

*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: Raul Zarco

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.

**Bienvenida y Oración / Welcome and Prayer**

Oración de Apertura / Open Prayer	Coordinador
Lectura Biblia / Biblical Reading	Coordinador
<i>Romanos 9:17-27</i>	
Bienvenida / Welcome	Coordinador
Necesidades De Oración / Prayer Needs	Coordinador
Cumpleaños / Birthdays	Coordinador

**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>Vasos de Misericordia / Vessels of Mercy</i>	
Anuncios & Promoción Operación Andrés	Pastor Juan

**Reserve Estas Fechas Para Diciembre / December**

Diciembre 25. 10:30 a.m. Servicio de Adoración del día de Navidad  
 Diciembre 25. 7:00 p.m. No tenemos reunión de Líderes En Acción  
 Diciembre 26. 7:00 p.m. Oración - Alabanza - Estudio Bíblico  
 Diciembre 27. 6:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice  
 Diciembre 30. 11:00 a.m. Celebración Fin De Año & "Día De Mi Salario Para Cristo 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 23**

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

**Tuesday / Martes, December / Diciembre 25**

10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day Service
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**Thursday / Jueves, December / Diciembre 27**

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

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
11:00 a.m.	Celebración Fin De Año & "Día De Mi Salario Para Cristo"
6:00 p.m.	Pastor Steve's Retirement Party



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*December / Diciembre 23, 2018*



Journey Forward

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Blessing and Restoration

Gathering for Worship

Music for Gathering Paul and Ruth Buxman

Lighting the Advent Candle

My Soul is Filled with Joy SJ 13

Call to Worship

Leader: Mary is with child! God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

People: Rejoice in his name! Emmanuel, God be with us!

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

All: Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Welcome and Invocation Lance Zimmerman

Worship Music Men's Ensemble

The Lord is in His Holy Temple (Kratz)

Sharing our Gifts

Advent Singing

Advent Hymns

Hark! The Glad Sound! WH 184

Sing We a Song of High Revolt At Right

Advent Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Worship Music Men's Ensemble

Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee (Bach)

Listening for God's Word

Time with the Children Barbara Ewy

Advent Reading

Luke 1:39-55

Proclamation Stephen Penner

Blessed are You

Advent Hymn

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus WH 178

Responding

Responding with Love

Sending a Blessing

Morning Prayer Stephen Penner

Advent Hymn

Blessed Savior, We Adore Thee WH 107

Benediction

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 unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Melinda Hasegawa; December 30 - Deborah Lyons; January 6 - Sharon Reimer.

Christmas Day Service The annual Christmas Day service will be held this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. We will sing the carols of Christmas, hear the Christmas story read, and revel with Christmas joy together with family and friends.

Next Sunday's Early Service During our early worship service next Sunday Paul and Ruth Buxman and family will be providing our music. Barbara Boldt, Gail Harder, and David Boldt will all be speaking during the service.

Worship Services in January The morning message during the early service will be provided by the following during January:

- January 6: Kaz Enomoto
January 13: Barbara Ewy
January 20: Steve Ratzlaff
January 27: Jon Gerig (Bethel College President)

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.

Our Condolences Alfred Unruh died in the early morning hours of December 15. We extend our condolences to Peggy, Marianne, Scott, Morgan and the entire Unruh family. A memorial service honoring Alfred's life will be held in our church on Saturday, December 29, at 11:00 a.m.

Our Condolences Marian Brundage, Caley Ortman's maternal grand-mother, died on Thursday in Freeman, South Dakota. Caley left late this week for Christmas holidays with his family in South Dakota. We wish for Caley and his family comfort and blessings as they celebrate Christmas and remember his grandma's life.

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 Typical church expenses for December are about \$18,000. So far we have received \$21,660. This covers December expense, and provides about \$4,000 toward the \$14,000 deficit with which we started the month. We need about \$10,000 in giving through the end of the year to eliminate our deficit. Thank you for the generosity that has sustained our church work through the year. Let's continue to be generous through the end of the year. Also, please remember that donations must be received in the church office or postmarked by December 31 for a receipt to be issued for 2018.

Borscht Soup Supper Get out your 2019 calendar and mark January 9 for the Mennonite Women's Borscht Soup Dinner. They will be serving soup, homemade breads, and desserts from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This dinner is their annual fundraiser for support for our Mission Network worker, Mary Raber serving in Ukraine.

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.

Sing we a song of high revolt

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1 Sing we a song of high re - volt; make great the
2 Sing we of God who deep - ly cares and still with
3 By God the poor are lift - ed up; God sat - is -
4 God calls us to re - volt and trust, to work for



Lord, God's name ex - ult! Sing we the words of
us our bur - den shares. God, who with strength the
fies with bread and cup the hun - gry folk of
what is right and just, to catch the vi - sion



Ma - ry's song of God at war with hu - man wrong.
proud dis - owns, brings down the might - y from their thrones.
man - y lands; the rich are left with emp - ty hands.
Ma - ry caught, to sing and live Mag - ni - fi - cat.

For accompaniment ideas, see number 236 in Hymnal Accompaniment Handbook.
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Music: English melody, 15th c.