

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**  
**Irma Aguilar**

"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**

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer                      Coordinador / Leader  
 Bienvenida / Welcome    Coordinador / Leader  
 Lectura Bíblica / Bible Reading    Salmos 127:3-5; Prov. 17:6; 1Timo 5:1-2

**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    WorshipTeam  
 Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings                      Coordinador / Leader

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

Predica / Sermon    Pastor J. V. Montes  
*Injertando Nuevos Votos A Mi Familia*  
*Grafting New Votes in My Family*

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:**

5:00 pm. Acompáñenos al parque al jugar soccer - también jugaran niños / Join us to play soccer at the park, bring the children

**Reserve su Estas Fechas / Save These Important Dates:**

Diciembre 30, 7:00pm Loan Committee  
 Diciembre 31, 6:30pm Fiesta De Fin De Año  
 Enero 2, 2015. RELID (Reunión De Líderes Para Servir)  
 Enero 7-8-9, 2015. El salón social estará en proceso de limpieza. No se puede hacer ninguna actividad. El servicio del Miércoles será en el salón 5-6.  
 Enero 30-31. Feb. 1, 2015. Retiro De Lideres PIM. (Costa)  
 Febrero 27/28, 2015. 1ra. Confraternidad en el Valle Central.  
 "EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA." Proverbios 24:3-4

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, December / Diciembre 28**

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

**Monday, December / Diciembre 29**

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

**Tuesday, December / Diciembre 30**

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

**Wednesday, December / Diciembre 31**

6:30 p.m. Fiesta De Fin De Año / New Year's Eve Celebration

**Friday, January / Enero 2**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center  
 7:00 p.m. RELID

**Saturday, January / Enero 3**

5:00 a.m. Oración Matutina / Morning Prayers

**Sunday, January / Enero 4**

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  
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*First Mennonite Church*  
**Primera Iglesia Menonita**

1208 "L" Street  
 Reedley, CA 93654



*December / Diciembre 28, 2014*



**On the Way**  
Christmas One  
**Your Beauty is Revealed**

**Gathering**

Music for Gathering Barbara Ewy and Suzi Ewy

Reading from the Psalms

*Psalm 148*

Christmas Hymn

*Joy to the World*

WH 318

Call to Worship and Invocation Lance Zimmerman

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

People: *In a little child God is revealed to us.*

Leader: This is God's plan of freedom, held up for the nations to see.

People: *The hills and the mountains praise the Lord.*

Leader: The animals, wild and tame, all kings and peoples of the earth, lightning and hail, snow and fog, women and men, old and young,

**All: all praise the Lord together. Our Messiah has come. Alleluia!**

Songs of the Season

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

WH 212

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

WH 201

**Confessing**

A confession of Faith

Leader: O God, we confess our joy in you. We cannot keep silent.

People: *You came to live among us and have brought us salvation.*

Leader: Your salvation is for all peoples, all cultures, all religious communities, all humanity.

People: *Because you gave us a new name and have declared us beautiful, we cannot keep silent.*

Leader: When the time was right, God sent us his Son.

People: *Let us praise the Lord for drawing near to us, for coming among us.*

Leader: Come, young and old, male and female, all God's people. Let us praise God together.

**All: Our hearts are brimming with the Spirit of God. God's salvation is for all peoples. We will not keep silent!**

**Praying**

Sharing our Joys and our Concerns

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Worship Music

Barbara Ewy and Suzi Ewy

**Proclaiming**

Time with our Children

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Meditation

Stephen Penner

*A Seven-Fold "Praise the Lord"*

**Responding**

Singing our Faith

*The First Noel, the Angels Did Say*

WH 199

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Sharing our Gifts

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 28 - Christy Zimmerman; January 4 - Edith Montano.

**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.

**Treasurer's Note** The Church Council has established a special fund for anyone wishing to contribute to help our pastors with sabbatical and other professional growth expenses. The Deacons will be over-seeing the distribution of money contributed. 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.

**New Year's Eve** Our late service is sponsoring a New Year's Eve celebration beginning at 6:30 p.m. on December 31. This will be a time of family fun and celebration and Holy Communion will be observed.

**Peace Center** Friday, January 2, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Celia Concannon, long time resident and public school teacher in Nogales, AZ Topic: *Living and Teaching In a Border Town.*

**Prayer Vine** Kelly and Brian McPhail of Mennonite Mission Network serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationships with other agencies.

**Pray for Nigeria** Mennonite World Conference is sending an urgent prayer request for the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria which is experiencing violence and persecution at the hands of the Boko Haram organization. The president of the Nigerian Church of the Brethren, Samuel Dali, warns of the possibility of 'genocide' of Christians in northern Nigeria. Over three thousand church members have already been killed with others kidnapped and over 90,000 displaced.

**Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week** Irvin & Bernice Isaak, Ted & Fran Loewen, Gus & Mary Penner, Dave & Melinda Hasegawa.

