

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: November 9: Join us at 7:00 PM for our Annual SIMCA Meeting. This year's meeting will be virtual. To RSVP and for the Zoom link, email Heather at heather@crookedcreekcamp.org

Join us for our second online auction December 7-12 at www.mennoniteauctions.org. New this year, we will be having an in-person time to come and view our auction items. In-person preview date at the Retreat Lodge: December 3 & 6, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM and December 4, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Hillcrest: Fall Drama | The fall drama, Mom's Gift, will be presented TODAY Sunday, Nov 7 at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$5 for senior citizens (65+). All tickets are general admission and can be purchased at the door. Doors will open half an hour before the show.

Kara Schlabaugh Painting | Various sizes and signed, limited edition prints of the commissioned painting by Kara Schlabaugh '11 titled, 'Hillcrest' are available to purchase on the school's website at hillcrestravens.org/kara. Don't miss your chance to take home not only a wonderful piece of art, but a meaningful and visual part of school history. We've extended the ordering period through Nov 8.

FFA Fruit Sales | Through Nov 10, fruit can be ordered from any Hillcrest FFA member or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Fruit will be delivered the second week of December.

Open Gym | Join 5th-8th graders from all over the community on Sun, Nov 21 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. Activities can include: basketball, volleyball, matball, dodgeball, etc. Mitchell Drey (Hillcrest Academy PE teacher and Girls Basketball Coach) will head up the activities. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events to join in on the fun!

Fall Visit Day | On Wed, Nov 24 from 8:00 AM – 1:55 PM 8th graders and transfer students are welcome to visit Hillcrest Academy for the day. Come shadow a student and see what we're all about! Lunch will be provided. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: "When disaster strikes our neighborhood" is the theme for the Fall Meeting of the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society. We will meet on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. at West Union Mennonite Church. (You can participate in person or via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85846350014>) Southeast Iowa Mennonites and Amish have long served other communities through Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) in clean up after natural disasters. At this meeting we will hear stories of the MDS impact 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. At this meeting you will also have opportunity to renew your Mennonite Historical Society annual membership for \$20.00.

MCC: NEW Seek discipleship program for young adults: Seek is a new six-month intentional discipleship program from MCC which encourages young adults (18-20 years of age) to learn more deeply what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus. The program will include multiple discipleship and service opportunities with MCC partners in Palestine and Israel and Jordan. The Seek program begins in January 2022 and takes place in Palestine and Israel. To learn more and apply for the Seek program, visit mcc.org/seek.

SALT applications are now open! Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? SALT applications are now open! Through SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit mcc.org/SALT or contact Abby Endashaw, Young Adult Programs Coordinator at MCC Central States abbyendashaw@mcc.org.

MCUSA: Discover creative ways to engage with "Dare to Imagine," Mennonite Church USA's 2021 Advent at Home worship guide. Join writer Talashia Keim Yoder for a one-hour webinar on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m. ET/2 p.m. PT for creative ideas on how to slow down and connect with God each day during this season of anticipation. Learn about the guide here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/advent2021>. Register for the webinar here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventwebinar2021>.

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board welcomed seven new board members during their first meeting of the biennium. At this meeting, the Executive Board received training and focused on agency relationships and processing resolutions. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/7-new-members>.

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council met in October to discuss its role in preparing churches for the special delegate assembly, which will take place May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. Read the news release here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-meeting-oct21>.

Swedesburg Evangelical Lutheran: Henry County Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, free and open to the public. Sunday, November 21, 7:00 PM; volunteer choir rehearsal, 6:00 PM.