

A Glimpse of 2016



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

10:30 a.m.

Love is a Verb

Walking in the Way of God's Heart – Epiphany

Gathering

Music for Gathering Ron Ewy and Jeanette Ewy

Welcome and Prayer

Gathering Litany

Leader: Day has dawned!

The light of Christ has come into the world.

People: We see God's radiance in creation and in our lives. We rejoice in God's boundless riches given for all. We worship and adore our Savior, Christ the Lord.

All: Come! Let us walk in the way of God's heart!

A Song of the Season

Love Came Down at Christmas

WH 208

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Praising and Sharing

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Singing our Faith

A Short Congregational Hymn Sing

Congregational Sharing

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Prayer Song

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

SJ 56

Following in the way of God's Heart

Time with our Children

Barbara Ewy

Scripture Reading

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14

Worship Music

Ro Linscheid

Mary's Boy Child

Sharing on New Year's Day

Tina Mitchenson, Dorothy Boldt

Following in the Way of God's Heart

Responding

Responding in Song

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

WH 210

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Please enjoy the refreshments at the back of the sanctuary.

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 There is no staffed nursery this morning. You are invited to keep your children in the service with you or use our unstaffed nursery at the back of the church.

Memorial Service Ramon Jantz, died early in morning of December 14. Ramon was 97 years old. A memorial service will be held at our church at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4.

Deacons Discernment We are pleased to announce the completion of the deacons discernment process. Sergio Alvarado, Jim Krause, and Jerry Linscheid have agreed to serve on the board of deacons. They join Cathy Ratmeyer, Barbara Boldt, Maxi Ambriz, Sebastian Andrade, Sharon Reimer and Isaias Montano on the board of deacons.

Four by Four Gatherings in 2017 A signup sheet is available at the back of the church for everyone interested in participating in "four by four" gatherings in the first half of 2017. This is a purely voluntary opportunity. If you sign up (either as a family unit, a couple, or a single person) you will be assigned to a group with three other "units." We ask that each group meet together four times, preferably in February, March, April, and May. It's a way to get to know people in our church that you may not know so well right now!

Annual Borscht Supper, a fundraiser supporting Mary Raber, Mennonite Mission Network missionary in the Ukraine, will again be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be homemade Borscht, Abondigas soup, homemade bread and pie. Donations will be accepted.

Syrian Refugee Potluck-Supper Welcome Event Mennonite Peacemakers is sponsoring a Syrian Refugee Potluck-Supper Welcome Event on Sunday evening, January 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the College Community Church (MB) in Clovis. Six Syrian refugee families have recently moved to Fresno. The evening will provide an opportunity to learn a bit of their story and to welcome these folks to our community, now their community as well. Kamal Abu-Shamsieh from the non-profit Muslim Spiritual Care Service in Fresno will introduce and interview the families. Opportunity will be given to contribute to these refugee families through Muslim Spiritual Care Service. We will also learn more about MCC work with Syrian refugees from Nate Yoder, West Coast MCC Director. MCC's efforts have contributed some \$41 million dollars to Syrian relief work since 2012. Each family is asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to contribute to the meal. Plates, cutlery, water and coffee will be provided.

Prayer Vine Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

Condolences We extend our condolences to Sergio Franco whose father, Aurelio, died last week.

PIM Worship Service There will be no 12:00 service today.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January / Enero 1

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. English Worship Service

Monday, January / Enero 2

7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

Tuesday, January / Enero 3

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2

7:00 p.m. Reliser

Wednesday, January / Enero 4

7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos

7:00 p.m. "Bethel" PIM Young Adults

7:00 p.m. Kids Club

7:00 p.m. MYF

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January / Enero 5

7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

Friday, January / Enero 6

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Library

Sunday, January / Enero 8

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. Curso Cuidado Pastoral

10:45 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano

11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour

11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida (AFC)

11:50 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración. Worship Services