

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Pastor Milt and choir lead worship and music. Aaron K and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James continues our sermon series *Following Jesus at NFC*. We will have a vote of affirmation for Connie N as Associate Pastor of Children's Ministry in both services.

Next Sunday Christa W and Jessica P will preach as we focus on 'Freedom Sunday' and the ministry of Central Valley Justice Coalition.

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

All are invited to the Sunday School series exploring our core distinctives as followers of Jesus at NFC. This class parallels Pastor James' sermon series. **Come to Room 309 at 10:00 a.m.** to join the discussion.

Baptism and Membership: If you are interested in baptism and/or membership at NFC please contact Pastor Loren and join the *Following Jesus at NFC* Sunday School class at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room).

This Wednesday, February 14 is an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Children (3rd – 6th grade), youth, and all adults are invited. All children are to check in with Jamie M, Interim Children's Ministries Director, as usual in the Courtyard. EDGE (Junior High) and ROCK (High School) students will attend with their adult leaders which they will meet in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Next Sunday, February 18, Eric and Krista M will be leading a 6 week Sunday School course at 10:00 a.m. in Room 309 that focuses on engaging our Muslim neighbors using the DVD series "Bridges." The class will help to understand the historical background of Christian/Muslim relationships. There will be opportunities to discuss, pray for, and practically reach out to the Muslims God puts in our path.

Recruitment for Micah Project Year 6 is underway! Application deadline is March 13. Contact Rhonda Dueck, Micah Project Director, or go to themicahproject.wordpress.com for more information.

Domino King Tournament is next Sunday, February 18 (note date change) at 4:00 p.m. in the Family Center. The cost to register is \$80 for a team of 2 and \$40 for an individual. This tournament is to raise money for NFC youth. Contact Pastor Vanna to register.

NFC Men: Come to the Men's Breakfast at Jeb's Blueberry Hill Restaurant (3851 N. Blackstone, Fresno) this Thursday, January 15 at 6:30 a.m. Contact Bill H for a book and read the preface.

Pregnancy Care Center is a local, life-affirming, free medical clinic and ministry. Cari L, NFC volunteer at the Pregnancy Care Center, will be at a table in the Lobby to share information.

Mike K's hours have increased and he is now the Facilities and Communications Director at NFC. He will oversee all facilities as well as print, web, and social media communication. You can contact Mike regarding any facility issues at NFC.

NFC is looking to hire someone for bookkeeping and payroll (Quickbooks proficient with some Human Resources/Payroll experience) for about 10-12 hours/week. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Pastor James.

A letter from the Lisbon Portugal Missions team that is coming to NFC to serve and learn in July is in the Lobby. Pastor Marquez and Celma, his wife, are the team leaders.

If you would like a digital copy of *What Is An Anabaptist Christian?* booklet, you can access it at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18E.pdf>. A paper copy is in the Lobby

Prayer Box – Feel free to fill out a prayer card with commitments or requests at the front left of the stage in the Sanctuary. Pastor James prays over them each week.

SERVE

Discovery: A Comic Lament will be performed by Ted & Company Theater Works this Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. here at NFC. Adult ticket is \$10. See insert for more information.

Come gather with others to make **vernika this Saturday, February 17 for sale at the West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction. We will start at 8:00 a.m. at Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church (1362 L St.).** Newcomers to vernika making are welcome. As usual we provide lunch.

Vision for Mission Dessert Night is on Sunday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Butler Ave. Mennonite Brethren Church (4884 E. Butler, Fresno). Come hear Randy Friesen, General Director of MB (Mennonite Brethren) Mission, share stories. RSVP to fresno@mbmission.org or 456-4600 by March 9.

Attendance for February 4, 2018: 333

Offering for General Budget for February 4, 2018: \$14,457

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.

Following Jesus at NFC: Room 309

THIS WEEK AT NFC: FEBRUARY 11-17

Monday.

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

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Learning Quest Tutoring Club, 2:15 p.m.

Children's Council, 6:00 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 up to 2nd grade,

Ash Wednesday Service (Children 3rd grade and up, Youth, & Adults, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursday

Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.

NFC Leadership Board, 6:30 p.m.

Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Basketball, 8:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.

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

Discovery – A Comic Lament, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Saturday Sports at Robinson Elementary, 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Corey and Krystal K, Isabelle, Nate, and Rebecca; Mike K; Rene and Judy K; Vickie K; Dave and Lori K; Roy and Sue K; and Art and Sharon K.**

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 Vanna and Marly and family** as Vanna gives leadership at NFC in the area of youth. Pray for Pastor Vanna as he checks in with Immigration, Customs and Enforcement on Wednesday, February 14. Pray that God will give him wisdom, strength, love, and energy.

Pray for **wisdom and discernment** as we finalize the candidating process with a vote of affirmation for Connie N as our Associate Pastor of Children's Ministry.

The **pastors and the Congregational Care Team** host a time of healing prayer in the Conference Room at **9:45 a.m.** on February 25.

COMMUNITY AND WORLDWIDE MINISTRIES

Pray for the family of **Henry H. D, longtime Mennonite Brethren pastor and leader, who died on February 5.** The memorial service will be at the Dinuba Mennonite Brethren Church (110 Nichols Ave., Dinuba) Thursday, February 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Pray for **other churches** in our neighborhood, **Friends Community Church** (on N. 1st St., just south of Bullard Ave.) and **Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in Fresno. 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 partner NFC 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 the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Hymn #562, vs. 1-3

WELCOME AND GREETING Pastor Milt

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” Hymn #409

“My Worth Is Not in What I Own” Choir

COMMUNITY LIFE

PRAYER, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND VOTE OF AFFIRMATION

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Prayer for Peace”* Larry W

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Matthew 5:43-48
Matthew 18:15-20
2 Corinthians 5:14-19

“Creator God, You Made this Land” Congregation
(Set to the tune Hymn #402)

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

MESSAGE: *“Reconciliation Is the Center of Our Work”* Pastor James

“The Bond of Love” Hymn #281

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, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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 Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP
“Marvelous Light”

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND VOTE OF AFFIRMATION

OFFERING
“He Reigns”

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
Matthew 5:43-48
“You Are My King”
“Holy Spirit”
“Form Us”

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

Matthew 18:15-20
2 Corinthians 5:14-18

MESSAGE: *“Reconciliation Is the Center of Our Work”* Pastor James

WORSHIP AND MUSIC Worship Team
“There Is a Kingdom”

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.