

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.**  
**Preside**  
**Pastor J.V Montes**

**Edifiquemos Juntos La Familia / Let Us Build the Family Together**  
1ra Pedro / 1 Peter 1:13

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.

"Respetar la personalidad de tus hijos (a) y enséñales el carácter de Dios. Respect the personality of your children and teach them the character of God."  
J.V. Montes

**Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time**

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer	Coordinador / Leader
Bienvenida / Welcome	Coordinador / Leader
Lectura Bíblica Biblical Reading	Mateo 24:1-14

**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	WorshipTeam
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings	Coordinador / Leader

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

Predica / Sermon Pastora Carmen Montes  
*El Reloj De Dios / The Clock of God*

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:**

5:30 pm. Acompañenos al parque al jugar soccer-también jugaran niños(a)  
5:30 p.m. Join us at the park to play soccer - bring the children too.

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

Marzo 3, 2015. Reunión De Diáconos.  
Marzo 5, 2015. Reunión De Líderes 7:00pm.  
Marzo 17, 2015. Reunión Concilio De FMC/PIM.  
Marzo 21, 2015. Foro Alivio Presidencial. 5:00pm. (Salón Social)  
Marzo 23, 2015. Reunión Comité de Educación. 7:00pm  
Abril 5, 2015. Servicio de Pascua en Burris Park.  
Abril 26, 2015. Servicio unido afuera / All Church Picnic  
Agosto 14-16, 2015. Camp Keola.

**Prayer Vine** Pray for Mennonite Mission Network personnel in Paris, France – Janie and Neal Blough, Linda Oyer, and Brad and Brenna Steury Graber – as they help youth and adults in their congregations and communities make sense of the recent violence. May they help provide a Jesus-centered perspective to the outrage and anger.

**Condolences** to the family and friends of Rosemary Nachtigal Friesen who passed away. Our prayers go out to her husband, Tim Friesen, and family. There will be a memorial service for her in our sanctuary on Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m.

**Mennonite/s Writing VII** This conference meets at Fresno Pacific University, March 12-15. The conference program includes readings, scholarly paper presentations, panel discussions, writing workshops, performances, story-telling, book-signings, excursions, open microphone, and feasting. Art exhibits depicting the conference theme of *Movement, Transformation, and Place* will round out the weekend. On Thursday evening, there will be a poetry reading with Peter Everwine in the Shehady Dining Hall. Keynote speaker will be Mas Masumoto. View the schedule and complete your online registration at [www.fresno.edu/mennos-writing](http://www.fresno.edu/mennos-writing). For more information, contact Hope Nisly 859-5005.

**Convention Registration is Open!** These winter temps may make summer seem far away, but the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, 2015, will be here before you know it. The Executive Board is encouraging congregations to identify and register delegates early, so that they can participate in a survey of all delegates which will be sent out in February. For more information on the delegate role, visit the convention website: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/delegate/>. You can also register online: [www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention](http://www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention).

**Mennonite World Conference** is coming to North America (July 21-26 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) and MWC is encouraging congregations to learn about our Anabaptist global family. "What We Believe Together: Exploring the 'Shared Convictions' of Anabaptist-related Churches" by Alfred Neufeld is a good starting point and includes questions for discussion. For more info, go to [mwc-cmm.org/pa2015](http://mwc-cmm.org/pa2015).

**Mennonite World Conference Assembly 2015 "Walking with God" will be held in Harrisburg, PA, July 21-26, 2015.** On Thursday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. an informational meeting will be held at North Fresno Church (5724 N. Fresno St.) about registration, schedule and transportation. Everyone is invited to attend, share stories about previous Assemblies you have attended, hear about the Global Youth Summit, and other groups, such as the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB), which will hold meetings in conjunction with the Assembly. If you have questions, please call Bill Braun (559.977.6531) or Dennis Becker (559.977.2525).



