

11:55 a.m.

Dirige: Erasmo Quintanilla

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.

"Tener a Dios fuera de tus planes y propósitos es muy arriesgado, ¿Qué tal si lo invitas que te acompañe? / Leaving God out of your plans and purposes is very risky. What if you invite him to accompany you?"
J.V. Montes

Lectura Bíblica

Gen 3:15; Lucas 1:26-33; Hebreos 2:14

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer
Bienvenida / Welcome

Coordinador
Coordinador

Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos

Lider de Alabanza / Praise
Celebración / Alabanza / Adoración
Celebration / Praise / Adoration
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings
Testimonio

Worship Team
Grupo de Alabanza
Worship Team
Coordinador
Hna Misionera en Ucrania, Mary Raber

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

Sermon J. V. Montes

Descubriendo las Profecias Mesianicas #3
Discovering the Messianic Prophecies #3

Anuncios y Despedida

Hoy:

6:00 p.m. Soccer en el Sport Park / Soccer in the Sports Park

Reserve Estas Fechas Para Marzo / March 2018

Marzo 13, 7:00 p.m. Relieser

Marzo 14, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3-También Kid's Club
(traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)

Marzo 15, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos.

6:00- 6:27 p.m. Prayer and Bible Meditation.

6:30-8:00 p.m. Practice of the Worship Group.

Todos los domingos 5:00-6:00 a.m. Reunión de oración en la iglesia de 5:00-6:00 a.m. (Ven te esperamos usted es bienvenido (a))

Atención: Todos Los Jueves de 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Su Programa "Aroma De Café". 1210 AM / Listen every Thursday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
"Coffee Aroma" Radio Program on 1210 AM

YA VIENE

Abril 1, 5-6:30AM. Servicio de Oración Memorias De La Resurrección.
9-10:3am. Desayuno de compañerismo y celebración.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March / Marzo 11

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)
11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración / Worship Services
6:00 p.m. Mary Raber, MMN Missionary Speaker

Monday, March / Marzo 12

6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miercoles

Tuesday, March / Marzo 13

9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2
7:00 p.m. Relieser

Wednesday, March / Marzo 14

7:00 p.m. Oración y Estudio Bíblico para Adultos
7:00 p.m. Kids Club
7:00 p.m. MYF
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, March / Marzo 15

6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

Friday, March / Marzo 16- Saturday, March / Maroz 17

Peace Center Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch

Friday, March / Marzo 16

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

Sunday, March / Marzo 18

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
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Primera Iglesia Menonita

1208 "L" Street
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March / Marzo 11, 2018

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

9:30 a.m.
Your Will Be Done

Me & You & Darkness in View – Lent 4

Gathering for Worship

Gathering Music Doug Kliewer
Call to Worship

Leader: *Who comes in the name of God? Step into the light and be known.*

People: We are coming, through darkness and fear. We come into the light by the power of God.

Leader: *People of God, God has heard your cries and is opening a way for you.*

People: We are here, through darkness and fear. We come into the light of this day by the power of God.

Leader: *We are here, and God is here. What will you do?*

People: Together we will worship our God.

Words of Welcome and Prayer Christine Moyer

Hymn of Praise
Blessed Jesus at Your Word WH 13

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Souvenir de la Havane (Louis Moreau Gottshalk)

Pasquinade (Louis Moreau Gottshalk)

Danse Cubaine (Louis Moreau Gottshalk)

Confession

Words of Confession

Leader: *God of compassion and consequence, some days it's hard to face who we are.*

We like to be in control, to know where we are going.

Relying on someone else, even you, is hard.

We get impatient and find things to criticize.

Some of us even like to complain.

Glossing over past hardships is easier than admitting that we needed your help, and still do.

We don't want to see how our attitudes and actions make things worse.

We are sorry.

Forgive our ingratitude.

Grant us the courage to face the truth.

Responding in Faith and Hope

Leader: *As a way of expressing that we do not want darkness and negativity to come between us and God, or other people, we bring this light.*

Words of Assurance

Leader: *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress.*

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer Stephen Penner

Choral Anthem Church Choir

Praise Be to Thee (Palestrina)

Between Me & You

Children and Adults Together Barbara Ewy

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Readings

Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21

Choral Anthem

Church Choir

God So Loved the World (Stainer)

Meditation

Mary Raber

Where's Your Gaze?

