

**April 11, 2021**

## **AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** Crooked Creek Wild is just around the corner on May 1! Come enjoy a fun mud run for the whole family. All money raised will help support those unable to afford camp, summer staff stipends and fun summer activities at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Visit our website [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org) to register.

Summer camp is happening this summer and we couldn't be more excited about it! We are now hiring for counselors, housekeeping and kitchen staff, and lifeguards. Visit our website: <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.html> for more information and to fill out an application. Contact Heather at [heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) with any questions.

**Crowded Closet:** Support Mennonite Central Committee locally at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! Join purposeful service with us! Job openings for Donation Receiving Assistant and multiple volunteer openings, including cashier, vintage clothing & accessories, greeter, and workshop. Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, to find your place in our service community, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924.

**Hillcrest:** The NOT Turkey Steak Supper! The Hillcrest Academy Alumni Association along with the TWP Optimists will host the annual fundraiser meal on Sat, April 17 for curbside, takeout only. You won't have to get out of your car! This year's menu will be served from 4:30-7:00 PM and features (instead of turkey) Freeman's pork loin, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and pie. A freewill donation will be taken at pickup. The Hillcrest proceeds go towards student scholarships. Essentially by supporting this meal you are making our school more affordable for students in our community!

Soccer Family Night! Bring the whole family to watch the Ravens take on Columbus/WMU on Thurs, April 22 at 6:00 PM. There will be giveaways for kids of all ages and 5th-8th grade boys and girls can sign up for drawings and to play soccer during halftime. Students will get in free with their passes along with one adult. Sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events). If you didn't receive your pass or lost it, please contact Rebecca at [rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org](mailto:rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org). We recommend bringing blankets and lawn chairs to watch the game. Masks will be required.

FFA Farmer Feed! On Fri, April 23 from 7-8:00 AM the Hillcrest Academy FFA will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, milk, juice. We will provide socially distant, outdoor seating and we kindly ask you to wear a mask when not eating. There is a freewill donation benefiting the Hillcrest Academy FFA.

**Pleasantview Home:** Home Health Aide, caring for the Independent Living resident, hours vary with a month by month schedule. Assistance may include personal care, household tasks, accompanying the resident to appointments, and companionship in the resident's home.

Dietary Aide or Cook, part-time days or evening. You make a difference for our residents by providing quality dining services!

Housekeeper, part-time days. Looking for cleaning and infection control experts or a willingness to become one! You're part of the Pleasantview hospitality services team; enhancing the resident experience is a top priority!

Do you like variety? Part time jobs may be combined for a full-time position.

All positions have every other weekend off, PTO, EIB, and qualify for matching retirement benefits. All full-time employees are also eligible for medical, dental, vision, accident, and short-term disability options.

**MCC:** MCC dignity kit informational webinar, April 20 at 7 p.m. Yes, MCC has a new kit that has been in development for years and now we're ready to teach you how to help us bring dignity to young women around the world! The dignity kit includes hygiene items and a reusable menstruation pad system. Join Kate Mast for this webinar to learn about the kit and how to sew the base units for the reusable system. Email [katemast@mcc.org](mailto:katemast@mcc.org) for the Zoom link.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar April 21 & 22 at 7pm. MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you

generously supported. Register here for this two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America.

**CPMC:** Pray for the faculty and staff at Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

**MCUSA:** After living in sanctuary at Columbus (Ohio) Mennonite Church for three years, Edith Espinal was finally able to move back into her own home with her family in February. Celebrate with the Espinal family by reading Edith Espinal's story here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/edith-espinal/>

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) recently met and provided feedback on four proposed resolutions, concerning the denomination's Membership Guidelines, inclusion of LGBTQIA people, accessibility for people with disabilities, and justice in the U.S. criminal legal system. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-resolutions>

Please pray for the Executive Board of Mennonite Church USA, which is gathering for a virtual meeting on April 16-17. The Executive Board meets two or three times per year, setting the vision and guiding the direction of the denomination.

What is the Voices Together committee doing now? How did the name "Voices Together" originate? What were some of the most difficult decisions the Voices Together committee had to make concerning certain hymns? Katie Graber answers these questions and more in her blog, "Answers to your Voices Together questions." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/vt-questions>

Read Mennonite Church USA's convention newsletter to meet the worship team for MennoCon21 and get the latest updates on Mennonite Church USA's first hybrid convention to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online on July 6-10. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-march-letter>

**Mennonite Missions Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Deb Byler as she works with Kekchi Mennonite women in Guatemala to write a curriculum for women in church leadership. During the past year of COVID-19 quarantines, Deb has written from home. Pray for her and her colleagues as they begin to travel to churches again.