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*March / Marzo 1, 2015*

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

9:30 a.m.  
**Upside Down and Inside Out**  
Lent 2  
Beyond Imagination

**FIRST LOOK**

Prelude Eleanor Friesen  
*If You But Trust in God to Guide You* (Powell)  
Gathering Hymn  
*God Moves in a Mysterious Way* SJ 104  
Welcome and Opening Prayer Lance Zimmerman  
Scripture Reading  
*Mark 8:31-38*  
Call to Authenticity  
Leader: Jesus, you are hard to follow.  
People: *Be reasonable! Don't talk about suffering and rejection, death and dying.*  
Leader: Like Peter, when we said we would follow you, we had something better in mind.  
People: *We're just trying to keep you, and us, safe.* (Silence)  
Leader: Keep us close by your side,  
People: *and give us the imagination to see what you see and the courage to follow you into it.*  
Hymn of Surrender to God's Work in our Lives  
*Be Thou My Vision* WH 545

**UPSIDE DOWN AND INSIDE OUT**

Call to Grace  
*The Lord doesn't despise or detest suffering, nor hide God's face from us. No; God listens when we cry out for help.*  
Time with our Children Karen Peterson  
*Through our Fragmentary Prayers* WH 347  
Sharing our Joys and Concerns  
Morning Prayer Stephen Penner  
Choral Anthem  
*Lord Make Us Instruments* (Shaw)  
Meditation Stephen Penner  
*When the Sea Billows Roll*

**SECOND LOOK**

Reader's Theatre  
Scripture Reading  
*Mark 8:31-38*  
Choral Anthem  
*Holy, Holy, Holy* (Bach)  
Sharing our Gifts  
*Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (Carlson)  
Call to Commitment  
Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out by letting us in on the big picture.  
People: *God, even when following is hard, we will stick with you and wait expectantly to see what else you have in mind.*

Words of Blessing  
Hymn of Thanksgiving for God's Work in our Lives  
*Alleluia, the Great Storm Is Over* SJ 71  
Postlude  
*Awake Thou Wintry Earth* (Bach)

**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: March 1- Maritza Ambriz; March 8 - Suzi Ewy; March 15 - Christy Zimmerman.

**Fundraiser** The girls will be holding a fundraiser to attend a girl's event, *Secret Keeper Girl*, next weekend. They will be making and selling fresh cinnamon rolls today right after the first service, after Sunday school classes, and after the second service. They will be selling cinnamon rolls 3 for \$5.

**Dine Out** is on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Friendship Group is our host this month. Sloppy Joes, salad, veggies, tortilla chips, and ice cream is on the menu for this month.

**Next Sunday's Lenten Texts** Next Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. Perhaps in your devotional times you would like to contemplate the four readings for the third Sunday of Lent. They are Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, I Corinthians 1:18-25, and John 2:13-22. During next Sunday's early service Stephen Penner will offer the morning message.

**Annual Youth Group Retreat** Next weekend seven high school students from our church will be at Pismo Beach for the annual MYF retreat.

**Let's Pray for Rain** Two more opportunities to pray for rain to fall are being sponsored by Redeemer's Church. On March 8 and March 29 we are invited to join in prayer at 3:30 in the afternoon. Both of these informal events will take place on the lawn on the Redeemer's Church campus.

**Church Directory** The church directory is finished and is in your mailbox today. Please let Dee in the office know if she missed any changes. If you don't have a mailbox, but would like a directory, please contact the church office, 638-2917.

**Rejoice Devotional Booklet for March-May** The *Rejoice* daily devotional booklet for March to May, published by MennoMedia, is now on the tables in the two vestibules of our church. The booklets are free for the taking. Steve Penner wrote the devotions for the week beginning tomorrow, March 2.

**Peace Center** Friday, March 6, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Campaign Nonviolence Documentary: *Praying the Devil Back to Hell* chronicles social unrest in the West African Republic of Liberia, where civil war has torn the nation apart and left hundreds of thousands dead or displaced. The film reconstructs the way this tragedy galvanized a coalition of Christian and Muslim women to rise up and, through nonviolent tactics, put pressure on their government to pursue peace talks, then follows their grassroots moment as it leads to democratic elections and Liberia's first female president.

**Daylight Savings Time Begins** already! Be sure to turn your clocks *forward* next Saturday night before you go to bed or you won't get to church on time!

**United Bible Study** Starting next Sunday, during our Christian Education Hour at 11:00 a.m., there will be a united Bible study starting. The study will be on the Book of Romans and will meet in the church library.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**Sunday, March / Marzo 1**

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 2**

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m. Practica del Grupo de Alabanza (Miércoles)

**Tuesday, March / Marzo 3**

7:00 a.m. Anabaptist Prayer Gathering  
9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2  
6:00 p.m. Tiemplo Servicio de Oración / Prayer Time  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Wednesday, March / Marzo 4**

6:00 p.m. Dine Out  
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

**Thursday, March / Marzo 5**

5:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training  
7:00 p.m. PIM Leadership Meeting

**Friday, March / Marzo 6**

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

**Sunday, March / Marzo 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  
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