

JANUARY 17, 2021 **AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Life House in Wayland: is in need of a 4-5 ft. ladder. If you can donate one please contact Word Alive at 319-201-9630.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop: has immediate openings for Part-time Donation Receiving Assistant! Crowded Closet's caring community, purposeful service, and culture of sustainability make it a great place to work! Interested applicants should apply through Indeed or pick up an application at the shop. Email crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com for more information.

Hillcrest: Open Gym! Starting today, Sun, Jan. 17 5th-8th graders can plan on participating in a variety of activities including basketball, volleyball, matball and more. Run with cross country coach Marty Gingerich from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. And, if there is snow, we'll go sledding! The indoor activities will be from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Face masks will be required. Please bring your own water bottle. Check out the flyer here and sign up here!

Visit Day! On Jan. 18 from 8:00 AM to 3:15 PM, come shadow a Hillcrest student and see what we're all about! You'll get to sit in on a variety of classes, experience chapel and eat lunch in our cafeteria. Parents, we'll pay for your student's lunch. You can stop by to chat with our administrative team when you drop off your student in the morning. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Prospective Family Night! On Jan. 18 from 6:30-8:30 PM, 8th graders, transfer students and families can come tour our school, meet the teachers and talk with our administrative team about financial aid and class schedules. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Halftime Basketball! On Fri, Jan. 22 and Tue, Feb. 2 beginning at 6:00 PM, 5th-8th graders are invited to play basketball during halftime of the Hillcrest boys games. If you like basketball be sure to sign up! Light refreshments will be served in the cafeteria between the games for participants and their families. For more information and sign up go to hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Pleasantview retirement community: is hiring a facilities management coordinator to assist and oversee maintenance and repairs of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), carpentry, painting, snow removal, and other building systems. HVAC certification preferred. This is a full-time position including an on-call rotation. Benefits options include; health, dental, vision, life, short-term disability, accident, retirement match, PTO, EIB, and EAP. Interested applicants may apply online at www.pvkalona.com

MCC: Join MCC for a free webinar: The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery. Mark Charles, a Navajo activist, speaker, and author will be presenting on The Spiritual Cost of Doctrine of Discovery. Along with Soong-Chan Rah, Mark is the author of Unsettling Truths: The ongoing, dehumanizing legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery, Intervarsity Press (2019). The free webinar will take place on Thursday, January 21, from 10-11:30 CST. Please register by January 20 at mcc.org/webinar-registration-dod to receive the webinar link.

Join MCC for a virtual learning tour of the borderlands between the United States in Mexico, meet partners who work with MCC both internationally and domestically. We will explore issues of migration, land rights and policy and how faith and justice weave together. This is a 5-day virtual tour, January 24-29, 2021, 2-5 pm CST daily, an exploration of how we continue to learn and "travel" in the midst of a pandemic.

Please register by the end of the day on Monday, Jan. 18 at https://mcc_us.formstack.com/.../mcc_lt_registration_form... Contact anahinojosa@mcc.org with questions.

CPMC: Have the winter blues got you down? Are you looking for a creative outlet? Look no further! The first of three “Creating Together: imaginative art as a spiritual practice” webinars is coming up soon! Thursday, January 21, join Iowa City artist Melinda Turnbull as she demonstrates an art technique and talks about the way it is connected to spirituality—and then take a turn trying the technique also! For more information about this and other upcoming webinars (and the zoom links), visit our website, centralplainsmc.org

We give thanks for all the relationships in our congregations and in our conference that sustain us, guide us, and help us to see the Kingdom of God!

MCUSA: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering two new scholarships for those serving in or preparing for ministry assignments. The application deadline is March 1, 2021. Read more: <https://www.ambs.edu/admissions/scholarships>

Thursday, January 21 is the anniversary of Anabaptism. Let us pray that we may share the courage of our spiritual ancestors to stand firmly in our faith.

Mennonite Missions Network: Seeking the Beloved Community: From Racism to Reconciliation. As part of God's reconciling work, we are called to dismantle racism and build relationships across racial divides. On Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. EST, Mennonite Men will be hosting a meeting, open to all genders, with members of Seeking the Beloved Community, a group of Black and White men in Elkhart, Indiana, who have been engaged in this work for seven years. A number of these are pastors and members of Mennonite congregations. To register, go to: <https://seekingthebelovedcommunity.netlify.app/>

Mennonite Mission Network praises God for DOOR's (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) creative adaptation of leadership training programs in the COVID-19 era. Pray for all the young people who have engaged with the Teaching Collective series, which offer a virtual space for discussions centered around race, gender, trauma and healing. DOOR organizes opportunities to experience God in urban settings.