

Announcements

WORSHIP

Have a blessed New Year and welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt leads worship and music. Pastor Steve and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor Vanna preaches and the Scripture for reading and reflection is Exodus 1:1-14.

Next Sunday, Pastor James is preaching. We will celebrate communion in both services.

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

TODAY the two Adult Sunday School classes at 10:00 a.m. are *The Book of Jeremiah* in Room 207 with Donn R teaching and *Praying for the New Year* in Room 309 with Pastor Loren facilitating.

Quilting starts up again this Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m. We welcome all returning quilters, and anyone new who is interested in working on quilts for the West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction for World Relief.

There are no Wednesday evening programs this Wednesday, January 3. Wednesday evening programs will start back up on January 10 at 6:30 p.m.

EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) students, meet at Aerozone (4155 E. Ashlan Ave., Fresno) this Thursday, January 4 at 10:45 a.m. Bring \$12 for 2 hours of jump time. Pizza will be provided. Please contact Pastor Vanna for more information.

Next Sunday, January 7 (and on the first Sunday of every month) **Sharing on Reconciliation Adult Sunday School class meets in Room 208 C at 10:00 a.m.** For more information, contact Grant J-W or Susan G.

Women of Worth (NFC Widows' Group) will meet next Sunday, January 7 at 12:45 p.m. at the home of Grace W. Please call Grace to RSVP. We will discuss the book, *Widow's Might* chapters 1-3.

Grief Share restarts next Sunday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m. (the usual time) in the NFC Conference Room. **It does not meet TODAY.** Anyone can join at any time.

NFC is joining other Fresno/Clovis churches to start the 2018 year with 21 Days (January 8-28) of Prayer and Fasting. Prayer and fasting guides are in the Lobby.

If you would like the 2017 annual Christmas photo of the NFC pastors and staff or Micah Project interns, you can pick them up in the Lobby.

Coming Events:

Wednesday, January 3, 9:00 a.m. – Quilting resumes in the Family Center
Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. – Wednesday Evenging Programs
Restart for All Ages

SERVE

Some of the quilts NFC quilters have made for this year's West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction for World Relief are now showing in the Art Gallery. You can get a small taste of what will be happening on April 6 – 7 at the Sale and Auction at Fresno Pacific University.

Reading the Bible in 2018 – There are two different Bible reading plans on a table in the Lobby for those that want to use them in 2018.

Missionary letters from Doris G, and Otto and Marjorie E are in the Lobby.

A copy of the 2018 Proposed Budget and the Budget for 2017 are in the Lobby. This helps us prepare for the Congregational Business Meeting in January sometime.

Experience Israel and the Holy Land with Pastor James and Dr. Tim G. The tour is from May 18-28, with an additional 4 day conference option in Bethlehem. Brochures are in the Lobby, or contact Pastor James.

The NFC Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 1.

Podcasts of past NFC sermons are available at podbean.com (search 'North Fresno Church') and iTunes. Our worship services are digitally recorded every week.

Everence (a Mennonite provider of insurance and financial information) provides a service that gives counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll-free: (877) 809-0039; and for Spanish language counselors call (800) 388-2227. Contact Jim W, our NFC Everence representative, for more information.

Financial Update – As we are at the end of 2017, please consider how you can give financially to Kingdom ministry here at North Fresno Church. This year we need to receive \$96,000 in December to meet our budget. To date, we have \$16,900 remaining. **For contributions to be tax deductible in 2017, the IRS requires that gifts be given in the offering, received in the church office, or postmarked TODAY, December 31.** You may give online by going to our website www.northfresnochurch.org.

Attendance for December 24, 2017: 260

Offering for General Budget for December 24, 2017: \$15,984

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.

5th-6th Grade: Room 208

CHILDREN, 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years: Room 103

Kind.-2nd Grade: Room 102

3rd-4th Grade: Room 203

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00-10:50 a.m.

Room 302

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

Book of Jeremiah: Room 207

Praying for the New Year: Room 309

THIS WEEK AT NFC: DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6

TODAY

Healing Prayer, 9:45 a.m.

Monday

New Year's Day

Office Closed

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

NFC Pastor & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Quilting, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday

ROCK & EDGE at Aerozone, 10:45 a.m.

Women's A.A. Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: Jennifer G; Linda G; Tim and Gertrud G, Eliana; Kimberly G, Kendall and Kayden; Gary and Susan G; and Dwight and Priscilla G, Isabelle and Israel.

Pray for the many NFC people travelling around the New Year.

Pray for healing for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: Steve E, Carrie K, Jonathan N, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, Lizz T, and Richard U.

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for Pastor Loren and Tonia and family as Pastor Loren leads North Fresno Church in the areas of outreach and discipleship. Pray also for him as he is the executive director of FACE (Fresno Area Community Enterprises). Pray that God would give him wisdom, strength, 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.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for other churches in our neighborhood, Friends Community Church (on N. First St., just south of Bullard) and Neighborhood Church – Fresno, a sister Mennonite Brethren church plant 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 John and Geri E, as John is a missionary with MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission in the area of video and photography. Pray for John as he is on study leave and visiting supporting churches until June 2018.

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 office@northfresnochurch.org or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 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 Evelyn K

CALL TO WORSHIP Congregation

“Once in Royal David’s City” Hymn #155

WELCOME & GREETING Pastor Milt

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” Hymn #167

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:1-14
John 18:33-39

*Children, 3 years through 2nd Grade, are invited to Children’s Church.**

MESSAGE: *“Fear Not My King”* Pastor Vanna

“Another Year Is Dawning” Hymn #567

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Evelyn K

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, DECEMBER 31, 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 *“O Praise Him”* Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

OFFERING

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *“O Come, All Ye Faithful”*
“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)” Worship Team

WELCOME AND GREETING

*Children, 3 years through 2nd Grade, are invited to Children’s Church.**

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *“Land of My Father”*
“Holy, Holy, Holy (God with Us)”
“Here I Am to Worship” Worship Team

MESSAGE: *“Fear Not My King”* Pastor Vanna

WORSHIP AND MUSIC *“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”* 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 in 3rd – 6th grades are invited to stay for the whole service.

