

**OCTOBER 2, 2022**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cradle of Hope:** Monday, October 10 is “Community Impact Night” at Mt. Pleasant Pizza Ranch. Come see our Cradle Team. All tips come to us!

**CCCC:** Join us at camp this fall for our upcoming programs! More info on our website at [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

- October 6: Lunch & Lecture (Senior Day), 9:30AM. John Sharp is sharing, soup lunch will be provided.
- October 21-23: Fall craft retreat at the Lodge.

It's happening! We are excited to announce we will be hosting another online auction, December 6-11. 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 past years. Please contact Heather ([heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org)) or talk to your camp rep to donate an item. Thank you for supporting CCCC in this way.

**Crowded Closet:** Ready for a new adventure? Join the volunteer community at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! New flexible roles fit any schedule or level of commitment. Engaging service for any interest or ability. Stay active this winter as a Retail Assistant, process donations with friends in our bustling workroom, or get to know our loyal customers as cashiers. Our volunteers are building an enduring ministry that creates a stream of revenue to support Mennonite Central Committee now, and for years to come! Join us! Contact Christine at [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924 to plan your visit.

**Hillcrest:** We are thankful for the two families who will host our African exchange students. Ilham (Ghana) & Mariam (Mali) arrived the last week of September and we look forward to them being an important part of Hillcrest Academy. We are blessed to have such a diverse school community with 30% of our students being non-white. Our diversity is part of what makes us unique and our backgrounds, personalities, life experiences and perspectives, are all of the things that make us who we are as a school.

Join us on campus for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend on October 14-15, 2022! Find info about The Steel Wheels concert, register for the Joetown Classic 5K, and get tickets for the annual Pork Supper all at [hillcrestravens.org/homecoming](http://hillcrestravens.org/homecoming).

The Hillcrest Academy FFA will be hosting a Harvest Party for 5th-8th graders on Saturday, October 22 from 4:30-7:30 PM. There will be a light supper provided along with games, a bonfire, s'mores, and other goodies. We'll be outside for the entire time so please dress accordingly. Bring a friend and sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events)!

**JYF:** Wayland Community JYF is starting up again this fall and traditionally the community congregations have blessed the time with a meal for the kids. If you or a small group would like to provide a meal for 35-40 kids please contact Joshua Wenger at [joshwenger88@gmail.com](mailto:joshwenger88@gmail.com) or by phone at 319-541-9307. The Fall Schedule is up on the JYF Facebook Page! [facebook.com/groups/691551404295075/](https://facebook.com/groups/691551404295075/)

**MCC: Puerto Rico Peace Camp:** Young adults are invited to join MCC on November 6-11 on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico as we discover new ways to live and proclaim the gospel of peace. This week-long experience will be filled with practical learning about deconstructing oppressive systems, building community, participating in spaces of healing and commitment to hospitality. This experience will be facilitated in Spanish; a minimum of conversational Spanish is expected from all participants. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at [mcc.org/campamento-de-paz](http://mcc.org/campamento-de-paz). More information about peace camps: [mcc.org/peace-camps](http://mcc.org/peace-camps). Our prayers are with the people of Puerto Rico after the devastation from Hurricane Fiona this past weekend. After speaking with peace camp organizers on the ground there, we are glad to know that they are managing okay, and that the peace camp location was not impacted. As of today, we expect the peace camp to take place as planned.

*Peace for the Weary at Camp Deerpark, Jan 2-7, 2023:* Calling young adults living in metropolitan areas to take a break from daily life and join MCC for a transformational week of connection and learning. During this experience, you will gain tools for understanding trauma and develop strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice to bring back to your city. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now at [mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary](http://mcc.org/peace-for-the-weary). More information about peace camps: [mcc.org/peace-camps](http://mcc.org/peace-camps).

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA launched the “Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration” initiative in September. This initiative, in conjunction with the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System” resolution, seeks to raise awareness of injustices in the U.S. criminal legal system, especially those that disproportionately affect people of color and people without financial security. The initiative will continue through the end of October. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/lpj-mi)

Several years ago, when the congregants of College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana, agreed to follow strategic priorities that included embracing diversity and practicing active inclusion, they knew they were taking a big step, but they didn't know how deeply it would affect their church. Read Marty Lehman's blog, "The dangers of strategic planning," to learn more about how these priorities led to a robust immigrant resettlement ministry in their community. [mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning](http://mennoniteusa.org/dangers-strategic-planning)

Like most other Americans alive on Sept. 11, 2001, Drew Strait has strong memories attached to the tragedies that occurred that day. This day set him down a path toward Anabaptism, nonviolence and a professional focus on combatting Christian nationalism. Read his story here: [mennoniteusa.org/neverforget](http://mennoniteusa.org/neverforget)

MennoCon23, Mennonite Church USA's largest faith formation gathering, will be held July 3-8, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri. There will be programming for all ages, including a one-day Climate Summit for youth and young adults. See the tentative block schedule here: [mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule](http://mennoniteusa.org/mennocon-schedule)

**Olson-Powell Memorial Chapel:** Wednesday October 5 & 12 from 5:30-6:30 PM, we will be hosting a grief information series entitled, "The Journey of Grief," with Joan Rodgers as our presenter. She always does a wonderful job and with her advanced studies in bereavement, we are thankful she is willing to share her knowledge and experience with us. Whether you are grieving yourself or someone you know is, this free informative grief support series is for anyone who wants to know about grief. Also, save the date for our Holiday Grief Support Session on November 9, 5:30-6:30 PM; details to come. For more information, contact 319-385-1998.

**Parkview:** We are seriously in need of staff, particularly *Nursing staff*. *RN, LPN and CNA's*. We have really great pay, and sign on bonuses are offered. We can offer 12 week contract work. Full time or Part time is available. *PRN work is not available*. Contact Ron Semler, [parkviewwayland@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewwayland@gmail.com) or 319-256-2775.