

April 18, 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 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 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 or 319-337-5924.

Hillcrest: THANK YOU for your support and interest in the possibility of a Middle School at Hillcrest Academy. Based on survey results we have decided not to move forward with this for the 2021-2022 school year but, we will continue to seek feedback as we explore a Middle School more deeply. We covet your continued prayers and God's guidance as we plan for the future at Hillcrest Academy.

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. If you didn't receive your pass or lost it, please contact Rebecca at 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.

Apple Fritters! Now you don't have to wait until fall to get the famous Hillcrest Academy apple fritters! Come to Small Town Flavors on Fri, May 7 from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM in the Kalona Mennonite Church parking lot and you'll have the opportunity to pick-up apple fritters, soft pretzels, tacos/taco salad, ribeye sandwiches, pork burgers, and bbq chicken all while supporting some wonderful area organizations. All orders are carry-out, while supplies last, with no on-site dining. Go to tinyurl.com/small-town-flavors for all the details.

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: From the MCC U.S. Washington Office, an invitation to take action: Prevent future war—repeal the Iraq AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force) The 2002 Iraq AUMF authorized war against the Saddam Hussein regime and has been used to justify military action for 19 years without additional congressional approval. Two bills repealing the AUMF in the House of Representative and the Senate have growing

bipartisan support. Repealing past AUMFs will return authority to engage in militarized force to Congress, creating greater accountability for military actions. Send a message to your members of Congress calling on them to support the repeal of the 1991 and 2002 Iraq AUMFs.

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 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 your sister churches in Southeastern Iowa: Washington, Eicher, Wayland, Sugar Creek, Pleasant View, and Zion Mennonite Churches.

MCUSA: Pastor Jon Carlson of Forest Hills (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church has been nominated as Mennonite Church USA moderator-elect for the 2021-2023 biennium. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/carlson-elect>

Hendy Matahelemaul sheds light on the dramatic increase in hate crimes and acts of racism against Asians in the United States in his blog, "Difficult things in difficult times." Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/difficult-things-times>

In her blog, "Let us lay down our economic weapons," Katerina Parsons explains the impact that U.S. economic sanctions have on the people in the countries that have experienced these sanctions. Parsons calls us to advocate against these sanctions, in order put our love for people around the world into action. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/economic-weapons>

As a young man, Alfonso Alvarado dreamt of leaving his home in El Salvador and moving to the United States. Read about his journey, which led him to become a pastor and church planter at a Mennonite church in "Beyond that ocean is North America." In English: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-alfonso-alvarado/> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias/posts/alfonso-alvarado/>.

Mennonite Missions Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the two-day Sent Network conference that begins on Thursday, April 23. Pray that all who participate in this virtual church-planting summit will be inspired, energized, and given the tools necessary for encouraging the growth of Jesus' church.