

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### **Sunday, November / Noviembre 23**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
- 10:30 a.m. United Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Sunday Meal

### **Monday, November / Noviembre 24**

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in the Fireside Room
- 6:00 p.m. Practica del Grupo de Alabanza (Miércoles)
- 7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, November / Noviembre 25**

- 7:00 a.m. Anabaptist Prayer Gathering in the Library
- 9:30 a.m. Needles & Notions in Room 2
- 6:00 p.m. Tiempo Servicio de Oración / Prayer Time
- 7:00 p.m. Loan Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, November / Noviembre 26**

No activities

### **Thursday, November / Noviembre 27**

Happy Thanksgiving

### **Saturday, November / Noviembre 29**

- 5:00 a.m. Oración Matutina / Morning Prayers
- 5:00 p.m. Practica Grupo de Alabanza / Worship Team Training
- 6:00 p.m. Práctica Grupo de Danza – Salón Social

### **Sunday, November / Noviembre 30**

- 5:00 a.m. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- 8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Infant Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Estudio de Apocalipsis
- 11:00 a.m. Christian Education Hour
- 11:00 a.m. Reenfoque Espiritual - Sucesos De La Vida
- 11:40 a.m. Tiempo de Compañerismo Cristiano
- 11:50 a.m. Academia de Formación Cristiana (AFC)
- 11:55 a.m. Servicio Alabanza y Adoración / Spanish Worship Service

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

Febrero 27/28, 2015. 1ra. Confraternidad en el Valle Central.  
"EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA." Proverbios 24:3-4



## *First Mennonite Church* **Primera Iglesia Menonita**

1208 "L" Street  
Reedley, CA 93654



*November / Noviembre 23, 2014*

10:30 a.m.

## FMC/PIM Thanksgiving Day United Service *Praising the Lord in Unity and Love*

Gathering Together in the House of God

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Singing our Praises  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Tu has Venido a la Orilla*  
*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Paul and Ruth Buxman  
WH 143  
WH 229  
WH 307

Lectura Biblica/Scripture Reading  
*Psalms 27:1-5*

Prayer/Oracion

Diezmos y Ofrendas/Tithes and Offerings

Cantos de Alabanzas  
*10,000 Reasons*  
*A Song of Praise*

Grupo de Alabanza

Scripture Reading/Lectura Biblica  
*Ephesians 4:1-6 and Mark 1:16-18*

Choral Anthem  
*Shadrack* (arr. Lee)

Church Choir

Proclamation/Predica  
*Trusting in the Lord, Living in Unity, Following Jesus*

Juan Montes and Stephen Penner

Benediction



**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: November 23 - Edith Montano; November 30 - Suzy Ewy; December 7 - Carolina Valdovinos.

**Thanksgiving Sunday** Today is our Thanksgiving Service (also known as Church Loyalty Day). We gather for a united worship service this morning with our annual Thanksgiving meal to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this Thanksgiving meal which will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Advent Season Begins** Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. This is the first Sunday of the liturgical church year. During our early service Stephen Penner will bring a meditation and our church choir will sing. During the early service we will be sharing at the Lord's table each Sunday of the Advent season. Our late service will feature a message by Juan Montes and singing led by our worship team.

**Annual Christmas Program** This year's children's Christmas program will be a bit different. Barbara Ewy, the architect of the evening, is calling the event "Adventures in Bethlehem." The evening will be interactive, involve movement, include singing, we'll see Mary and Joseph, and we will experience the wonder of Christmas in a fresh way. It will all happen on Sunday, December 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Prayer Vine** Benin Bible Institute, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in West Africa, celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary last month. Praise God for the more than 1,000 church leaders BBI has trained for ministry, and pray for the resources necessary the school's continuation.

**Prayer Team** From time to time we share matters for prayer, both items of praise and concern, via email. If you'd like to receive this communication, please talk to Steve Penner.

**Prayer Cards** for Mary Raber have been placed in both vestibules. Please help yourself. Mary is our Mennonite Women Mission Partner.

**FPU Presents: A Festival of Lessons & Carols** today at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 1540 M Street, Fresno. Admission is \$10. All proceeds will benefit the music program at Fresno Pacific University.

**Peace Center** Friday, November 28 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.) - Saturday, November 29 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) Sweet Home Ranch Annual Art Show and Holiday Gift Sale, featuring Paul Buxman original oil paintings, lithographs and art cards; farm crafted foods and gifts from Sweet Home Ranch and neighboring farms. 4399 Avenue 400 in Dinuba.

**Community Events** Open Gate Ministries Decorated Christmas Tree Auction is Sunday, November 30 from 2:30-5:00 p.m. at the Dinuba First Baptist Church 600 E. Nebraska Ave. Admission is \$5.00. Free refreshments will be served. Proceeds to benefit Open Gate Ministries.

**San Joaquin Chorale** Christmas Concert will be on Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaghoian Concert Hall, 2770 E. International Avenue in Fresno. \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and students. For more information, go to [fresno.edu/christmasconcert](http://fresno.edu/christmasconcert) or email Roy Klassen at [roy.klassen@fresno.edu](mailto:roy.klassen@fresno.edu).

**July 2015** Next July is a big month. The Mennonite Church USA convention will be in Kansas City on June 30 to July 5. This is an every other year event. Then, a few weeks later, July 21-26, the Mennonite World Conference will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The MWC gatherings are held every six years at different locations around the world. The last MWC held in the United States was in 1978. After 2015 it could be a long time until it is held in the United States again.

**Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week** Natalia Pareda; Arnold & Melva Ewy, Steve & Glenna Penner.



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