

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: Aret Zúñiga

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.

Lucha por y cuida tus sueños, son los hijos de tu alma. Wrestling for and care for your dreams, they are the sons of your souls. / Struggle for and take care of your dreams. They are the children of your soul. Wrestle for and care for your dreams. They are the sons of your souls." JV Montes

"La Vida Es Una Sola Vívela Bien.
 You only have one life to live. Live it well."
 Jeremías 29:9-13

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Coordinador
 Bienvenida / Welcome Coordinador

Alabemos y Adoremos Juntos / Praise and Adoration Together

Líder de Alabanza Para Hoy	David Aguilar
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

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

Oración por el Predicador / Prayer for the Preacher Coordinador
 Predica / Sermon Pastor J.V Montes
Lucha por Tus Sueños/ Fight for Your Dreams

Hoy:

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

Reserve Estas Fechas de Marzo / March 2017

Marzo 27, 7:00 p.m. Practica Alabanza Para Los Miércoles
 Marzo 29, 7:00 p.m. 1- Oración. 2- Alabanza - 3- Estudio Bíblico/
 También/Kid's Club (Traigan sus hijos a esta reunión.)
 Marzo 30, 7:00 p.m. Práctica Worship Team para los Domingos
 Marzo 30, 8:00 p.m. Vigilia en Salón 5

YA VIENE / UPCOMING EVENTS

Abril 1-2. Fiesta de Fresno con Luis Palau
 Abril 2. Baby Shower para Aida RV
 Abril 16, 9-10:30 a.m. Servicio de Resurrección Salón Social.
 Abril 16. 11:00 a.m. Celebremos la Resurrección en Burris Park.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March / Marzo 26

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 27

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

Tuesday, March / Marzo 28

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

Wednesday, March / Marzo 29

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 30

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

Friday, March / Marzo 31

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

Sunday, April / Abril 2

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 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
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First Mennonite Church
Primera Iglesia Menonita

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 Reedley, CA 93654



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March / Marzo 26, 2017

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

9:30 a.m.

Lent 4

Restore us, O God! We see.

Preparing

Gathering Music David Boldt

Three Settings of "By the Waters of Babylon"

(J.S. Bach/Danzig Mennonite Choralbuch (1806)/J. S. Bach)

You Are All We Have

Call to Worship

Leader: Here in this place we gather to worship.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Here in this place we gather to see you.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts

Leader: Here in this place we gather to perceive you in all your glory and beauty.

All: Open our eyes and our hearts.

Leader: Remove our blindness so that we might see ourselves honestly, and humbly worship you.

Gathering Words and Prayer Lance Zimmerman

Hymn of Praise and Worship

Open My Eyes that I May See

WH 517

Scripture and Confession

Old Testament Lenten Reading

Psalms 23

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. We confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you want us to see.

Leader: Your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes a new order where we are no longer leading the way. Forgive us, O Lord, when we would rather stay in the darkness of our current reality instead of receiving your miracle to light and new life.

People: Remove the cataracts from our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.

(Pause for silent confession.)

Leader: God who brings all things into the light,

All: restore us.

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. Though we cannot see through the valley of the shadow of death, God is with us. We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

Choral Music Reedley High School Madrigals

Jubilate Deo (Peter Anglea)

Sharing

Children's Time

Barbara Ewy

Sharing Time

Morning Prayer

Stephen Penner

Response

Be Thou My Vision

WH 545

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Chorale prelude:"Rockingham Old" (Parry)

Choral Music

Reedley High School Madrigals

Emerald Stream (Seth Houston)

Witness (Jack Halloran)

Pondering

New Testament Reading

John 9:1-11, 24-25

Meditation

Stephen Penner

Some Mud in the Eye

Responding in Song

I'll Praise My Maker

WH 166

Lenten Ritual

Receiving Anointing

As you wish, come to the front of the church to receive an anointing.

Take, O Take Me As I Am

SJ 81

Sending Words

Postlude

Ricecare (Frescobaldi)

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 the Reedley High School Madrigals We are very delighted to welcome the Reedley High School Madrigals, under the direction of Randy Lepp, to our worship service this morning. They will be singing three numbers during our worship service. The chorale group's accompanist is Beradette Tasy. Members of the Madrigals include: Roberto Campos, Jonah Chapa, James Clark, Cesar Garcia, Shayla Gould, Naomi Haworth, Steven Haynes, Courtney Jones, Claire Santos, Elliott Santos, Paige Linss, Parker Linss, Alexis Macedo, Emily Milton, Alexi Newton, Itzayana Palomera, Nathan Sano, and Ashlee Toews.

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 (in both English and Spanish) 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 31, 6:30-8:30 Videotaped speaker: Erica Chenoweth. Topic: *Why Civil Resistance Works: Past and Future*. A recent lecture given by Chenoweth updating her now-famous research.

West Coast Mennonite Relief Sale is coming soon! April 7 & 8 is the 50th anniversary of the sale. There will be a special opening ceremony on Friday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Special Events Center you won't want to miss! Fifty men of the Mennonite Men's Chorus will be singing and there will be special guests that evening. Come on out and bring a friend with you!

Prayer Vine Beginning on Thursday of this week, local leaders of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program will gather in Tucson, Arizona, for four days of worship, fellowship, and to envision next steps. Pray for the Holy Spirit's unity in relationships and in purpose.

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!

Supplies for Children's Ministries There are several ways you can connate to FMC/PIM Children's Ministry. They are in need of supplies. Please see the sheet of needed items on the back table.

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.

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!

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 at the website MennoniteMission.net.