## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR**

Class: Teachers:

Adult Class: "Dig In" - 13 Scriptures to help us know the way

# **Call to Worship**

Leader: As we gather in this season of falling leaves and cooling days

We come to offer our praises and our sorrows to the God of all seasons.

All: We give thanks for all living and all dying.

We remember that we are united in a great circle

with all those who have gone before us.

Leader: May our worship this day inspire us to follow the Eternal One

who will one day free our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling.

All: As we worship, may we experience the goodness of the Lord,

whose reign spans all time, and whose faithfulness is for all generations.

## **For Prayer**

Remember Sherry in prayer and with caring actions as she grieves Duane's death. May God grant her strength as well as times of rest. Pray also for the family and all who will gather this Saturday for the memorial service, that it would be a time to share our sadness and to hold one another in love.

Give thanks for Wally and Evie's safe trip, and for the ongoing work of Mennonite Central Committee in fostering relationship-building and peace between the United States and Iran. Praise God for the fruit produced from that work. Pray that governments and citizens would chose the way of diplomacy over antagonism.

Pray for those who are struggling with pain or health concerns, including: Mickey and Mishelle L., Nedra S., and others.

Be in prayer for our Pastor-Elder Team and participants as we listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance for our life together. "Since you are eager for the gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church." I Corinthians 14:12

Siaka Traore, president of Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, is grateful for prayers after the country experienced a coup d'etat in September. Mennonite Mission Network requests continued prayers for peaceful elections and for a spirit of reconciliation between political factions



# PAOLI MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

# **November 1, 2015**

We welcome all persons to worship, study and fellowship with us as we continually seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

# **All Saints Day**

Focus: We give thanks to God for the people whose life of faith inspires our own path of discipleship. "All Saints Day is a thanksgiving for the grace and power of the risen Christ at work in ordinary folks." ~ Laurence Hall Stookey

## Gathering

Gathering Song: Love the Lord your God - SS 55

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Worship: (see back of bulletin)

# **Singing Our Faith**

Give Thanks for Life - SJ 108

When we walk with the Lord - H544 Take my life and let it be - H 389

# **Celebrating Shalom**

# Recognition of birthdays and anniversaries

**Opportunities for Generosity:** Special Giving for November is for the Christian Peacemaker

Teams and MCC hygiene and school kits.

# **Hearing God's Word**

Children's Time

Scripture: Mathew 5: 1-12; Luke 11: 27-28;

Meditation

Response action: writing names for "remembrance banner"

Affirmation of Faith

# **Response & Sending**

Response

Sharing our joys and concerns / Intercessory Prayer

Announcements Benediction

#### **PASTOR-ELDER TEAM**

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#### **MINISTERS**

All the congregation

#### **CHURCH OFFICE**

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#### **OUR COVENANT**

In covenanting together, we affirm that Jesus Christ is Lord. We gratefully acknowledge him as our Lord and accept his teaching as the way to live. We recognize the importance of:

- Regular Bible study, worship with others, and prayer as a vital part of our Christian life.
- Taking each other seriously, contributing our gifts and caring for one another in love to strengthen the Christian body.
- Living and sharing the Good News as Christ has taught us and as the Holy Spirit enables.

**TODAY** Nov. 1, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

#### All Saints Day

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman

Music Leader: Marlene Beachy

Meditation Dave Brown Kinloch

Greeters: Dave & Jan Mullet

Nursery: Wally Shellenberger/Cristy Ford

A.V.: Jamey Sullivan

**NEXT SUNDAY** Nov.8, 2015 (worship at 9:30 am)

#### Christian Stewardship

Worship Leader: Aaron Johnson

Music Leader: Sandi Sears

Meditation Wendell Lantz

Greeters: Veronika Sukup

Nursery: Louise O'Connell/ Espri Bender

Beauregard

AV:

## **TODAY**

In the ecumenical Church calendar, Nov. 1 is All Saints Day. This day gives us opportunity to remember and honor those deceased persons who have been influential in our spiritual formation and growth. Join in giving thanks to God for the example of "ordinary saints".

MYF Bonfire at Albertsons, 5 - 8 pm. Bring something to sit on. Dress for the weather.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

God has called us to be good stewards of the resources we have been given. Our finances are just one of those resources. What is our responsibility as Christians in regards to our money - our saving, spending, and charitable giving? How might we increase our capacity and habit of giving generously? In what way does the story of the widow in Mark 12:41 speak to your situation?

## **This Week**

Mon., Nov. 2, Worship Comm. 7 pm Wed. Nov. 4, Small Group Sat. Nov. 7, Memorial Service for Duane Schmidt, 2:30 pm.

# **UPCOMING**

November 22 we will have Shalom Sunday. A short worship service will start at 11:00 AM and followed by a pitch in meal around the theme of the original first Thanksgiving feast. at 11:30, followed by activities. More details coming soon.

Save the date: Friday, Dec. 18 – PMF's Christmas program.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We will be collecting **hygiene and school kits** for M.C.C. during the next two weeks only. This is a wonderful opportunity to help our children learn about one way to serve others. Help us reach our goal of 200 kits! Thank you!

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. In-Mi Conference invites you to join Journey: A Conference-based Leadership Development Program. This program is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The deadline to apply for spring 2016 is January 1. For more information visit <a href="https://www.journeyprogram.net">www.journeyprogram.net</a> or contact your pastor, or Dan Miller at <a href="mailto:dan@im.mennonite.net">dan@im.mennonite.net</a> or at <a href="mailto:574.534.4006</a>.

**PMF Family and Youth Initiative** (FYI) is a new Facebook page where you can learn about what is happening with this program, give your thought and ideals. Please like us and be a part of this exciting new journey!

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

Leader: Ever-living God,

the generations pass before you.

Your way is love,

and your nature is compassion.

Today we remember those who lived and labored and loved among us.

We are here in the land of the dying,

recalling those who have crossed to the land of

the living.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: We call to mind the great and the good.

the long-suffering and the quiet servants,

those whose names are cherished,

and those who died as though they had never been.

Wise and courageous in their words,

they were just and loving in their deeds.

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