Responding in Song

We Walk by Faith

WH 570

Sending

Benediction

Blessing Song

This Little Light of Mine

WH 401

Postlude

Souvenir de Porto Rico (Louis Moreau Gottshalk)

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 un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary. Volunteers in the nursery are: Today - Fran Loewen; March 18 - Edith Montano; March 25 - Debra Lyons.

Welcome, Mary Raber! We are delighted that Mary Raber is with us today. Mary serves with Mennonite Mission Network in the Ukraine. She is based at Odessa Theological Seminary and teaches at theological schools in Ukraine and the Russian Federation. For many years our Women in Mission have helped to support Mary's work. Our Borscht and Albondigas supper held each January supports Mary's ministry. Today Mary will be preaching in our early service and sharing a reflective testimony during our late service. This evening in the Fellowship Hall, at 6:00 p.m., she will be speaking about her life and work in the Ukraine. Mary's home congregation is the St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship.

Next Sunday Next Sunday morning Caley Ortman will bring the morning meditation. Paul and Ruth Buxman will accompany our singing and Suzi Ewy will share a special musical number.

Next Sunday's "Responding in Faith and Hope" During our response time following our words of confession, we will have opportunity, as we each feel so led, to write on a whiteboard words that reflect our hopes of what God might "write" or embed on our hearts.

Pastoral Absence Pastor Steve Penner departs on Friday morning for Elkhart, Indiana to participate in Mennonite Mission Network board meetings. Steve will be preaching on Sunday at the North Main Street Mennonite Church in Nappanee, Indiana. Steve will return to Reedley late Monday evening.

Koinonia Sunday School Class is studying a new book, *Discerning God's Will Together*, by Ervin Stutzman during the Christian Education Hour. Everyone is invited to join them in the library to study this book.

First Mennonite Church Centennial Book There are still 3 copies left of the FMC 100th year book *Unfolding Our Story*. The cost is \$35. If you would like a copy, please contact Paul Ruth (638-4702) or the church office.

Summer Wineskins This summer, during the four Sundays of August plus the first Sunday of November, we will observe a series of Sundays called "Summer Wineskins." On these Sundays our Christian Education hour will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a fellowship time at 10:30 a.m. Each Sunday there will be just one worship service beginning at 11:00 a.m. The goal is to worship in new and different ways, and to express ourselves in both English and Spanish. The current plan is for first Sunday to be sermonless and be filled instead with music, scripture, and testimony. The second Sunday will be largely planned by the early service worship committee, the third Sunday by the MYF, the fourth Sunday by 20 and 30-somethings of our church, and the final Sunday by late service folks. We trust that this will be a unique and exciting time in our church.

Peace Center Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, Fifteenth Annual Reedley Peace Center Retreat at St. Nicholas Ranch. Contact Don Friesen for details dfriesen0@gmail.com.

Dove's Nest Training for Abuse Prevention On March 17 at Mennonite Community Church in Fresno a Dove's Nest Training session will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The training, led by new Mennonite Church USA executive director Glen Guyton, helps prepare churches to protect children and youth by building awareness and underscoring the critical importance of our churches being a safe sanctuary for our young people. The workshop is free for all in our church who work with children and youth. For more information contact Barbara Ewy, Juan Montes, Caley Ortman, or Steve Penner.

Our "Safe Church" Commitment and Emergency Housing As part of our "safe church" commitment we committed ourselves to making a list of a few people in our church willing to offer their home as an emergency, short-term housing option for someone possibly facing deportation, or some other immigration related concern. If you would like your name to be on the list, please talk to either Pastor Steve or Pastor Juan.

Verenika Making Day for the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is Saturday, March 17. Come help in the process of making 5000 verenikas for the relief sale. Come to the Reedley MB Church from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and you will get a free lunch and donuts at break time! There's a job for everyone.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is coming soon! Mark your calendars for April 6 & 7. Start filling those My Coins Counts bottles and jars with your spare change. The Children's Auction needs new or lightly used toys, games or books to sell. Items can be brought to Ro Linscheid at Sierra View Homes or contact Ro at 393-6913.