

*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*

12:00 p.m.  
*Dirige: Esmirna Bedoy*

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.

"No busques el arco iris mirando hacia abajo. / Do not look for the rainbow looking down."  
JV Montes

#### **Bienvenida y Oración / Welcome and Prayer**

Oración de Apertura / Open Prayer	Coordinadora
Lectura Biblia / Biblical Reading	Coordinadora
<i>2da Timoteo 2:20-21; Isaías 43:1</i>	
Bienvenida / Welcome	Coordinadora
Necesidades De Oración / Prayer Needs	Coordinadora
Cumpleaños / Birthdays	Coordinadora

#### **Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Worship Together**

Grupo De Alabanza / Worship Team	Worship Team
Jr. Church	Barbara Ewy
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings	Ujieres / Ushers
Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team	Worship Team

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

Sermón / Sermon	Pastor JV Montes
<i>Que Clase De Vaso Eres? / What Kind of Clay Container are You?</i>	
Anuncios & Promoción Operación Andrés	Pastor Juan

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

Diciembre 16. 5:00 p.m. Historia de Belén  
Diciembre 18. 7:00 p.m. Reunión Concilio FMC/PIM  
Diciembre 19 - 26. 7:00 p.m. Oración - Alabanza - Estudio Bíblico  
Diciembre 20- 27. 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice  
Diciembre 25. 7:00 p.m. No tenemos reunión de Líderes En Acción  
Diciembre 30. 11:00 a.m. Celebración Fin De Año & "Día De Mi Salario Para Cristo"

**ANUNCIO ESPECIAL:** Nuestra Iglesia tiene sus servicios oficiales los: Domingos de 11-12. Estudios Bíblicos Para Todas Las Edades. y de 12-1:30pm. Serbio de Alabanza y Adoración, Miércoles de 7-8:30pm. Oración-Alabanzas - Estudio Bíblico y Kid's Club. (Les animo que se hagan parte asistiendo a estos programas de la iglesia y ayuden a motivar a otros a asistir.)

#### **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

##### **Sunday / Domingo, December / Diciembre 16**

5:00 a.m.	Tiempo de Oración en el Salón Social
8:45 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
9:30 a.m.	English Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Curso Cuidado Pastoral
11:00 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
5:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Village in the FH

##### **Tuesday / Martes, December Diciembre 18**

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

##### **Wednesday / Miércoles, December / Diciembre 19**

6:00 p.m.	Education Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
7:00 p.m.	MYF Christmas Party & Lock-in
7:00 p.m.	Kids Club Christmas Party
7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

##### **Thursday / Jueves, December / Diciembre 20**

6:30 p.m.	Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos
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##### **Sunday / Domingo, December / Diciembre 23**

5:00 a.m.	Prayer Time in the Fellowship Hall
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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*December / Diciembre 16, 2018*

Journey Forward

Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoicing in God's Justice

**Gathering for Worship**

Music for Gathering David Boldt

*Gesu Bambino* (Yon)

Lighting the Advent Candle

*Maranatha, Come*

Call to Worship

Leader: *Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for God-with-us is coming to set things right!*

People: The proud will be scattered and the humble lifted up.

Leader: *The hungry will be filled and the prisoners set free.*

People: He will guide us in the way of peace and proclaim salvation.

All: ***Let us rejoice, for our God comes to bring wholeness and new life to the world.***

Welcome and Invocation Ruth Buxman

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*Midnight Clear* (Schulz-Widmar)

Sharing our Gifts

*Chorale Prelude: Good Christian Friends* (Bach)

**Advent Singing**

Advent Hymns See Insert

*Unexpected and Mysterious*

*On Jordan's Banks*

WH 183

Advent Scripture Reading

*Luke 3:7-18*

Choral Anthem Church Choir

*Love Came Down* (Cooman)

**Listening for God's Word**

Time with the Children Barbara Ewy

Advent Scripture Reading

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Proclamation Stephen Penner

*Seek Joy*

Advent Hymn See Insert

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

**Responding**

Morning Prayer Stephen Penner

Responding with Joy

*Bubbles of joy*

Christmas Hymn WH 318

*Joy to the World*

Benediction

Postlude

*Noel* (Balbastre)

**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 unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Edith Montano; December 23 - Melinda Hasegawa; December 30 - Deborah Lyons.

**Bethlehem Village** Our annual Bethlehem Village event will be this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with activities for all ages. **Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share.**

**Upcoming Advent Activities**

December 16: Third Sunday of Advent

December 16: Bethlehem Village Children and Adults interactive Christmas delight in the Fellowship Hall. It begins at 5:00 p.m.

December 19: MYF Christmas Party and Lock-in

December 19: Kids Club Christmas Party

December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25: Annual Christmas Day Worship at 10:30 a.m.

December 30: Retirement Party for Pastor Steve and Glena at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**Pastor Steve's Retirement Party** The retirement celebration for Steve is Sunday, December 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts are welcome. There will be an open mic time if you have a story about Steve to share. You may bring a card and love offering. Love offering checks can be made out to First Mennonite Church. Gifts will be divided between the Deacons Emergency Fund for immigration related needs in our church and the MYF. If you have a picture from Steve's time at church, please email it to Jerry Linscheid at linscheidj@gmail.com.

**Pastoral Call for Caley Ortman and Barbara Ewy** During the past months the Board of Deacons has discussed and now recommends that Barbara Ewy and Caley Ortman be called as pastors at our church. Barbara will be called to work with children's ministries and Caley primarily with youth ministries. We recognize that both have been functioning as pastors though neither as that title. Barbara and Caley are at various stages in filling out the Mennonite Church USA MLI (Ministerial Inquiry Form), a pre-requisite for licensing towards ordination in Mennonite Church USA polity. We anticipate at the January annual church business meeting inviting the congregation to issue a call to Barbara and Caley to serve as pastors at our church.

**Treasurer's Note** Our income and expense balance is much better than last year. Thank you for the generous giving that has made this possible! Our deficit of \$13,900 through the end of November is about half the amount of last year, but we still need special year-end donations for our income to cover our expense. Let's plan our year-end giving remembering that this is an important way in which we all participate in the work of our church. Thank you.

**Christmas Greetings** Miyoba Hambayi, the 2017/18 IVEP volunteer from Zambia sent greetings to the congregation recently. We can send Christmas greetings to him at hambayimiyo303@gmail.com.

**My Coins Count for the DR Congo** Start collecting your loose change now in preparation for the MCC Relief Sale in April. The coins collected at the Relief Sale will go towards providing basic food and sanitation for displaced people in the DR Congo. There are over four million people displaced in the sprawling DR Congo.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** helps the uninsured rebuild after wildfires. If you would like to help these people in need, go to <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/donate-form/> and where it says "Please use my donation as follows," scroll down and select "California Wildfires."



**Bethlehem Village**

*tonight at 6:00 p.m.*

*in the Fellowship Hall*