

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Arnie P leads worship and music. Pastor Steve and the worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. The Scriptures for reading and reflection are Ephesians 1:11-23 and Matthew 25:31-46. Pastor James preaches.

Next week, Pastor Terry H, the Mennonite Brethren North Carolina District Minister, preaches. We will celebrate communion.

If you are a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! Please complete a Connecting Card and drop it in the offering bag.

CONNECT

Join in the Advent Conspiracy with others at NFC as we 1) worship fully, 2) spend less, 3) give more, and 4) love all. By giving one less gift this Christmas, we can use the money we save to love others who have less. **Come, 3rd graders to adults, to the Advent Conspiracy Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. TODAY and the next 4 weeks in Room 309 (ROCK Room).**

Our W.O.W (Women of Worth) small group event for December is TODAY, December 3 at 12:45 p.m. We will be hosting a Christmas Tea for the Micah Project interns. Please call Jenny A for details.

Come to a seminar on the issue of immigration and those who are DACA (Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals) recipients this Thursday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center.

Everyone is invited to join the NFC Primetime as they host the Fresno Pacific Bell Choir next Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Children's Christmas Service is December 10 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. A part of the Christmas Service will be 3rd – 6th graders taking part in a 10 minute drama. Practices for the drama are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and next Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to the Soup, Sweets, and Socks on Sunday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Center. Enjoy warm soup and bring socks for women and children in need this Christmas.

The Winter 2017 FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises) Newsletter is available in the Lobby.

Coming Events:

Today, November 26, 5:30 p.m.: Grief Share (You can join any time.)
Next Sunday, December 3, 6:00 p.m.: Fresno Pacific University Bell Choir play and we sing Christmas carols
Sunday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.: Children Lead Christmas Service
Sunday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.: Soup, Sweets, and Socks
Sunday, December 24, 10:00 a.m.: A Festival of Lessons and Carols with NFC Choir and Worship Team
Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

SERVE

Thank you to everyone who helped with the All Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner last Sunday. \$42,970 was given for our Thanksgiving offering.

United States Mennonite Brethren Conference invites everyone to come to a leadership training event *Addressing Racism in the Church and Community*. The LEAD One seminar will be here at NFC on December 7 starting at 8:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. RSVP to Lori@usmb.org.

Come join the NFC Christmas choir. Rehearsals are this Saturday, December 2 and Saturday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m. with the Christmas choir and the worship team.

We are currently accepting resumes until this Friday, December 1 for the role of Associate Pastor of Children and Family Ministries. Job announcement and job description can be found online at www.nortfresnochurch.org or in the Lobby. Send resumes to Jill B, search team chair..

Calendars for SART – Christmas gift idea. BJ Franz has a 2018 calendar of her photography called *Hawaiian Islands*. These calendars have been underwritten so all the money given for the calendars goes to NFC's Social Action Response Team (SART) ministry. BJ is in the Lobby after each Sunday service during the month of November to accept pre-orders. Cost is \$20.00.

Rejoice! Devotionals are in the Lobby for the quarter starting in December. The cost is \$5.75. The box for donations is above the devotionals.

Tagua Fair Trade has opened a pop-up store in Fig Garden (just north of the CVS) with a big selection of hand-made Christmas ornaments and nativities as well as home and garden accents and is open daily. NFC Women are invited to come an open house on Monday, December 4 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, go to Tagua's website at taguafairtrade.org.

Attendance for November 19, 2017: 294

Offering for General Budget for November 19, 2017: \$8,062

A Place For YOU To Connect!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Ages 0-35 months

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

3rd-6th Grade: Room 309

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103
Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 309

3RD GRADERS THROUGH ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Advent Conspiracy: Room 309 (ROCK Room)

ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

THIS WEEK AT NFC: NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 2

TODAY

Healing Prayer, 9:45 a.m.

Monday

Young Men's Basketball, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
NFC Pastors & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
Explore for Children (ages 4 to 6th grade),
EDGE (Junior High), ROCK (High School),
Men's & Women's Bible Studies, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.
Missions & Outreach Team, 6:30 p.m.
Seminar on Immigration and DACA,
Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Saturday

Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Danae D: Loren and Tonia D, Shaye; Adam D; David D Justin Dueck; Kevin and Rhonda D, Grace; Curtis and Margarita E; and Jim and Donna E.**

Pray for **Jonas H**, member of NFC, who is in hospice care.

Pray for those who are in retirement or nursing homes and cannot attend Sunday worship services here: **Mary Jane E, Anne F, Mary Helen H, Addie O, and Moira S.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor Steve and Anne and family** as Steve gives leadership at NFC in the areas of worship and music, and Life Groups. Pray that God will give him wisdom, love, and energy.

The **pastors and the Congregational Care Team** host a **time of healing prayer** in the Conference Room at 9:45 a.m. TODAY and on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come or talk with Pastor James.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, **1st Chinese Baptist Church** (on N. Angus, just north of Bullard) and **Iglesia Hermanos Menonitas West Park**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the Fresno/Clovis area. Pray that God would bless and use both these churches for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community.

Pray for **Bob D**, our partner missionary with **MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in North America and Southeast Asia**, as he travels to, preaches and shares in different churches here in US and Canada. Pray for Bob as he connects and encourages national church leaders in Southeast Asia.

Prayer requests written on NFC Connecting cards and put in the offering bag are prayed for by the staff each week. If you wish to put a prayer request on the NFC prayer chain, please call Thea D, or the e-prayer chain by emailing the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to share your prayer requests, or give other information. **Guests** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards and place them in the offering bag. Thank you.

PRELUDE: "O, Worship the King" arr. by Vincent Stephen V

CALL TO WORSHIP: "When Christians Meet" Men's Quartet

WELCOME & GREETING Arnie P

"Join All the Glorious Names" Hymn #111, vs. 1, 3-5

"Look and Live" Men's Quartet

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:11-23

COMMUNITY LIFE: Advent Conspiracy Video

"The Solid Rock" Hymn #404

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Men's Quartet

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: "Arioso" by Bach

*Children, 3 years through 2nd grade, are invited to Children's Church.**

MESSAGE: "King Jesus" Pastor James

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" Hymn #116, vs. 1, 3, 4

POSTLUDE: "Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" by Saint-Saens

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church in Room 101 on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to share your prayer requests, or give other information.+ **Guests** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards and place them in the offering bag. Thank you.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC "Shout of the King" Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERING "He Reigns"
"Hosanna"

WELCOME & GREETING

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PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Rhonda

COMMUNITY LIFE: Advent Conspiracy Video

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Ephesians 1:15-23
"Victory in Jesus"
"Because He Lives"
"You Are My King"

CHILDREN, 3RD – 6TH GRADE, ARE DISMISSED TO THE LOBBY
PRIOR TO THE MESSAGE FOR BLAST.**

Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE: "King Jesus" Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC "Lord, Reign in Me" Worship Team

SENDING

+ Prayer team members are available after 2nd Service to pray with you at the front left of the Sanctuary.

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade accompanied by a parent or a guardian are invited to Children's Church on the 1st floor of the Education Building. **Children, 3rd – 6th grade, are dismissed to the Lobby prior to the message for BLAST which meets in Room 208 in the Education Building.

