

Nuestra 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.
Coordinador / Coordinator
Nohelly Hernández

"Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. In this secure congregation of Christ, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, everyone is invited to enjoy this family gathering with God."

Zambúlete en las misericordias de Jesucristo
Dive into the mercies of Jesus Christ

"Zambúlete en Jesucristo y te acontecerán cosas que nunca te has imaginando, y veras milagros que no has visto. / Dive into Jesus Christ and you will experience things that you've never imagined, and you'll see miracles that you haven't seen."
 JV Montes

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Coordinador / Leader
 Bienvenida / Welcome Coordinador / Leader
 Lectura Bíblica / Bible Reading Juan 5:1-10

Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together

Cantos de Alabanzas - Celebración Grupo de Alabanza
 Singing of Praise - Celebration Worship Team
 Cantos de Adoración Grupo de Alabanza
 Songs of Adoration Worship Team
 Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings Coordinador / Leader

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

Predica / Sermon Pastor J. V. Montes
Zambúlete En Jesucristo / Dive into Jesus Christ

Tiempo de Ministración - Peticiones / Time of Ministering & Praying
 Ujieres: Fernando Contreras, Guille Ibarra, Maxi Ambriz, Jesús Duran,
 Gerardo Aguilar, María Mejía, Alfredo Mejía, Nohemí Palma y Juan
 Hernández

Hoy Por La Noche:

6:00pm "Aventuras de Belén"

Reserve su Estas Fechas / Save These Important Dates:

Diciembre 21, 6:00pm "Red De Apoyo Matrimonial Cena Anual en el
 Brooks Ranch.
 Diciembre 30, 7:00pm Loan Commission
 Diciembre 31, 6:30pm Servicio y Santa Cena Fin De Año 2014.
 Febrero 27/28, 2015. 1ra. Confraternidad en el Valle Central.
 "EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA." Proverbios 24:3-4

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, December / Diciembre 14

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. Estudio de Apocalipsis
 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida
 11:40 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
 11:50 a.m. Academia de Formación Cristiana (AFC)
 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración /
 Spanish Worship Service
 6:00 p.m. Adventures in Bethlehem

Monday, December / Diciembre 15

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room
 6:00 p.m. Practica del Grupo de Alabanza (Miércoles)
 7:00 p.m. Comisión de Planeación

Tuesday, December / Diciembre 16

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

Wednesday, December / Diciembre 17

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 meeting at Steve & Glenna's house
 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, December / Diciembre 18

7:00pm. Min. Proclamación / Equipar Servir - Cuidar

Saturday, December / Diciembre 20

5:00 a.m. Oración Matutina / Morning Prayers
 5:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training
 6:00 p.m. Práctica Grupo de Danza – Salón Social

Sunday, December / Diciembre 21

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
 10:00 a.m. Estudio de Apocalipsis
 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida
 11:40 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
 11:50 a.m. Academia de Formación Cristiana (AFC)
 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración /
 Spanish Worship Service
 4:30 p.m. Caroling at Sierra View Homes

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Primera Iglesia Menonita

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December / Diciembre 14, 2014

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

On the Way
The Third Sunday of Advent
Reveal Your Joy

Gathering

Music for Gathering David Boldt
He is Born the Divine Christ Child (Dupre)
Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Advent Hymn
My Soul Proclaims with Wonder WH 181
Call to Worship and Invocation Ruth Buxman

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Redeeming God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the joy that comes from remembering your splendor.

People: *Oh, that you would reveal your joy to us, O Lord.*

Leader: We celebrate the year of the Lord's favor.

People: *a time of comfort for those who mourn.*

Leader: There will be crowns instead of ashes,

People: *joyful anointing instead of mourning.*

Leader: cloaks of praise instead of spirits of despair.

People: *Cities of renewal instead of devastation*

All: **The Lord will wrap us in robes of righteousness.**

Come, O God, and clothe us in garments of salvation.

Songs of the Season
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly WH 203
It Came upon a Midnight Clear (Women-2, Men-4) WH 195

Confessing

A confession for the Third Sunday of Advent

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God.

We focus now on our congregation and the wider Anabaptist Mennonite church family.

