

Cuestra 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.
Dirige: Nohemí Palma

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.

"Tu oración debe ser siempre, no hasta que Dios te escuche, sino hasta que puedas oír a Dios. / Your prayer must always be, not until God heard you, but until you can hear God."
J.V Montes.

"La Vida Es Una Sola Vívela Bien.
You only have one life to live. Live it well."
Romanos 8:28-39

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Nohemí Palma
Bienvenida / Welcome Nohemí Palma

Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy Ruben Montes
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 Nohemí Palma

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

Oración por el Predicador / Prayer for the Preacher Nohemí Palma
Predica / Sermon Pastor J.V Montes
Borrón y Cuenta Nueva # 2
Wipe the Slate Clean and New Account # 2

Hoy:

6:00 p.m. Soccer at the Sports Park

Reserve Estas Fechas de Marzo / March 2017

Marzo 13, 6:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miércoles

Marzo 14, 7:00 p.m. Reliser

Marzo 15, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3- Estudio Bíblico/
También/Kid's Club (Traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)

Marzo 16, 6:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos

Marzo 16, 8:00 p.m. Vigilia en Salón 5

Marzo 25, 1ra. CAMPANA EVNGELISTICA AL AIRE LIBRE. Con Luis Palau en el Sport Park de Reedley (Ministerio de proclamación y cuidado en servicio este día.)

YA VIENE / UPCOMING EVENTS

Abril 1-2. Fiesta de Fresno con Luis Palau

Abril 16, 9-10:30am. Servicio de Resurrección Salón Social.

Abril 16. 11:00am. Celebramos la Resurrección en Burris Park, Kingsburg

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March / Marzo 12

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

Monday, March / Marzo 13

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

Tuesday, March / Marzo 14

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

Wednesday, March / Marzo 15

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, March / Marzo 16

7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos
8:00 p.m. Vigilia en Salón 5

Friday, March / Marzo 17

6:30 p.m. Peace Center
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Library

Saturday, March / Marzo 18

6:30 p.m. Felipe Hinojosa Speaking at Mennonite Community Church

Sunday, March / Marzo 19

5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
10:30 a.m. United Service



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First Mennonite Church **Primera Iglesia Menonita**

1208 "L" Street
Reedley, CA 93654



March / Marzo 12, 2017

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

9:30 a.m.

Lent 2

Restore Us, O God! We Wonder.

Preparing

Gathering Music Lance and Christy Zimmerman

Gathering in Melody SJ 29

You Are All We Have

Call to Worship

Leader: Mindful that God, the great Mystery, has called us,

All: we gather to worship.

Leader: Curious about God's ways in the world,

All: we gather to worship.

Leader: Wondering in the face of uncertainty,

All: we gather to worship.

Leader: Receive our worship and our wonderings, O God, as we seek after you.

Gathering Words and Prayer Ruth Buxman

Hymn of Praise and Worship

We Worship God the Rock SJ 28

God of Many Names WH 77

Scripture and Confession

New Testament Lenten Reading

John 3:1-8

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God of mystery, you call us into the unknown. But we do not always follow willingly.

People: We confess that we do not want to leave behind what is familiar. We prefer looking like those around us.

Leader: We do not want to change our well-refined beliefs. We prefer to think and believe in the same ways we always have.

People: We do not want to give up the comfort of our own self-sufficiency. We prefer to stay in control.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord, when in our best effort to work for you, we fail to move with your Spirit.

All: Stir us deep within. Recover a sense of your holy wonder and make room within us for the mystery of your Spirit.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God of mystery,

All: restore us.

Leader: Our help comes from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you from all harm. The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Amen

Worship Music Lance and Christy Zimmerman

Sharing

Children's Time Barbara Ewy

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer Dorothy Boldt

Prayer Response WH 538

Lead Me, Lord

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Pondering

Old Testament Lenten Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Meditation Steve Ratzlaff

Life Begins at 75

Responding in Song WH 594

Lord, You Sometimes Speak

Lenten Ritual

A Stone for the Journey

A Reminder of God's Steadfast Love

Sending words

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 A staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education wing. An unstaffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome to Steve Ratzlaff! We are very glad that Steve Ratzlaff is joining us again this Sunday morning. Steve has pastored Mennonite congregations in Seattle, Lincoln, and Fresno. In retirement he continues to be active, pursuing a variety of interests and causes.

Pastoral Absence Steve Penner has been attending Mennonite Mission Network board meetings the past few days in Jacksonville, Florida. He is returning to Reedley this evening.

