

April 25, 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.

Parkview: WE are in need of Part time, RN's, LPN's and CNA's. Parkview Home is accepting applications for all these positions. Parkview is a nice and quality-driven care facility. Staff can work part-time or varied schedules as permitted. Please e-mail Parkview at parkviewwayland@gmail.com or call and ask for Ron or Heather.

Hillcrest: 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.

Host Family! Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2021-22 school year. Hosts can be single or married with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance and the program provides the student's medical insurance, pays school fees and expenses, and gives the student a monthly allowance. Please contact the local coordinator Holly Beinhart at (641) 295-5003 or hollybeinhart@gmail.com for more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

Hillcrest Academy Junior/Senior Banquet! This year's banquet will be held on Sat, May 1 at Dick and Donna Swartzendruber's event barn. In an effort not to overcrowd the barn, the drive-up will be held at the school as normal. You are invited to Hillcrest Academy at 5:00 PM to see students drive up to the school and take pictures before they head to Dick and Donna's. Please leave the circle drive open for the students to drive up. We hope to see you there!

Here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/539830891/ccaef9c243>. We hope you enjoy it and please let me know if you are able to use it this Sunday in your worship service. Best!

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: The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale auction will be held online this year, running from May 30th to June 6th featuring quilts, in-home meals, and more. In addition to the auction, there will also be a drive through meal on June 4th at Kalona Mennonite Church from 4:30 - 7:30, where diners will be able to choose between a chicken fajita or smoked pork loin meal. If you or someone you know would like to donate auction items, please contact Steve Groenewold at stevegroenewold@gmail.com!

CPMC: Did you know? Central Plains Annual Meeting will be online this year—which means that you can attend without making pesky travel or hotel arrangements! Visit our website to learn more about our speaker, schedule and workshops and to register! www.centralplains.org/annual-meeting-2021

Pray for the work of the Outreach and Service Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We ask for wisdom and courage as they lead by example and encouragement into new ways of thinking about and doing God's just work in our ever-changing world.

MCUSA: Felipe Hinojosa, author of "Apostles of Change," shared stories about Latino activists transforming churches into staging grounds for protests against urban renewal and displacement, in a recorded webinar from Mennonite Church USA. View it here: mennoniteusa.org/webinars

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference recently licensed Katerina Friesen for ministry at Wild Church Fresno (California), a Mennonite Church USA church plant that meets outdoors and feels a particular call to care for God's creation. Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/friesen-licensed-wild-church>

What are the causes of war? And what can we do to end war before it begins? David Lapp-Jost answers these questions in his blog, "Nurturing more life-giving community." Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/life-giving-community>

Pastor Graciela Tijerina listened when God called her to lead Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania (Bethany House Mennonite Church), in Newton, Kansas. Read her story here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/iglesia-casa-betania/> En español: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menoticias-tijerina>

Mennonite Missions Network: Mennonite Mission Network praises God for the three-year ministry of Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado at La Casa Grande, a children's home in Benin. Pray for Diana and Felipe as they transition back to living in and doing God's work in Colombia, their sending country.