

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parkview Home: wants to keep the residents safe and healthy; therefore, they will not be allowing visitors at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

The Cradle of Hope: is holding a banquet to raise support and awareness of their ministry. It will take place on April 4 at 5:30pm in Mount Pleasant. Tamara Zechin is hosting a table. If you would like to join her, please contact her at 319-217-2456

Throughout March, the Extension Committee, invites you to collect change in a baby bottle. If you have not picked up one, you can today in the foyer. When your bottle is full of coins, cash or check, you can help us fill the baby bath tub in the foyer. Fill your baby bottle by March 29 and bring them back to church. All of these donations will support Cradle of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center, which provides free classes to parents in Fairfield, Mount Pleasant, Burlington and Fort Madison areas. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry in our community!

Crowded Closet: Due to the health concerns arising from the corona virus outbreak, we will be postponing our Association meeting originally scheduled for this Monday night until another date and time to be announced. We're sorry for this inconvenience but want to keep our members safe and well.

The Lighthouse Center needs: They serve as a crisis shelter and short-term housing for as many as 27 or so residents every single night in Washington, IA. These are men, women and children, including infants, who are homeless for a variety of reasons. When they arrive at the Lighthouse, they receive love, food, and warm and safe place to stay, and they also receive life giving words of hope through the message of Christ.

To help sustain the great demands of the center, Darren as worked with others to open The Master's Hand Thrift Store. Praise God that the store is doing very well -- BUT that has created a new demand. They need support staff to help operate the store. They need volunteers from churches to sign up and jump in. Stocking shelves, sorting donations, and more is needed. To get details on what you can do at the store, call the Lighthouse at (319)653-5871.

Everence, will host its popular workshop, Make Medicare an easy step, on Monday, March 16, at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover, plans that supplement Medicare, and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop will be presented by Everence staff at the Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa, 2301 Oakdale Blvd, Coralville, IA 52241 Room 112. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Reserve your spot by contacting Joyce Garvin at 877-656-4242 or joyce.garvin@everence.com.

MCUSA: Come hear the Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) Concert Choir at West Union Mennonite Church, 3253 305th St, Parnell on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. This concert is part of the choir's annual spring break tour. Under the direction of Dr. William Eash, the 50-person mixed voice choir sings a variety of sacred choral music from the 15th century to today. The concert is free and open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.

Hillcrest Academy: Stories Needed for the 75 year anniversary cookbook we have your recipes, now we need your stories! Please send us food related school stories. Stories about a particular cook, a particular lunch menu item, a favorite team meal, stories about the chili supper or pork supper or apple fritter booth, stories about the 'Center Room'...anything. Thanks for your help in making this cookbook a sentimental keepsake for our community. Please email stories to recipes@hillcrestravens.org.

CCCC: Crooked Creek Christian Camp is hiring for kitchen assistants, housekeeping staff, and lifeguards. Visit our website <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.html> for more information and to fill out an application.

Get excited for Crooked Creek Wild May 2, 2020! Be sure to register online by April 24 to ensure your CC Wild t-shirt and to take advantage of the early bird rate! Not sure you want to explore the wilds of camp? We need volunteers to help make this day a success! All proceeds from the challenge course run and free-will donation lunch go to the Summer Camp Fund which helps support families who otherwise may not afford the cost of camp. Contact megan@crookedcreekcamp with questions or to see how you can help!

Summer camp registration is OPEN! Make sure to register now to take advantage of the great prices! Call the camp office with any questions.

As we continue to prepare for the busyness that summer entails, we ask for your prayers as we find young men and women to work in our kitchens, with the cleaning crew, as counselors, lifeguards and more! We ask that you pray for the hundreds of families preparing to send their kids to camp, some as regulars and some for the very first time! Please think of the guest groups as they plan their reunions and gatherings and for the staff as we get ready for their arrival!

MCC: Please join MCC Central States in our first Young Adult Immigration Learning Tour. May 25-29th, MCC invites young adults age 18-30 to South Texas to raise awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities near the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and biblical/theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. Some grants may be available to interested participants with financial need. For registration or to inquire about a grant, please contact Abby Endashaw, 720-500-3413, abbyendashaw@mcc.org. Final reg. deadline is April 1, 2020.

Central Plains: Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

Mennonite Mission Network: The first professors and administrative personnel to serve Benin Bible Institute when it opened its doors in 1994 are nearing retirement age. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the next generation of teachers and administrators to respond to God's call, and the resources to train them.