

MARCH 22, 2020

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.

Wow! After just one week, we have already raised \$148.87! Please keep your bottles and keep collecting coins, cash or checks for Cradle of Hope. We will receive these donations when we are able to gather for worship again. Thank you for supporting this valuable ministry in our community!

Crowded Closet: Is closed at this time.

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.

MCUSA: 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., is cancelled.

Hillcrest Academy: Host Families Needed | Hillcrest Academy is looking for families to host 4 potential international students for the 2020-21 school year. If you are interested in being a host family, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 for more information.

CCCC: 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 our country and the world as we figure out how to live well in this time of quarantine. We pray for those who are anxious, fearful, or lonely. We ask that God would give us wisdom and strength in these days.

Mennonite Mission Network: Requests prayer for young people, ages 15-22, whom God is calling to participate in this summer's Youth Venture programs in Benin, Colombia, Nazareth Village in Israel-Palestine, Peru, Spain, and the United States (Kykotsmovi, Arizona).