

October 11, 2020

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

C.R.O.P.: Our annual WACO CROP Drive (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) and Canvas is now underway from September 27th to October 25, 2020. Our CROP goal for this year is \$30,775. Remember that 25% is distributed within our WACO Community for local needs determined by the WACO Ministerial Association. We appreciate you and want to thank you for your gifts - especially the gift of prayer which releases us to new possibilities. When a C.R.O.P. Canvasser calls or visits, please give generously. Donations of money and/or commodities are accepted.

Wayland Youth Center: Do you like to cook? Meals are needed. Please talk to Tamara if you are interested in providing meals for the Getting Ahead Classes on Monday evenings or food for the Wayland Youth Center on Tuesday evenings. The meals for Getting Ahead Classes will be served at 5:30pm at the Waymar Community Room. The youth center meets from 5 until 7pm on Tuesday evenings. Thank you so much for considering this important outreach opportunity in our community!

WACO Community Food Pantries: We are so blessed by two active food pantries now in our area. Individuals and families can receive food every Thursday. First and third Thursdays, Jenny Kaufman coordinates the efforts at the food pantry in the United Church of Crawfordsville. Her number is (319) 461-0532 if you would like more information. Second and fourth Thursdays, Donna Rinner coordinates the efforts at the food pantry in the Wayland Mennonite Church. Her number is (319) 591-0961 if you would like more information. Carol Kuhns will also have the Word Alive office open in the Wayland Mennonite basement on the second and fourth food pantry days. Please spread the word to people whom you know that might need some assistance at this time.

CCCC: Arts & Craft Retreat hosted by Crooked Creek Christian Camp. November 6-7 from 9:00am Friday until 3pm Saturday. Social distancing practices will be observed with private rooms for all and separate craft tables for each person. Space is very limited! Visit www.crookedcreekcamp.org or call the office at 319-653-3611 for more details. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Hillcrest: Pork Supper! The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 17, 2020. The tender pulled pork, baked potato, lettuce salad, dinner roll, and dessert will be available as takeout only. Drive up at the campus upper parking lot using the west entrance between 4:30-7:00 PM. Cost per meal is Adults \$10, Seniors 65+ \$9, Children age 4-12 \$5, age 3 and under free. Please pay at pick-up. To customize your meal, schedule a pick-up time, and expedite your pick-up go to hillcrestravens.org/porksupper or call the office at 319-656-2073.

Harvest Party: Hosted by the Hillcrest Academy FFA on Oct 24 from 4:30-7:00 PM. All 5th-8th graders are invited for games, food, bonfire and other goodies. We'll be outside the entire time so please dress accordingly. Please contact Rebecca rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to sign up.

Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City: Ten Thousand Villages will be financially empowering Pakistani women by hosting their 4th Annual Fair Trade Rug Event October 7-11 at the Iowa River Landing, Ste 110. Approximately 300 rugs, each handmade in Pakistani homes by fairly paid adult artisans, will be available in a variety of unique designs and sizes ranging from 2' x 3' to 10' x 14' and runners. Wed-Sat 10 am-7 pm, Sun 11 am-5 pm. Check them out and support fair trade.

MCC: Celebrate with us! MCC invites you to join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a live streamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the live streamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Share your thoughts! MCC is partnering with the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and we need your feedback. Please take 5-7 minutes to complete this survey to help MCC establish an understanding of how congregations are currently involved. All results will remain confidential. Please email centralstates@mcc.org for more information.

CPMC: CPMC Ministry staff is considering putting together an imaginative video-taped Christmas service for use on Sunday, December 27th as a special Christmas present to all our hard-working pastors and congregational leaders. If you would be interested in using this service, can you please let us know by November 15.

Pray for our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Kalona, and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

MCUSA: Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, reflects on his 27 years as a Mennonite and shares his vision for what's working, what's not and what opportunities lie ahead for our denomination in his blog, "The church we're called to be." Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-church-were-called-to-be/>

Subscribe to Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to get the latest news about MennoCon21, scheduled for July 6-10, 2021 in Cincinnati, Ohio. <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCj>

Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church has provided sanctuary to Edith Espinal, a Mexican immigrant, for three years, as she fights to keep her family together. Read her remarkable story at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/columbus-mennonite-sanctuary/>

Hillary Watson, a bivocational pastor in Ann Arbor, Michigan, reflects on the relationship between our war-tax-resisting Anabaptist roots and our response to current-day violence in her blog, "'Defund the police' is deeply Anabaptist." Read more: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/defund>

Please pray for the delegates and leaders of the Constituency Leaders Council of Mennonite Church USA as they gather via video conference on Oct. 16 and 17.

Mennonite Missions Network: Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network are trusting God to show them the way through adjustments made necessary by COVID-19. Pray for family members as their daughters continue with e-learning and as Brian and Noelia adapt classes at the English academy. Pray also for their ministry with the Anabaptist community in Burgos, Spain.

Mennonite Historical Society: What would your ancestors think about life today? Join us on a historical cemetery walk at the Sharon Hill Cemetery in Kalona, Iowa on October 11 (1-3). The Iowa Mennonite Historical Society and Kalona Historical Village are highlighting several personal stories of 19th century ancestors buried at Sharon Hill. Hear personalized accounts about 19th century life. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Social distancing and pandemic safety measures will be followed. Please call the Iowa Mennonite Museum, 319-656-3271 with your reservation to help us in our planning.