People: *We are a faithful church, but sometimes we've kept our riches to ourselves.*

Leader: Sometimes we have excluded the inquirer who has come to our door seeking faith. Sometimes we've refused to admit our weaknesses. Sometimes we've been too quiet in the land. Sometimes we've helped those far away but ignored our neighbors. Sometimes we've tried so hard to serve that we've forgotten the joy of worshiping you. Hear our honest confessions O God, and remember us in mercy.

People: *Restore to us the joy of being your faithful people.*

All: **Restore our joy, O God of hosts; lets your face shine that we may be saved.**

Silence

Assurance

Leader: The Lord has done great things in and through his church, and has bestowed rich blessings on us, his Anabaptist people.

All: **When we place our lives into your hands, O God, you willingly transform our timid hearts with your infectious joy.**

Praying

Sharing our Joys and our Concerns

Morning Prayer

Choral Anthem

Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Moyer)

Proclaiming

Time with our Children

New Testament Reading

Luke 1:47-55

Choral Anthem

Sleeps Judea Fair (MacKinnon)

Meditation

Joy Like a River

Responding

Singing our Faith

He Comes to us as One Unknown

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Sharing our Gifts

Silent Night (Klomp)

Sending Litany

All: **As we go from this house we remember that the world is vast and that we are small.**

We see and know only in part.

We remind ourselves that God's love is stronger than all evil.

We remember that nothing can separate us from God's love.

So, this week we will wait for the Lord in the small places, within conversations, in the earth's beauty, in the world's pain, and in the wonder of all that is to come. This is our prayer.

Leader: May the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, rest upon us all, until, in God's providence we meet again. Amen.

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 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: December 14 - Sharon Reimer; December 21 - Gail Harder; December 28 - .

"Adventures in Bethlehem" featuring the children of our church is tonight. Things get started at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share. These can be taken to the church kitchen.

Christmas Beauty in our Sanctuary If you'd like to add to the beauty of our sanctuary by gifting a poinsettia we'd love to receive it by next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Caroling at Sierra View Homes Our church's annual caroling at Sierra View Homes is next Sunday, December 21. Meet at 4:30 p.m. near the dining room at the front entrance. Refreshments will follow.

Upcoming Christmas Season Activities Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m. we meet in the sanctuary for a service filled with music celebrating Jesus' birth. On New Year's Eve at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we gather to bring in the New Year and to observe Holy Communion.

Steve and Glenna Penner are Going to Bolivia Early on the morning of January 5, 2015, Steve and Glenna Penner will be flying from LAX to Bolivia. They will return to California on February 23, 2015. Steve and Glenna's son Jordan and his wife Jenny are serving with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Bolivia, living in Cochabamba. The purpose of this long time away from Reedley is to visit their children and to do some Spanish language study. Our church grants our pastors sabbatical opportunities. Steve will be using a month of his time in Bolivia as sabbatical time in order to improve his limited Spanish language skills. Both Steve and Glenna will be taking Spanish language classes at a Spanish language school in Cochabamba.

Guest speakers in the Early Service While Steve Penner is away a series of guest speakers will preach during the early service. Here is the line-up:
January 11 Barbara Ewy - known to us all
January 18 Stan Friesen - our former PSMC Conference Minister
January 25 Joe Roos - Pasadena writer, pastor, treasurer, editor
February 1 Trent Voth - Youth Pastor at College Community MB
February 8 Jessica Mast - Fresno Urban Dweller and Middle School Teacher
February 15 Joanna Shenk - Associate Pastor at FMC San Francisco
February 22 Bill Braun - Just Retired Pastor from College Community MB

Prayer Vine Alfonsina Oyanguren, who serves in Argentina with Mennonite Mission Network, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Pray for peace and healing for Alfonsina. Pray also for husband, José, and their four children as they miss Alfonsina at home.

The Peace Center will not be meeting again until January 2, 2015.

New Address C Jay Page has moved to Texas. Her new address is: 7308 Offats Point Circle, Galveston, TX 77551. Her phone numbers are (559) 356-7097 and (775) 464-1616. Her e-mail address is arkiebell2@ gmail.com.

Treasurer's Note In December we typically receive special giving as our members plan their year-end contributions. Our budget has a \$9,500 deficit at the end of November, so let's all remember our church's ministries as we plan our giving. Be sure to get your donations into the church office or postdated by December 31, 2014 to receive a tax-deductible receipt for this year.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week Sarah Montano, Bailey Salyers, Vernon Flaming, Isaac Penner, Roger Zimmerman; Jorge & Blanca Romero .



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