



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA

December 20, 2009
10:45 a.m.

Walking Together

Advent 4
God delivers!

Gathering

Music for Gathering Eleanor Friesen
From Heaven Above (Pachelbel)
 Lighting the Christ Candle and the Peace Lamp
 Gathering Hymn SJ 13
My Soul is Filled with Joy
 Gathering Words and Prayer Ruth Buxman
 Gathering Hymn
My Soul is Filled with Joy SJ 13
 Scripture Reading
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1: 38-45
 Hymns and Songs of Praise
When Long before Time SJ 25
O Come, All Ye Faithful WH 212

We Trust in God

Lighting the Advent Candle Ellen Ewy Family
I Will Trust in You
Leader: The first candle reminds us to take heart.
This candle reminds us to get ready and choose the path of peace.
This candle reminds us that God turns us around.
 All: The fourth candle of Advent anticipates God's bursting in and breaking out.
 God bursts in to deliver! God's labor delivers a new dream of good news which breaks the Powers of oppression and lifts up the lowly.
 We light this candle as a reminder that God delivers.
Leader: The path God reveals comes to us in the mystery of a child delivered through Mary.
Beloved of God, God delivers through his faithful servants!
 Chorale Anthem Church Choir
Where is this Stupendous Stranger (arr. White)

Time with the Children
 Chorale Anthem
Shepherd's Carol (Billings)
 Proclamation
Mary Magnifies the Lord

Barbara Ewy
 Church Choir
 Stephen Penner

Responding in Trust

Song of Christmas WH 207
Niño Lindo
 Litany of Response
Leader: Lord, in this time of Advent, we celebrate your presence with us and long for your coming. We rejoice that you deliver.
 People: Lord, make us ready. Deliver us from sin and hopelessness. We celebrate your light coming into our darkness.
Leader: We remember the hope Jesus brings to all people in all times and places.
 People: Rejoice! God delivers.
Leader: We remember the peace God gives, a flickering candle that the night cannot understand or extinguish.
 People: Rejoice! God delivers.
Leader: We rejoice because God is in our midst, turning us around and taking away our fear. God rejoices over us with gladness, God renews us with love.
 People: Rejoice! God delivers.
Leader: We look for signs in the heavens and God sends a baby. God remembers. God's saving mercy breaks through time and space to include even us.
 People: Rejoice! God delivers.
 Sharing our Gifts
Go Tell it on the Mountain (Albrecht)
 Praying Stephen Penner
 Song of Christmas
Joy to the World WH 318

Sending

Spoken Benediction
 Postlude
Gloria (Wold)

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. If you are visiting with us today we ask that you sign the guest book at the back of the church and that you please accept a small gift prepared just for you. The gift can be found in a basket on the back table!

The Oil Lamp at the front of our meeting place symbolizes our prayers for peace between our country and neighbors around the world.

Assistance for the hearing impaired is available from the audio operator.

December 27, 2009 We will meet two days after Christmas for our usual Sunday morning services, one in Spanish and one in English. This is the last Sunday of the calendar year and, with our hearts still in Christmas mode, we will do further reflecting on the season we are in.

January 3, 2010 On Epiphany Sunday we remember again the clever wise magi from the East, coming to see the baby Jesus. In our English service the church choir will sing and several people from our congregation will share. Our Spanish language service will take place in the Fellowship Hall where a spirited time of fellowship, praise, and contemplation will take place.

Nursery Workers are greatly appreciated. The staffed, early childhood nursery is in Room 3 of the Education Wing. The un-staffed infant nursery is in the back of the sanctuary.

December 20 – Laura Penner, Yessica Ambriz

December 27 – Glenna Penner, Maritza Ambriz

If you are unable to take your turn on the scheduled day, please trade with someone.

Fellowship Time Everyone is invited to come to the kitchen end of the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. after the Sunday School Hour for a time of food and fellowship. The following people are scheduled to help with coffee prep and bring food on the following Sundays:

December 20 – Melinda & Dave Hasegawa (coffee); Augustina & Cruz Carrilo (food)

December 27 – Marty & Wayne Zimmerman (coffee); Katharine Dettweiler (food)

January 3 – Judy & Vern Warkentin (coffee); Lillian Dueck (food)

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Christmas Program “Following the Star” will be performed by our young people tonight at 5:00 p.m. in our church sanctuary. Following the program everyone is invited to a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite cookies to share.

Christmas Caroling The Education Committee is sponsoring Christmas caroling at Sierra View Homes again this year. We will assemble at Sierra View at 6:00 pm tomorrow evening, December 21. Afterwards we will enjoy refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring some goodies to share!

MYF Party This Tuesday is the MYF Christmas party. It will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be at Pastor Steve’s house. Bring a gift valued at \$8 for the “Great Gift Exchange” and a snack to share.

Kids Club Christmas Party This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is the Kids Club Christmas party.

Christmas Day Service Our Christmas day service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 25. Join us for this service of praise and thanksgiving in celebration of the birth of Jesus. There will be plenty of music and we will hear again the Christmas story.

Joys and Concerns Ruth Rogalsky underwent successful surgery on her back early this past week. We are grateful that she is doing well. We keep Ed Jenkins in our prayers. Ed is at Community Hospital in Fresno.

Join a Sunday School Class on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Fellowship Class is studying the book *Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence* by Terrence J. Rynne. The Prayer Sunday School Class will begin studying *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan on January 10, 2010. The Koinonia Class is studying the book *Flickering Pixels* by Shane Hipps. You are invited to join any of these classes.

