

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  
Fernando Contreras

"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."

"Poner Voz A Tu Fe"  
"Put Voice to Your Faith"

"Para atrás, solo para tomar impulso y comenzar a desarrollar una relación saludable con Jesucristo. / Step back, only to take momentum, and begin to develop a healthy relationship with Jesus Christ."  
JV Montes

#### Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer                      Coordinador / Leader  
Bienvenida / Welcome    Coordinador / Leader  
Lectura Bíblica / Bible Reading                              Lucas / Luke 14:32-36

#### 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    Misionera Desiré Hernández  
*Ni Un Minuto Mas De Ventaja Al Enemigo*  
*Don't Give a Minute More Advantage to the Enemy*

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 p.m. Acompañenos al parque al jugar soccer - también  
jugaran niños (a) /Join us at the park to play soccer - bring the children  
too.

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

Diciembre 14, 6:00pm "Aventuras de Belén"  
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 7

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 8

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 9

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

##### Wednesday, December / Diciembre 10

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  
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

##### Friday, December / Diciembre 12

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

##### Saturday, December / Diciembre 13

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 14

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Spanish Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Adventures in Bethlehem

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

1208 "L" Street  
Reedley, CA 93654

THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT:

PEACE



*December / Diciembre 7, 2014*

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

9:30 a.m.  
**On the Way**  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
**Reveal Your Peace**

**Gathering**

Music for Gathering Lance and Christy Zimmerman

Winter Medley

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Advent Hymn

On Jordan's Banks

WH 183

Call to Worship and Invocation

Christine Moyer

Leader: *Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship...*

*Redeeming God, work in our hearts so that we, your people, would share in your peace.*

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

Leader: *The paths of the world are not straight; the ditches are littered with our friends.*

**People: Still, we listen for the voice in the wilderness,**

**"Prepare a way for the Lord."**

Leader: *Behold, our God is coming.*

**People: God speaks peace into our noisy world.**

Leader: *"Comfort, comfort, my people," says our God.*

Songs of the Season

Hope Is a Candle

Insert

Silent Night

WH 193

**Confessing**

A Confession for the Second Sunday of Advent

Leader: *Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We look inward at wrongs we have done against others in our family, our neighborhood, our workplaces, and our churches. Sometimes we were paying back, sometimes just being mean, and sometimes we didn't realize the wrong we were doing.*

**People: We desire John's baptism of repentance, confessing our sins.**

Leader: *We ask you, Lord, to take our sin, including our inward secrets, and make us new.*

**People: Forgive us our trespasses.**

Leader: *Restore our peace, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Silence

Assurance

Leader: *God speaks peace to us, his people. In peace, we proclaim God's comfort to each other; reassuring one another of God's forgiveness.*

**All: God's is patient with us; God walks with us, helps us deal with the sin that bogs us down, and gives us the gift of peace.**

**Praying**

Sharing our Joys and our Concerns

Morning Prayer

Worship Music

*Gesu Bambino*

Stephen Penner

Lance and Christy Zimmerman

**Proclaiming**

Time with our Children

New Testament Reading

*Mark 1:1-8*

Meditation

*Rough and Smooth*

Stephen Penner

**Responding**

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Sharing our Gifts

*La Nanita Nana*

Singing our Faith

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

SJ 76

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

*Christmas Cheer Medley*

**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 7 - Carolina Valdovinos; December 14 - Sharon Reimer; December 21 - Gail Harder.

**Advent Services** The next two Sundays, the third and fourth Sundays of Advent, our early service worship will include meditations by Stephen Penner, special music by our church choir, the lovely strains of our organ, and time at the Lord's Table.

**Upcoming Christmas Season Activities** Be sure to mark your calendars for these Advent-Christmas-New Year's activities at our church. Next Sunday evening, December 14, is our "Adventures in Bethlehem" featuring the children of our church. 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. Sunday evening, December 21, we Christmas carol at Sierra View Homes beginning at 4:30 p.m. 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.

**Prayer Vine** Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaoré to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaoré of Mennonite Mission Network, requests us to pray "that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year."

**Treasurer's Report** Giving in October was \$1,000 under budget and expenses were about \$4,000 over budget. So our year-to-date deficit increased from about \$9,000 to \$13,000. As we approach the last month of the year, let's remember the work of our church as we plan our giving.

**Peace Center** Friday, December 12, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Chucho Mendoza, Chicano and Latin American Studies major at CSUF. Topic: *An Undocumented Journey: A perspective from a migrant.*

**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.

**Employment Opportunity** Pacific Mennonite Aid Society is seeking to fill two positions: an Office Manager (salaried part-time position) and a board member (mileage provided). If you are interested or know of someone who might be considered, contact Allen Linscheid at 637-7774.

**July 2015** Next July is a big month. The Mennonite Church USA convention will be in Kansas City on June 30 to July 5. This is an every other year event. Then, a few weeks later, July 21-26, the Mennonite World Conference will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The MWC gatherings are held every six years at different locations around the world. The last MWC held in the United States was in 1978. After 2015 it could be a long time until it is held in the United States again.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week** Barbara Ewy, Glenna Penner, Michael Janzen.



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