

OCTOBER 17, 2021

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Crooked Creek Christian Camp has so much happening this fall!

- October 14 Lunch and Lecture (Senior Day) starting at 9:30am Tony Brown coming to present and a soup lunch to enjoy.
- October 15-17: Fall craft retreat at the Lodge.
- November 6: Wood cutting day! Meet at 8:00 am at Shepherd's Inn. Bring a chainsaw and help cut fallen trees. Sack lunch provided.

Lots more information on our website at www.crookedcreekcamp.org

We are excited to announce we will be hosting another online auction, December 7-12. We are currently collecting NEW or LIKE NEW items as well as antiques. Food, experiences, and meat bundles are some of the best sellers from last year. Please contact Saralyn (saralyn@crookedcreekcamp.org) or Heather (heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) or talk to your camp rep to donate an item. Thank you for supporting CCCC in this way.

Hillcrest: Harvest Party | The Hillcrest Academy FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 5th-8th graders Saturday, October 23, from 4:30-7:00 PM. We'll have a light supper, games, a bonfire, s'mores and other goodies. We'll be outside for the entire time so please dress accordingly. And don't forget to invite your friends! Please RSVP for the Harvest Party at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Fall Music Concert | The Fall Music Concert will be held on Sunday, October 24 at 3:00 PM under the direction of Shawn Sandersfeld and Donna Swartzendruber. The concert will feature the Concert Choir, Praise Band, Jazz Combo, and Percussion Ensemble made up of students from the Introduction to Music class. This Percussion Ensemble will be performing original compositions that have been learned throughout the first quarter.

Community Invitation | Curtis Fry will be sharing his testimony on Oct 27 at 6:30 PM at Hillcrest Academy. Families, teens - everyone is invited to hear Curtis, join in worship, enjoy snacks and an open gym.

Kalona Chocolates | Hillcrest Academy sophomores are selling Kalona Chocolates through Nov 5. Order/payment options are cash or check through a student or order and pay online at hillcrestravens.org/kalonachocolates.

Fall Drama | The fall drama, *Mom's Gift*, will be presented at 7:00 PM on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6 and at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 7. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$5 for senior citizens (65+). All tickets will be general admission and can be purchased at the door or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Doors will open half an hour before the show.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: "When disaster strikes in our neighborhood" is the theme for the Fall Meeting of the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society. Southeast Iowa Mennonites and Amish have long served other communities through Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in clean up and restoration efforts after disasters like flood and tornadoes. At this meeting we will hear from families affected by destructive storms in our area. Wilbur Litwiller and Beth Litwiller Swantz will lead this evening conversation about the impact of local MDS service. We will meet on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Union Mennonite Church. (You can participate in person or via zoom)

MCUSA: This Tuesday, Oct. 19, faith formation leaders are invited to join Mennonite Church USA's Shana Peachey Boshart and a panel of faith formation leaders, as they discuss "Pause: Play, Breathe, Pray," the interactive, devotional card deck that the Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA released earlier this year. Register for this week's Faith Formation Roundtable here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ff-roundtables-register>

Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press have once again partnered to provide Mennonites with a "Common Read," a shared reading experience focused on specific books written to nurture Christian faith in this cultural moment. This fall's Common Read selection is "Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking about Faith" by Sara Wenger Shenk. Read more about the Common Read here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read-year2>