A Weekend with Felipe Hinojosa Next weekend, March 17-19, Dr. Felipe Hinojosa from Texas A&M will be speaking. Felipe met his wife Maribel Ramirez in our church basement while part of a summer MCC sponsored anti-racism drama team, graduated from Fresno Pacific with a degree in English, and later earned his doctorate in History. On Friday evening he will be at the Reedley Peace Center speaking on "White Privilege." On Saturday evening, at 6:30 p.m., he will present at Mennonite Community Church on themes emerging out of his book Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith & Evangelical Culture. On Sunday morning the 19th we will hold a united service in our sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Mennonite Community Church will join our worship service as we all meet together for a time of worship, listening, and fellowship. Felipe will preach during this service. Afterwards, a meal prepared by PIM women will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Any donations at the meal will go towards PIM's annual family camp at Camp Keola.

"La Gran Fiesta" with Luis Palau The well-known evangelist preacher Luis Palau will be at the Reedley Sports Park on Saturday afternoon, March 25. From 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. that afternoon there will be a variety of activities for people of all ages, mariachi music, and a message by Rev. Palau. People from our church are involved working with children and serving as counselors. More volunteers are needed. Please talk to Pastor Juan.

The Rolling Fast If you would like to sign up for a day of the "rolling fast," talked about last Sunday morning, you can find a sheet at the back table in the church.

Our Commitment to Being a Safe Church The Board of Deacons has continued to work on the document (now called "Our Commitment to being a Safe Church") first discussed as a congregation at the January church business meeting. The most recent draft of the document can be found on the back table. The deacons encourage small groups, Sunday School classes, and other groups within the church to discuss this document. The deacons plan to hold a congregational gathering at a currently undetermined date to discuss the document and hope to gain formal congregational approval of it at the June church business meeting. In the meantime, we want to live into the ideas and commitments expressed in this document.

Peace Center Friday, March 17, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Felipe Hinojosa, Department of History at Texas A&M. Topic: *White Privilege*.

Prayer Vine Oscar Siwali and Mennonite Mission Network's Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen are working through Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to train peer mediators for mediation and peace clubs this month. Pray for the students who are using their school holidays for this training.

Youth and Outreach Ministries Director Our church is now looking for a person to fill the role of "Youth and Outreach Ministries Director." This is .3 FTE position. Applications will be received until May 15 for the position which we hope will be filled by August 1. The director will work with the junior high and high school youth of our church, as well as relate to the various outreach activities of our congregation. Applications may be procured from the church office or by talking to either Jim Krause or Sebastian Andrade. Members of the search committee include Jim Krause, Sebastian Andrade, Ligia Duran, Edith Montano, Juan Montes, and Stephen Penner.

2017 Church Directory A draft copy of this year's church directory is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please make sure your information is correct. Please make corrections as needed.

Verenika Making Your help is needed next Saturday, March 18, helping make verenika for the West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale. They will be made at the Reedley MB Church starting at 8:00 a.m. Both men and women are needed. Free lunch is provided.

FMC/PIM Trustees have a Fundraising Project! The sprinklers servicing the lawn between the church building and the Fellowship Hall need an upgrade. A \$38 donation will cover the labor and parts for one sprinkler – this also includes some work to the valve box. Whether using a check written out to FMC or cash in an envelope, designate your donation for "sprinklers." Help make the lawn green again!

Serve as a Camp Counselor! It's time to think about being a counselor at Camp Keola this summer! Applications are now being accepted for counselors and counselors-in-training for our Mennonite youth camps at Camp Keola this summer. Camp dates are July 13-29 (including staff training July 13-15). More information and a link to the application form can be found at: <http://campkeola.org/employment.shtml>. Scroll down to the "Mennonite Program Positions" section. Apply today!

2017 Philosophy Lecture Series: Vice, Vainglory & Humility Fresno Pacific University, March 22, in the Seminary Chapel (North Hall, 123). Event is Co-Hosted by the Fresno State Ethics Center and Fresno Pacific University Philosophy Department. Wednesday, March 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Seminary Chapel, NOH 123): The Seven Deadly Sins. Lecture 1: "The Vice of Vainglory: Its Roots and Remedies" (Rebecca DeYoung, Calvin College). Lecture 2: "Radical Christian Humility" (Kent Dunnington, Biola University). Dunnington critiques secular accounts of humility, while examining St. Augustine's view of humility and the radical "unselving" themes in the desert mothers and fathers of the Christian spiritual tradition.

Service Adventure Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for their Colorado Springs, Colo. and Jackson, Miss., units. The two year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net

Weekly Stewardship Report	Year To Date
Budgeted: \$4,396	Budgeted: \$43,960
Received: \$5,434	Received: \$36,060
Attendance: FMC 71 PIM na	