



FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA

November 29, 2009
10:45 a.m.

Walking Together
Advent 1

Take Heart! God is coming to make things right

Gathering

Music for Gathering David Boldt
Sleepers Wake (Bach)
Lighting the Christ Candle and the Peace Lamp
Worship Music Ragamuffins
Maranatha, Come
Gathering Words and Prayer Stephen Penner
Worship Music Ragamuffins
Maranatha, Come
Scripture Reading
Luke 21:25-36
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Hymns and Songs of Praise
Let All Together Praise Our God WH 213
Sleepers, Wake! WH 188

We Trust in God

Lighting the Advent Candle Paul & Sharon Reimer Family
I Will Trust in You
Leader: *We light this first candle of Advent in anticipation of God's bursting in and breaking out.*

All: *In the midst of our realities, and the realities of our world,
God bursts in and calls us to break out from the things that hold us
captive to fear, confusion, even despair.
We light this candle as a reminder to take heart,
God is coming to make things right.
The path God reveals is the mystery that even now,
things are being made right.*

Leader: *Beloved of God, take heart!*

Time with the Children Barbara Ewy
Worship Music Ragamuffins
Come, Light of the World
Proclamation Laura Neufeld
Christ's Advent

Responding in trust

Song of Christmas
Fling Wide the Door and Unbar the Gate WH 186
Litany of Response

Leader: *Lord, in this time of Advent, we worry about the future and long for
your purposes to be fulfilled.
We pray with the Psalmist:*

All: *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:*

All: *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 wandering has made us weary.*

All: *Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the god of my
salvation;
For you I wait all day long.*

Leader: *Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for
they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness'
sake, O LORD!*

All: *We come looking for your grace, not because we deserve it, but
because of your merciful love for all people.*

Leader: *As we wait, we rejoice in your goodness and righteousness. Teach
us your ways.*

All: *Good and upright is the LORD; all the paths of the LORD are
steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Leader: *God will make things right. Amen.*

Sharing our Gifts
Of the Father's Love Begotten
Praying Stephen Penner
Song of Christmas
Love Came Down at Christmas WH 208

Sending

Spoken Benediction
Postlude
Sleepers Wake (Manz)

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.

Later Today We are glad that you have joined us for this special Loyalty Day service of worship at our church. Following this morning's worship service our annual Loyalty Day dinner will be served in the Fellowship Hall. We invite you to join us around the table!

December 6, 2009 This is the second Sunday of Advent. During our Spanish language service Juan Montes will speak and we will sing with joy as a congregation. During our English language service Stephen Penner will be preaching and the church choir will sing.

December 13, 2009 This is the third Sunday of Advent. In our Spanish language service we will light the third candle and Juan Montes will be preaching. In our English language service we will light the third candle and Stephen Penner will be preaching.

Joys and Concerns This morning, in this season of thanksgiving, we offer our gratitude to God for the blessings of home and hearth, for food and family, for bread and shelter. At the same time our hearts go out to the many in our community and world who are in want.

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.

November 29 – Kate Milton, Guillermina Ibarra
December 6 – Peggy Unruh, Graciela Sandoval
December 13 – Jenny Penner, Carmen Montes

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:

November 29 – Georgia & Allen Linscheid (coffee); Hope Nisly (food)
December 6 – Annie & Jim Compton-Schmidt (coffee); Ligia Franco (food)
December 13 – Cathy Ratmeyer (coffee); Glena Penner (food)

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The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new church year. This year's theme is "walking together." We will see "walking together" at the top of the each week's bulletins. This is an implicit reminder of our desire to walk harmoniously with God and each other.

Christmas Program Rehearsal Our first Christmas program rehearsal is today at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The program will be December 20 at 5:00 p.m.

Peace Center Friday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. Member Hope Nisly will give an encore presentation of *Bella Vista*, her most recent work on Valley Writers Read.

The San Joaquin Chorale with Roy Klassen conducting will be performing in a concert here on Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. They will be singing Christmas choral music from around the world, including new arrangements and traditional carols. There is no charge for admission, however, a freewill offering will be taken.

Join the Fellowship Sunday School Class to study the book *Gandhi and Jesus: The Saving Power of Nonviolence* by Terrence J. Rynne. The Fellowship class will begin this study on December 6 and continue for (at least) the rest of the winter quarter. You are invited to join the Fellowship class for this study.

Housing Needed A Christian college girl needs a place to live while she attends Reedley College next semester. If you know of a place or have a room she can rent from the first week of January until the end of the semester, please call Earl or Julie Lambdin at (760) 876-4143 or e-mail them at lamb@lonepinetv.com.

MDS Needs Your Help There is an urgent need for volunteers to package and distribute food for the people displaced by the water shortage on the West Side of Fresno County. For more information and/or to sign up to help, please call Dana Wilkie at 237-3663 or email her at dwilkie@communityfoodbank.net.

Treasurer's Report As of the end of October, our church income was behind expenses by \$15,000. That is less of a deficit than any of the prior three years at this time. Anticipating our expenses for the rest of the year and taking into account the offerings thus far in November, to meet our expenses we need \$42,500, or an average of \$8,500 for each of the last 5 Sundays of the year. This is well within our reach, noting that offerings for the month of December are the highest of the year.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 29, 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
3:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

Tuesday, December 1

6:15 a.m. Anabaptist Prayer Gathering
8:00 a.m. Quilting
7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 a.m. Quilting
9:30 a.m. Young Women's Group
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m. Kids Club
7:00 p.m. MYF
7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, December 3

7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting
7:30 p.m. Reedley Light Parade in Downtown Reedley

Friday, December 4

6:30 p.m. Peace Center

Saturday, December 5

7:00 p.m. PIM Concert in FH
7:30 p.m. San Joaquin Chorale Concert in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 6

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
3:00 p.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Church in the Basement

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 10 FPU Ensemble Performance
Dec. 20 Christmas Program 5PM
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service



**PRIMERA IGLESIA MENONITA
REEDLEY, CALIFORNIA**

Noviembre 29, 2009

10:45 am

Servicio de Alabanza y Adoración

Caminemos Juntos

Visión PIM: "Hacer Mas Y Mejores Discípulos"

Vehículo de movilización "PESCA"

"Jesucristo. El Espíritu Santo Nos Han Dado Los Dones Para Que Crezcamos A La Plenitud De Sus Conocimiento, Practíquelos."

J. Montes

Coordinan

Manuel Otero

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) Hoy al 11/29/09

Alexis Sandoval

OIGAMOS LA PALABRA DE DIOS

1ra. Corintios 3: 1-7

Varones y Damas

Titulo Del Sermón

Pastor Juan Montes

Caminemos Juntos

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: 7:00 PM. "Red De Apoyo Matrimonial" – Habrá cuidado para niños

Servicio de Alabanza, Oración y Entrenamiento Cristiano.

Diciembre 5, 2009 Giovanni Ríos. En Concierto de "Celebración Y Júbilo". Por primera vez en Reedley.

Próximos Eventos:

Enero 2, 2010. Por Primera vez en Reedley y en Concierto Erick Porta.

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.

El Informe del Tesorero Desde el final de Octubre, nuestros ingresos de iglesia eran detrás de gastos en \$15,000. Es menos de un déficit que cualquiera de los tres años previos en este tiempo. Esperando nuestros gastos para el resto del año y teniendo los ofrecimientos en cuenta hasta ahora en Noviembre, para encontrar nuestros gastos necesitamos \$42,500, o un promedio de \$8,500 para cada uno de los 5 Domingos pasados del año. Este está bien dentro de nuestro alcance, notando que los ofrecimientos para el mes de Diciembre son los más altos del año.

