

October 4, 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: The Wayland Youth Center is opening back up on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 7:30pm. Would you be willing to provide a simple meal for a week? Meal ideas could be frozen pizza, sandwiches, hot dogs, fruits, vegetables, chips, cookies and homemade goodies. Please let Tamara Zechin know if you would be willing to provide a meal on the first, second, third or fourth Tuesday of each month? Food should be ready for about 15 people and dropped off around 5:30pm. Thank you for serving our community!

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.

Fellowship for Christian Warriors at Waco: Invites everyone (teens and adults!) to prayer and music at the flag pole on the first Monday of each month at the high school. We hope to see you there on October 5th at 7:15am.

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!

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring! Join a team where your service builds community and sends relief, development, and peace, near and far. Immediate openings for Seasonal Retail Lead (30-40 hrs/week including Saturdays) & Donation Receiving Assistant (Part-time, Saturday availability preferred). For more information or to submit your resume, contact Carey Miller, Executive Director, crowdedcloset.ed@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: Virtual Joetown Classic: This year's 5K run/walk will be virtual! Although we won't be able to gather and run together, we are looking forward to this opportunity for our community (all over the country) to be able to run or walk on their own time, on their own course all in support of Hillcrest Academy. It's simple and anyone, anywhere can participate! Sign up by October 9 to be sure to get your popular vintage style (Virtual) Joetown Classic t-shirt. Every registered participant will receive a shirt and custom race bib to wear when they run. Find more info and register at hillcrestravens.org/virtualjoetownclassic.

Shuttle Drivers Needed: Even though classes have begun, Hillcrest Academy is still in need of shuttle drivers. We are still looking for someone to drive our Iowa City route PM Mon-Fri. This shuttle is essential in providing transportation for students to and from school. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help in this mission. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 with questions or if interested.

Pleasantview Home: Employment opportunities for caring persons in a retirement community with a tradition of caring! Please look at the flyer on the Pastors bulletin board for more information.

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! Mennonite Central Committee 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! Mennonite Central Committee 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 with creation care and advocacy. All results will remain confidential. Please share the survey link with others in your congregation. Thank you for taking time to help guide our future work in addressing issues around climate change. Please email centralstates@mcc.org for more information.

CPMC: Pray for Scott Roser whose previous ordination is being recognized in CPMC at Cedar Falls Mennonite Church today. We give thanks for Scott's faithful church leadership in Central Plains.

MCUSA: Last call for proposals for Equipping Seminars! If you have an Equipping Seminar to offer at MennoCon21 (Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10, 2021), please submit a proposal by October 10, 2020. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/equipping-seminars>

Women in Leadership, a ministry of Mennonite Church USA, is presenting "What We Need Is Here," a series of webinars engaging theological work born out of women's experiences. The next two webinars will address intersectionality (Oct. 11 @ 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT/5 p.m. MT/4 p.m. PT) and navigating patriarchy (Oct. 22 @ 7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT/5 p.m. MT/4 p.m. PT). Register by Oct. 8 here: <https://forms.gle/kARRY9JLTcZv4duf9>

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board recently met to report on its strategic plan, approve a budget and affirm a process for addressing polity concerns. Read about it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/eb-meeting-sept-2020/>. The Executive Board also responded to the report from the Membership Guidelines Advisory Group: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/processes-advisory-group-report/>

Join Mennonites across the church who are reading Stephanie Lobdell's "Signs of Life: Resurrecting Hope Out of Ordinary Losses," as part of a Common Read, a shared reading experience. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/common-read/>

Mennonite Missions Network: Jae Young Lee and Karen Spicher of Mennonite Mission Network completed their sabbatical leave in the United States last month. Pray for them as they pick up their ministries, many have been put on hold due to South Korea's COVID-19 restrictions.

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 10 (5-7) or 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.