2018.)  
Diciembre 17, 6:00 p.m. "Historia De Belén" salón social  
Diciembre 19, 7:00 p.m. Reunión del concilio FMC/PIM  
Diciembre 31. 8:00 p.m. Celebración Fin de Año 2017  
Diciembre 13 - 20 - 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  
Diciembre 10 - 17 - 24 -31. 5:00-6:00 a.m. Reunió de ORACION en la Iglesia. (Venga le esperamos.)  
Diciembre 14 - 21- 28, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos 6:00- 6:27 p.m. Pray Bible Meditation.  
6:30-8:00 p.m. Practice of the Worship Group.

Todos los viernes de 3:00-4:00 p.m. sintonice su programa de radio.  
"Aroma de Cafe." / Every Friday, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. listen to your radio  
"Aroma of Coffee." Tune in to channel 1210AM.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December / Diciembre 10**

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  
7:00 p.m. Music Viva

**Monday, December / Diciembre 11**

6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

**Tuesday, December / Diciembre 12**

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

**Wednesday, December / Diciembre 13**

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, December / Diciembre 14**

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

**Friday, December / Diciembre 15**

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

**Sunday, December / Diciembre 17**

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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6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Village



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*First Mennonite Church*  
**Primera Iglesia Menonita**  
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*December / Diciembre 10, 2017*

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

9:30 a.m.

Your Will Be Done  
Advent 2: Let It Be So

**Gathering**

Gathering Music  
Wisdom and Wonder  
*Let It Be...*  
Call to Worship, Introductions, and Invocation  
Lighting the Advent Candle  
Reading from Isaiah  
*Isaiah 40:1-11*

Paul and Ruth Buxman  
Ryan and Marty Zimmerman

Christine Moyer

**Praising**

Advent Hymns of Praise and Joy  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Sharing our Tithes and Offerings  
Song of the Season  
*Longing for Light*

WH 178

WH 177

SJ 54

**Hearing**

Time with our Children  
Advent Hymn  
*Comfort, Comfort, O My People*  
New Testament Reading  
*Mark 1:1-8*  
Proclamation  
*When the Comfort isn't Comfortable*

Alan Ewy

WH 176

Caley Ortman

**Responding**

Worship Music  
Words of Confession  
*All O God of blazing heavens,  
you come to us gently and tenderly,  
speaking peace and comfort into our fear.*  
*We long for you,  
we yearn for your promise of a new heaven and earth.*  
*Yet we confess  
that though we know how to get busy  
and prepare for this season,  
we do now know  
how to slow down or wait  
and make space for your presence.*  
*May our ordinary lives intersect  
with the power of your Word  
and the transforming presence of your grace.*  
*Empower us to "let it be so."*

Responding

*Leader The way you have asked us to walk  
is sometimes complicated and uncomfortable.  
Still we choose to follow Jesus down the narrow way  
which leads to life.  
In silence, we take these blocks, placing them on the path,  
to represent our commitment to the way of Jesus.  
(silence, and blocks can be placed on the path at the front of  
the sanctuary)*

Words of Assurance

*Leader O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ,  
you have come among us.  
You have shown us the way and given us life, and we are  
restored.*

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

**Sending**

Sending Advent Song  
*Open My Eyes* (Ro Linscheid will sing the Bridge) At Right  
Benediction  
Wisdom and Wonder  
*Let It Be...*  
Postlude

**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 - Sharon Reimer; December 17 - Renee Harder; December 24 - Barbara Ewy.

**Musica Viva** Tonight Musica Viva will present a special Advent concert at 7:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Come revel and relax as the beautiful harmony of violin and cello tells the Advent story anew.

**Come to Bethlehem Village Next Sunday Evening** Next Sunday evening, December 17, our Fellowship Hall be transformed into a first century village scene. This is our annual inter-active children's Christmas "program." Bakers, dancers, priests, tax collectors, artists, herbalists, beggars and more will populate the village. The activities begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring your family! Walk the ancient streets!

**Christmas Caroling at Sierra View Homes** On Monday evening, December 18, we will sing Christmas carols at Sierra View Homes. This year we will meet at 4:30 p.m. near the desk at assisted living at Sierra View. This is a rich opportunity to sing Christmas carols for people from our church, and others as well!

**4 by 4** In early 2018 we want to form a number of 4 by 4 groups. These small groups bring together four family units from the length and breadth of our congregation to meet together four times. It's a great opportunity to learn to know more people in our congregation. We hope to form the groups by sometime in January so that the groups can begin meeting, each on their own schedule, by February. If you would like to be part of a 4 by 4 group, please sign up on the sheet at the back table.

**Treasurer's Note** Generous donations in November provided the best monthly income so far this year and reduced our previous deficit of \$34,000 to \$27,000. Many of us do special giving at the end of the year and let's all give with open hearts as we remember the many ministries of our church. Thank you. *Ed Boldt*

OPEN MY EYES

Jesse Manibusan

Verses

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your  
2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your  
3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O

1. face. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to  
2. voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to  
3. you. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to  
4. Love. I live with - in you. Rest now in

1, 2, Final 3 to Bridge

1. see. 3. love.  
2. hear.  
4. me.

Bridge

And the first shall be last, and our eyes are o - pened, and we'll  
hear like nev - er be - fore. And we'll speak in new ways, and we'll  
see God's face in plac - es we've nev - er known.

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