



**Central
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**KNOWING
CHRIST'S LOVE
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GOD'S CALL**

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CDC congregations celebrate season change

Shalom, Harrisonburg, Virginia

During Second Hour education sessions in November, members have an opportunity to discuss "A Life Worth Living: A Doctor's Reflection on Illness in a High-Tech Era," by Robert Martensen.

North Danvers, Danvers, Illinois

The Nov. 14 Harvest Mission Sunday speakers are Mark and Mary Hurst, serving with Mennonite Mission Network in Australia. Justin Weaver, executive director of Camp Friedenswald, spoke during the Sunday school hour and worship service on Oct. 17.

Topeka, Topeka, Indiana

Bill Cunningham, executive director of the LaGrange County Council on Aging, spoke at the church during an evening program on Oct. 17. He discussed topics including transportation, home assistance, food programs and the Health Care Reform Act.

Lima Mennonite, Lima, Ohio

Members of the Ohio Northern University singing group "Son's Rays," will present the Nov. 14 worship service. The congregation's women will hold a "Share Your Talents" program on Nov. 6. Women attending will learn how to knit.

Assembly, Goshen, Indiana

A kindergarten through fifth grade activity on Oct. 27 involved a Fall Lantern Festival. Youth made lanterns and sang carols around the church neighborhood.

Atlanta Fellowship, Atlanta, Georgia

A small group on peacemaking has formed. Also, the first gathering of the reading group was Oct. 25. The group held an evening meeting to discuss "Half the Sky."

Eighth Street, Goshen, Indiana

Mennonite Central Committee alumni and friends held an Oct. 30 international potluck. Gann and Dale Herman, MCC storytellers, recently returned country representatives in Uganda, were the featured speakers.

Grace, Pandora, Ohio

An all-day comforter-making session will take place Nov. 4. Also, Grace MYF members join First, Bluffton, MYF, on Nov. 7, playing Persecution and learning about Anabaptist history.

Florence Church of the Brethren/ Mennonite, Constantine, Michigan

The congregation plans a Congo Cloth Connection booth at Assembly 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Funds raised support a sewing project in Congo. The congregation works with Tim and Suzanne Lind, country representatives for Mennonite Central Committee Congo and members of the congregation.

Milwaukee Mennonite, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Members held a community meal on Oct. 13 at the family residence of one of its members.

First, Sugarcreek, Ohio

Members collected peanut butter during September for Harbor of Hope. In addition, members donated to MCC Basket Relief for Pakistan in September.

Cincinnati Fellowship, Cincinnati, Ohio

Members had available Reverse Trick-or-Treating leaflets for Halloweeners. These were given to children to hand out to people who gave them candy. It thanks people for the candy given and raises awareness about the role of forced child labor in the production of chocolate and encourages people to buy Fair Trade chocolate.

Paoli Fellowship, Paoli, Indiana

Members hold a work day Nov. 13. Projects include leaf removal, cleaning kitchen, washing windows inside and out and cleaning flower gardens.

Mennonite Church of Normal, Normal, Illinois

The church held a service fair on Oct. 10. Representatives from African Inter-Mennonite Mission, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Central Committee, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Camp Friedenswald and similar organizations attended.

Boynton Mennonite, Hopedale, Illinois

Members of the MYF will hold a pizza fundraiser on Nov. 7. After the lunch, members will hold a pie auction.

Silverwood, Goshen, Indiana

A congregational Thanksgiving meal is planned by the Community Life Commission for Sunday, Nov. 14.

Emmaus Road Fellowship, Berne, Indiana

Two guests visit the Fellowship in November. An evening hymn sing takes place on Nov. 14, led by Mary Oyer. Perry Bush is the guest preacher during the Nov. 21 worship service.

First, Bluffton, Ohio

A safe sanctuary training session was held Oct. 23. It was attended by members who work with children and youth.

Southside Fellowship, Goshen, Indiana

During the Adult Education Hour on Oct. 31, (Anabaptist Heritage Sunday), the congregation will hear about well-known and less-known Anabaptist saints who have shaped us today.