Mennonite Men’s Chorus Men, mark your calendars for Saturday, January 30, 2010. The Mennonite Men’s Chorus will have their kick-off barbecue at the Reedley MB Church. Registration starts at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m. and singing starts at 6:00 p.m. Please call Paul Reimer (not our Paul!) at 285-3404 to registrar. Registration is \$25 prior to January 30 and \$30 if you pay at the door.

Events Happening at FPU *Adopt-A Jesus* screening, January 15, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University in the Ashley Auditorium. The event is free and all are welcome. This film touches on issues of faith and humanity, mainly asking the question of whose job is it to take care of America’s poor. The next event is Richard Hughes (formerly taught at Pepperdine, now at Messiah College) who is on a book tour. He will talk about his new book, *Christian America and the Kingdom of God*, January 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University in the Ashley Auditorium.

Our Old Sanctuary Benches We still have a few pews left that we need to move out of the basement. If you are interested in having one of the pews, please contact John Krahn (638-9617) or Paul Reimer (638-3968).

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
December 20, 2009**

8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. English Worship Service in the Sanctuary
10:45 a.m. Spanish Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Christmas Program & Dinner
6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

Monday, December 21

6:00 p.m. Caroling at SVH

Tuesday, December 22

6:15 a.m. Anabaptist Prayer Gathering
8:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. MYF Party

Wednesday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Quilting
9:30 a.m. Young Women's Group
7:00 p.m. Kids Club Party

Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 27

8:45 a.m. Prayer Time in the Fireside Room
9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. English Worship Service in the Sanctuary
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 17 *Through the Desert* Video 5PM
Jan. 23 Bethel Banquet 6:30PM



**PRIMERA IGLESIA MENONITA
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA**

Diciembre 20, 2009
10:45 am

Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración

Caminemos Juntos

**Visión PIM: "Hacer Más Y Mejores Discípulos"
Vehículo de movilización "PESCA"**

**"Ofrezca El Regalo De Vida Que Jesucristo Ofreció. Paz. Esperanza.
Luz. Refugio. Identidad En Estos Días Llenos De Tristeza."** J. Montes

Coordinan Jesús Duran

TIEMPO DE PREPARACIÓN

Bienvenida//Oración de Inicio Coordinador

ALABEMOS Y ADOREMOS JUNTOS

Canto de Alabanza	Grupo de Alabanza
Cantos de Celebración	Grupo de Alabanza
Diezmos y Ofrendas / Oración	Coordinadora
Cantos de Adoración	Grupo de Alabanza
Jr. Church (Salón11)	Alexis Sandoval

OIGAMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Lectura Bíblica/Oración	
Juan 1:1-18	Varones y Damas
Predicación	Pastor Juan Montes
"La alevria y la misericordia"	
Testimonios / Peticiones / Anuncios	Pastor

**"Todos están convidados a gozarse con Dios en este ambiente familiar.
En esta congregación basada y segura en Jesucristo y la guía del
Espíritu Santo."**

- PARA ABRIR LA IGLESIA O ALGUNA EMERGENCIA CONTACTE A:
Sebastián Andrade (Diacono) 356-7640 (H) 356-7640 (c)
Juan Gómez (Sindico) 743-7005 - Maxi Ambriz 637-9067

Hoy Domingo: MUY IMPORTANTE

5:00-6:00 PM. Programa de navidad en el santuario. Después tendremos tiempo de compañerismo en el salón social. (La hermana Barbará le invita a traer a sus hijos.

7:00 PM. Cena y santa comunión matrimonial "Red De Apoyo Matrimonial" (Esta es una reunión formal, vístase formal)

Servicio de Alabanza, Oración y Entrenamiento Cristiano.

Miércoles Diciembre 23, 2009. 7:00. PM. Horario 6:30 – 7:15PM. Oración y Intercepción.. 7:20 --8:10PM. Alabanza. 8:15 – 9:00PM Academia De Entrenamiento De Liderazgo y Ministerios. Talleres facilitadores. Taller # 1.lider laico asignado. Taller # 2. Diacono Sebastián Andrade.

Jueves Diciembre 24, 2009. Academia de Liderazgo y Ministerios. 7:00 PM. Salón 5-6. Entrenamiento para todos. Facilita el tema el pastor Montes. **(Si usted no asiste a ser taller lo suspenderemos por falta de compromiso).**

Domingo Diciembre 27, 2009. Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración. Tema "El Es El Camino". Mateo 8:26-36.

Jueves Diciembre 31, 2009. Programa "Borrón Y Cuenta Nueva". Tendremos alabanzas, ministración, oración, dinámicas, una deliciosa cena. (Esta es una reunión formal, venga formalmente vestido).

Banco De Comida: ¿Qué es? Un ministerio que tiene como meta ayudar aquellas personas que tienen necesidad de alimentos y suplírseles. ¿Dónde está la bodega de almacenamiento? ¿A quienes ayuda este ministerio? Primeramente a los miembros de la iglesia, segundo a los vecinos de la comunidad. ¿Cómo puedo participar? Poseyendo alimentos, perdurables, tarjetas de comida de cualquier tienda de comida de la comunidad. ¿Personas encargadas? Diáconos.

Nota: Todos los miércoles de 12:00-12:45 PM. Enseño un estudio bíblico en el River Packing. 7:00-8:30 PM Oración Estudio Bíblico.

Viernes y sábados. 7:00 PM, Actividades variadas para jóvenes.

Sábados de 5:00-6:00 PM. Instalación del sistema de sonido.

6:00-9:00 PM. Ensayo del Grupo de Alabanza

Loa domingos de 9:30-10:30 AM Escuela De Capacitación Y Entrenamiento

Dominical 10:45: 12:30 PM Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración.

