

October 25, 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.

Meals needed: 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.

Bethel Church: We will be hosting a special meeting on Saturday, October 31st, 9am-2:30pm. Come and enjoy a refreshingly simple and incredibly practical day of teaching how to naturally and lovingly share the gospel out loud, with words. Cost \$25 per person (includes light snack & lunch). RSVP required by October 27th, call (319) 256-8531. If you have any questions please contact Chris Conrad or Pastor Curt at curtkuhns@gmail.com.

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! Last Saturday at the Pork Supper, we served around 650 takeout meals; a couple hundred of those within an hour or so timeframe. We are truly thankful to the community for their outpouring of support for our school and our junior class. Thanks to all who pre-ordered or drove-up for their patience as we did something new. Just like some many new things we have done, or will do as a school this year, we are grateful for each opportunity to be together.

Fall Production! This year's fall production will be a series of monologues directed by Michael Swartzendruber and performed by Meredith Blossom, Ivana Ebersole, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Slater. These will be presented in a virtual format and released in November. Watch our website and social media channels for details.

Fruit Sales! Fruit can be ordered through Nov 12 from any FFA member or by calling the school office at 319-656-2073. Fruit will be delivered the second week of December.

MCC: MCC's Seed program has positions available now in Colombia, Guatemala and El Salvador! The Seed program is perfect for young adults (18-30) who value service, community, and cultural exchange addressing systemic issues like food insecurity and climate change through grassroots, community-based initiatives. For more information, visit mcc.org/seed or email abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

Mask ask! MCC is responding to a request from people on the Northern Cheyenne reservation in southeastern Montana for cloth face masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to sew masks, please use the following guidelines:

-Adult sized

-Use at least 2 layers of good quality cotton fabric (solid colors preferred)

-Elastic ear loops

-Nose wire/filter pockets optional

Please ship purchased or completed masks to the MCC Central States Material Resources Center (Attn: Kate Mast) at 121 East 30th Street, North Newton, KS 67117, or drop off in the 24 hour donation room at MCC by November 15th. They will all be collected and transported to Montana in time for the winter season. Questions? Please contact katemast@mcc.org.

CPMC: As Pastor Appreciation Month draws to a close, we give thanks for all of the faithful shepherds in Central Plains Mennonite Conference! Our conference is blessed with the leadership of so many good pastors!

MCUSA: Pastor Sandy Drescher-Lehman and her husband, John, realized that when they stepped out of the way, God began a good work – right in their own backyard. Read their blog, "Hosting Hipcampers: Is this missional? Or spiritual?" at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hipcampers>.

MenoTicias, a new Spanish-language digital newsletter of MC USA and Hispanic Ministries of Mennonite Education Agency, has published its first issue. Subscribe today. <http://eepurl.com/hb2FGT>

A new video series from Mennonite Church USA showcases the stories of Mennonites who are advocating for immigration justice and demonstrating radical hospitality. Visit the Learn, Pray, Join web page for these and other resources: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/immigration/>.

Safwat Marzouk, associate professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, urges us to consider how the demographic changes in North America are providing an opportunity to recover a biblical vision of the church. Read his blog, "A church that embodies immigration justice and radical hospitality" at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/church-embodies-immigration-justice-radical-hospitality/>

Open enrollment for The Corinthian Plan (TCP), MC USA sponsored health coverage, is November 1 – December 31, 2020, for a January 1, 2021, start date. Go to <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/the-corinthian-plan/staff/> and contact your regional TCP Advocate for more information.

Mennonite Missions Network: Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's partner DOOR and UpNext, DOOR's mentorship program for young women of color desiring to explore the intersection of faith and justice. Pray for these young adult leaders and their mentors to make a positive impact in their communities as they apply faith-based leadership models.

