

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.
Coordinador / Coordinator
Jesús Duran

"Esta congregación está basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del Espíritu Santo. Gócese con Dios en este ambiente familiar. In this secure congregation of Christ, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, everyone is invited to enjoy this family gathering with God."

"Poner Voz A Tu Fe"
"Put Voice to Your Faith"

"La soledad no es ausencia de afecto, sino ausencia de dirección y planeación. ¿Cómo te sientes hoy solo (a) o dirigido (a)?" / Loneliness is not the absence of affection, but an absence of leadership and planning. How do you feel today only or led?"
JV Montes

Tiempo De Preparación / Preparation Time

Oración de Apertura / Opening Prayer Coordinador / Leader
Bienvenida / Welcome Coordinador / Leader
Lectura Bíblica / Bible Reading Juan 5:1-9

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 Worship Team
Diezmos & Ofrendas / Tithes & Offerings Coordinador / Leader

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

Predica / Sermon Pastor J.V Montes
Zambúllete en Jesucristo / Dive into Jesus Christ

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:

5:00 p.m. Acompáñenos al parque al jugar soccer - también
jugaran niños (a) /Join us at the park to play soccer - bring the children
too.

Reserve su Estas Fechas / Save These Important Dates:

Diciembre 2, 7:00pm. Reunión de Diáconos.
Diciembre 4, 2014. 7:00pm "RELID"
Diciembre 14, 6:00pm "Aventuras de Belén."
Diciembre 21, 6:00pm "Red De Apoyo Matrimonial Cena Anual en el
Brook Ranch.
Diciembre 31, 6:30pm Servicio y Santa Cena Fin De Año 2014.
Diciembre 30, 7:00pm Loan Commission
Febrero 27/28, 2015. 1ra. Confraternidad en el Valle Central.
"EDIFICANDO LA FAMILIA." Proverbios 24:3-4

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November / Noviembre 30

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. 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

Monday, December / Diciembre 1

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

Tuesday, December / Diciembre 2

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, December / Diciembre 3

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, December / Diciembre 4

7:00 p.m. RELID (PIM Leadership) Meeting

Friday, December / Diciembre 5

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

Saturday, December / Diciembre 6

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

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First Mennonite Church
Primera Iglesia Menonita

1208 "L" Street
Reedley, CA 93654



November / Noviembre 30, 2014

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

9:30 a.m.

On the Way
The First Sunday of Advent
Reveal Your Hope

Gathering

Music for Gathering Eleanor Friesen

Come, Saviour of the Gentiles (Bach)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Advent Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, O My People WH 178

Call to Worship and Invocation Lance Zimmerman

Leader: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship. Redeeming God, show your face, so that we, your people, would share your hope.

All: Oh, that you would reveal your hope to us, O Lord.

People: Let your light shine, so that the nations would see your glory.

Leader: Speak to us, for your words do not pass away.

People: Walk with us, and the peoples tremble.

Leader: Restore us, that we might be saved.

People: Mold us, and we will bend to your will.

All: Rend the heavens and come down, O Lord of hope.

Songs of the Season

O Come, O Come Emmanuel WH 172

To Us a Child of Hope is Born WH 189

Confessing

A Confession for the First Sunday of Advent

Leader: Today in this safe but dark and holy place we become aware of your presence, God. We focus not on our sins as is our habit, but instead on the sins done against us.

People: We have suffered rejection, hurt, and abuse. People have hurt us in our childhood, at school, at work, and even in church. These hurts continue to shape us in unhealthy ways.

Leader: We are crumbling clay that needs to be reformed and rebuilt by you, God, the Potter.

People Heal our places of shame, Lord.

Leader: To "forgive those who trespass against us," we ask for strength to release our wounds to you, to stop holding onto them.

People: Heal us, Lord.

All: Restore our hope, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Silence

Assurance

Leader: God, the faithful Potter longs to remake and restore his children.

All: God's power rekindles hope in us and gives us life, real life. Thanks be to God.

Praying

Sharing our joys and our concerns

Morning Prayer

Choral Anthem Stephen Penner

O Savior Rend the Heavens (Bridges) Church Choir

Proclaiming

Time with the Children

New Testament Reading

Mark 13:24-37

Choral Anthem

Once in Royal David's City (Van)

Meditation

A Wild Hope

Church Choir

Stephen Penner

Responding

Singing our Faith

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

SJ 95

Sharing at the Lord's Table

Sharing our Gifts

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People (Hovland)

Sending Litany

All: As we go from this house we remember that the world is vast and that we are small.

We see and know only in part.

We remind ourselves that God's love is stronger than all evil.

We remember that nothing can separate us from God's love.

So, this week we will wait for the Lord in the small places,

within conversations, in the earth's beauty, in the world's pain, and in the wonder of all that is to come.

This is our prayer.

Leader: May the love of God, and the power of the Holy Spirit, rest upon us all, until, in God's providence, we meet again. Amen.

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 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: Nov. 30 - Suzy Ewy; Dec. 7 - Carolina Valdovinos; Dec. 14 - Sharon Reimer.

Advent Begins Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ child into our lives and into our world. This year's lectionary Bible readings take us into powerful passages from the prophet Isaiah. We will once again be confronted by the prophet John the Baptist, the soft-spoken but steel-willed Mary, not to mention today's stunning reading from Mark's gospel. We are also trying something different this Advent season in the early service. During this season of waiting and anticipation we will meet at the communion table each Sunday of the Advent and Christmas season. May God bless our worship this Advent and Christmas season.

Dine Out at Church! Enjoy a fine meal sponsored and prepared by Hispanic women of our church. The evening's proceeds will go towards the Hispanic Mennonite women's conference in Dallas next year.

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. Please bring a plate of cookies or treats to share. These can be taken to the church kitchen.

Prayer Vine Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.

Treasurer's Report Giving in October was \$1,000 under budget and expenses were about \$4,000 over budget. So our year-to-date deficit increased from about \$9,000 to \$13,000. As we approach the last month of the year, let's remember the work of our church as we plan our giving.

Peace Center Friday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Karen Crozier, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Fresno Pacific University. Topic: *The Voice of a Community for Educational Justice*. West Fresno's 35 year struggle to get a bona-fide neighborhood middle school after the closing of Irwin Junior High School in the late 70s, and West Fresno community advocates' critique of FUSD's hire for African American and Latino Studies.

Community Events Open Gate Ministries Decorated Christmas Tree Auction is today 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 or email Roy Klassen at roy.klassen@fresno.edu.

Employment Opportunity Pacific Mennonite Aid Society is seeking to fill two positions: an Office Manager (salaried part-time position) and a board member (mileage provided). If you are interested or know of someone who might be considered, contact Allen Linscheid at 637-7774.

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.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board Staff Wishes You a Blessed Thanksgiving. At this time of year, they want to let each of you know how grateful they are that you have chosen to be a part of this church and journey with us. May you also find time to celebrate all God's good gifts in your life this weekend!

Birthdays and Anniversaries Being Celebrated This Week Mark Friesen (11/30), Paola Quintanilla (11/30), Jose Mireles (12/1), Maritsa Ambriz (12/2), Madie Butts (12/3), Janet Linscheid (12/3), Pat Soder (12/3).



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