



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA

January 3, 2010
10:45 a.m.

Walking Together

Epiphany

Arise! Shine! Reveal the mystery!

Gathering

Music for Gathering	Eleanor Friesen
Lighting the Christ Candle, Peace Lamp and Advent Candles	
Gathering Hymn	
<i>The First Noel</i> (v 1-3)	WH 199
Gathering Words and Prayer	Ruth Buxman
The Wise Men	Ethel Harder
<i>The Search</i>	
Gathering Hymn	
<i>The First Noel</i> (v 4-5)	WH 199
Scripture Reading	
<i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i>	
<i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	
Hymns and Songs of Praise	
<i>God is Here Among Us</i>	WH 16
<i>'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</i>	WH190

We Trust in God

Lighting the Advent/Christmas Candles Lance & Christy Zimmerman Family
Advent Candle Reading
Leader: Beloved of God, Arise! Shine! Reveal the mystery!
All: Ours is a holy vocation, a journey of cosmic proportions.
The God who bursts in, now calls us to break out into the world.
We are the church, God's chosen agent through which the mystery of God is being revealed in humble ways, and on cosmic levels, to the world.
Leader: Beloved, we can shine!
Worship Music Church Choir
 Today There is Ringing (Johnson)
Time with the Children Barbara Ewy
Worship Music Church Choir
 The Song the Angel Sang (Roff)
Meditation Don Friesen and Barbara Boldt

Responding in Trust

Song of Christmas
 O Little Town of Bethlehem WH191
Litany of Response
Leader: Lord, on this celebration of Epiphany, we rejoice in your presence with us and long for your return. We pray with the Psalmist:
People: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust.
Leader: In the midst of uncertainty and fear, we pray
People: do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Leader: We confess that we have tried many paths and that our wandering has made us weary. Sometimes the stars we follow are made by human hands. Forgive us.
People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Like the magi, show us how to find the Savior.
Leader: We come looking for your grace, not because we deserve it, but because of your merciful love for all people. We pray:
People: May your kingdom come, O Lord!
Leader: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, righteousness. May the Lord defend the cause of the poor, give deliverance to the needs, and crush the oppressor.
People: May righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; for he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He redeems their life;
People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness. Praise the Lord!
Sharing our Gifts
Praying
Prayer Song
 Lord Jesus You Shall Be My Song SJ14

Sending

Spoken Benediction
Postlude

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.

January 10, 2010 On this Sunday morning, in both our English and Spanish language worship services, we will observe Holy Communion. We will worship God in word, song, and prayer in both of our worship services.

January 17, 2010 During our Spanish language service we will sing with joy and listen to a message by Juan Montes. Our English service will include a child dedication for two of our young ones, a message by Stephen Penner, and special music by our church choir. In the evening, at 5 p.m., a video about the 19th century Mennonite trek in Central Asia will be shown.

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.

January 3 – Jessica Ambriz, Sylvia Gomez
January 10 – Edith Montaña, Romana Fraga
January 17 – Kate Milton, Sandra Islas

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:

January 3 – Judy & Vern Warkentin (coffee); Lillian Dueck (food)
January 10 – Fran & Ted Loewen (coffee); Graciela & Alexis Sandoval (food)
January 17 – Glenna Penner (coffee); Edith & Isaias Montaña

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Joys and Concerns Today is the first Sunday of the new decade. During the past year we have observed the passing of time. New life has been born among us while long-time, dear friends have passed on. For God's presence with us, through all the seasons of our days, we give thanks.

Pastoral Travels Tonight Steve and Glenna Penner will return from Iowa where they attended their nephew's wedding celebration. During the week to come they will be on vacation from Tuesday to Thursday. Steve will be back in the office on Friday.

Youth Group There will be no youth group gathering this Wednesday evening. We will resume meeting on Wednesday evening, January 13, in our usual basement meeting place.

Congratulations to Johann Reimer (son of Paul and Sharon) and Laura Maust who were married yesterday in Yellow Creek Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana.

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 Higgs. 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.

Dine Out this month will be on Wednesday, January 13 starting at **5:30 p.m.** and will be served until 7:00 p.m. The Mennonite Women will be serving beef and chicken borscht.

Treasurer's Report Praise The Lord! Due to your generosity and our staff's careful attention to expenses, our giving will exceed expenses by over \$10,000. This is indeed a joyous way to begin the New Year. *Jerry Linscheid*

Bethel College Banquet, Saturday, January 23, 2010, First Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m. You are invited to make your reservation(s) (\$14/person) with Louise Auernheimer (638-2376) or Joleen Siebert (638-8931) before the deadline Sunday, January 17, 2010. Dale Schrag and Toby Tyner will represent Bethel College and bring activity updates.

New Phone System With the installation of the new phones this past week, Pastor Juan Montes will now have the same phone number as the main office. To reach Pastor Montes, call 638-2917 and press 4 to talk to him or to leave him a message.

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*, in this book, Hughes provides a well-reasoned indictment of the myth of Christian America. This will be on January 20, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Fresno Pacific University in the Ashley Auditorium.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Feliz Año
Nuevo**

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
January 3, 2010**

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
 6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

Tuesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday, January 6

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

Sunday, January 10

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
 6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 17 *Through the Desert* Video 5PM
 Jan. 23 Bethel College Banquet 6:30PM
 Jan. 24 Annual Congregational Meeting 5PM

Anuncios

Servicio de Alabanza, Oración y Entrenamiento Cristiano.

Domingo Enero 3, 2009. 7:00 PM. Noche de Talentos. (Esta es una hermosa oportunidad para practicar los dones y talentos que Dios le a Dado, para que los pongas a su servicio)

Miércoles Enero 6, 2010. 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. Líder laico asignado. Taller # 2. Pastor.

Jueves Enero 7, 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 17 de Enero, 2010. 7:00 PM. “Red De Apoyo Matrimonial”

Banco De Comida: ¿Qué es? Un ministerio que tiene como meta ayudar aquellas personas que tienen necesidad de alimentos y suplírselos. ¿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.

Informe del Tesorero ¡Alabado sea el Señor! Nuestro presupueste supero sobre los \$10,000 felicitaciones adelante. *Jerry Linscheid*

Tenemos un Nuevo Sistema Telefónico el pastor Montes tendrá ahora el número teléfono 638-2917 y se marcara el #4 para hablar con él o dejar un mensaje.

PRIMERA IGLESIA MENONITA REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA

Enero 3, 2010

10:45 am

Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración

Caminemos Juntos

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

“Viva y disfrute de una buena vida cristiana saludable.”

J. Montes

Coordina

Maxi Ambriz

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

Varones y Damas

Jonás 3:1-5 y 10

Predicación

Juan Montes

“Dejar Algo De Loada”

Testimonios / Peticiones / Anuncios

Coordinadora

**“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

**Oremos para que el concierto de Erick Porta sea toda una
bendición y éxito**