

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: Nohemi Palma

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.

"Dar un nuevo paso, iniciar un nuevo proyecto, decir una nueva frase, es lo que más nos asusta./ Take a new step, start a new project, say a new phrase, is what most frightens us "
JV Montes

La Paz Del Mundo Comienza Amando A Tu Familia
The Peace of the World Begins with Loving Your Family
Salmos 56:1-5

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 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 Pastor JV Montes
Generación De Emprendedores #2
Generation of Entrepreneurs #2
(Raising up a Generation of People Who Effect Positive Change)

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

Hoy:

5:00 p.m. Futbol hoy / Soccer today en el sport park

Reserve Estas Fechas:

Dic. 13, 7:00 p.m. Reliser
Dic. 14, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración 2- Alabanza 3- Estudio Bíblico /También, Kid's Club. (Traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)
Dic 15, 7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos
Dic. 18, 12:00pm Mario Faz.
Dic 18, 6:00pm. Historia de Belén. (Salón Social)
Dic. 20, 7:00 p.m. Reunión Concilio FMC

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December / Diciembre 11

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, December / Diciembre 12

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

Tuesday, December / Diciembre 13

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

Wednesday, December / Diciembre 14

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, December / Diciembre 15

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

Friday, December / Diciembre 16

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

Saturday, December / Diciembre 17

10:00 a.m. Set up FH for Bethlehem Village

Sunday, December / Diciembre 18

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8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
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6:00 p.m. Bethlehem Village in FH



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December / Diciembre 11, 2016

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

9:30 a.m.

Love is a Verb

Walking in the Way of God's Heart – Advent 3

Gathering

Music for Gathering Paul and Ruth Buxman

Welcome and Prayer Christine Moyer

Gathering Litany

Leader: *In the nighttime of sorrow, we become impatient and lose hope.*

People: Our joy disappears, and our songs become silent. We forget the truth that God will restore all of creation.

All: **Come! Walk in the way of God's heart!**

Lighting the Advent Candle

Come Light of the World. Come Prince of Peace.

A Song of the Season

Come, Come Emmanuel Insert

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Praising

Advent Scripture Reading

Men: *Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.*

Women: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Men: *Our hope is in the one who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.*

Women: For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.

Men: *Our hope is in the one who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry; who sets the prisoners free; who opens the eyes of the blind; who lifts up those who are bowed down; who loves the righteous; who watches over the strangers; who upholds the orphans and the widows.*

Women: The Lord has shown mercy from generation to generation; lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

Men: *The way of the wicked God brings to ruin.*

Women: The Lord has shown strength with his arm; has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; brought down the powerful from their thrones; and sent the rich away empty.

Men: *The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.*

Women: God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever.

Men: *Praise the Lord!*

Praising in Song

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing WH 110

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: *God of healing,*

People: we yearn to walk in your way but often choose our own path of turmoil and pain. Save us, Lord, from the pride and foolishness of choosing our own course, that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead, through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Leader: *Throughout the tumult of life, God holds you close in love. Rejoice, because God's wisdom is your guide, God's compassion is your strength. God's love is your redemption.*

All: **Come, let us walk in the way of God's heart!**

Responding in Song

Alleluia

SJ 41

Hearing

Time with our Children

Barbara Ewy

Advent Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Worship Music

Paul and Ruth Buxman

Meditation

Stephen Penner

My Soul is Filled with Joy

Responding

Hymn of Advent Joy

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

WH 181

Prayers of the People

Stephen Penner

Hymn of Advent Joy

The Angel Gabriel

WH 180

Sending

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.

Annual Children's Christmas Program The annual children's Christmas program will be next Sunday evening, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Once again this year we will re-create a first century village scene for this fun-filled, educational, inter-generational Christmas program.

For this program to be a great success we do have some practical needs. First, four more pop-up tents are needed. Please contact Barbara Ewy if yours can be borrowed! And secondly, Christmas goodies, cookies and the like, are requested. Please bring a plate of Christmas treats to share with everyone!

If you can help set up the Bethlehem Village next Saturday, please come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Caroling at Sierra View Homes Our annual joyful time of singing Christmas carols at Sierra View Homes will happen this year on Monday, December 19. We will meet in the lobby outside the Founders Dining Room at 5:00 p.m. After caroling all around the campus, we will adjourn for some light refreshments.

Christmas Day Worship Service This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. Our Christmas day worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m.. We will celebrate the birth of Christ by hearing the Christmas story again. We will sing Christmas carols and various individuals and groups will sing or perform special numbers. It will be a joyful service!

Pastoral Absence Pastor Juan and Carmen Montes will be in Dallas, TX next weekend for the ordination of their daughter, Sandra Montes Martinez. Sandra is the moderator of Iglesia Menonita Hispana and the pastor of Iglesia Menonita Monte Horeb in Dallas. The Monte Horeb congregation is a member of the Western District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Rails to Trail Our church has been asked to take on a new section of the Rails to Trail to help the city maintain. Therefore, we no longer concern ourselves with the section adjacent to the new school district administrative building. Rather, we are responsible for the section between the new round-about and 8th Street. It would be optimum if every month a group of people from our church spent a few hours attending to that section of the trail. Talk to Steve Penner if you have a group which would like to do some work. He's coordinating our efforts on the trail.

Treasurer's Note Our church year-to-date expenses through November exceed income by about \$20,000. Although we enter December with a deficit, often with charitable December giving, it is recovered by the end of the year. Let's remember the ministries of our church as we plan our year-end giving! *Thank you.*

Prayer Vine Mennonite churches in Bolivia have vacation Bible school this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.

Almost There Reedley MB Church choir Christmas program is December 16 & 17 at 7 p.m. featuring a 60 voice choir and orchestra. Free admission. Dessert reception following the performance.

Bethlehem Experience Kingsburg MB Church presents a living nativity. The *Bethlehem Experience* is a live walk-through nativity for the whole family. A Spanish only version will be presented on Monday, December 19, from 6-8 p.m. The English versions are on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 & 21. Tours available from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. Free admission. Kingsburg MB Church is located at 1301 Stroud Ave.