

May 1, 2022
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Crooked Creek Christian Camp is looking for volunteer kitchen help for summer camp! Please use this link to sign up for your preferred date and time. signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCF8-2022 Thanks for your support in this way!

A list of food sponsorship opportunities is posted on the bulletin boards in the foyer.

Summer camp registration is open! Spots are filling quickly and some weeks have waitlists. We need your help recruiting summer staff. We are still in need of male counselors (most needed!), female counselors, assistant counselors, kitchen and housekeeping assistants. Use this link for more information and to apply! crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.html

CPMC: Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors (although if you are delegate, youth delegate or pastor and haven't registered—register now!) -All are invited to Freeman, SD June 16-19 to worship, learn, fellowship, and discern together! Visit our website to learn more and to register! centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2022

Crowded Closet: In addition to Crowded Closet's regular monthly contribution to Mennonite Central Committee, Crowded Closet gave an extra \$10,000 to MCC to aid projects in Ukraine. Learn about the work of MCC partners in Ukraine at mcc.org/stories/crisis-ukraine. When you shop, donate, and volunteer at Crowded Closet, you strengthen the work of MCC around the world!

Everence Financial: Make Medicare an easy step: A workshop for anyone interested will be on May 12th at 6:30 PM at Bethel Church, Wayland. Topics include signing up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, the various "parts" of Medicare and budgeting for healthcare in retirement. For more information contact Jennifer Freeman at 877-656-4242 or jennifer.freeman@everence.com.

Hillcrest: The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will wrap up their local tour on May 1 at 6:00 PM with a performance at Wayland Mennonite Church hosted along with Washington Mennonite Church. If you can't make it this Sunday, you can see the choir along with other musical ensembles (including a mariachi band!) at the Spring Concert on May 15 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall. Read about the choir tour and see the entire schedule at hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir.

Hillcrest Academy is looking for a Host Family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2022-23 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 rabeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

MCC: The 42nd Annual Iowa MCC Sale will be held on June 11 from 7:00am to 4:00pm at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City, Iowa. Your help is needed to make the sale a success! To let us know how you can help, please contact any committee member or Don at pastordonpatt@gmail.com or call 319-936-6397.

This year we will have both an In-person and Online Auction. Please contact Steve Groenewold at stevegroenewold@gmail.com if you plan to donate an auction item. Storage and collection of auction items can be arranged individually - we will also schedule a drop-off day in Kalona in May.

MCUSA: On Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. ET, join Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton and guests for a webinar on ways that we can support the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly and our participating church leaders through individual and communal prayer and fasting. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/prayer-webinar-registration

Join Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for One Another," for a CommonRead webinar on May 3 at 7 p.m. ET. CommonRead is an initiative from Herald Press, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Learn more here: mennomedia.org/register-now/

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hosting a webinar, "Political Idolatry: Countering Christian Nationalism" on May 4, 2-3 p.m. ET. Register here: ambs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/

Mennonite Church USA has released guidelines for allowable actions and procedures during its Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30 in Kansas City, Missouri. According to the guidelines, delegates must

submit suggested amendments to the proposed resolutions by May 6. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/guidelines-special-session

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference invites you to participate in a workshop on baptism in the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, featuring John D. Roth, on May 7 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This event is being held online and in person at Waterford Mennonite Church. Learn more here: im.mennonite.net/baptism-workshop/

Registration is open for Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. The deadline for hotel reservations is May 4. The deadline for registration is May 16. For more information, visit mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate

WACO: Please join the WACO Community to show your support to Odee and Ukraine on Saturday, May 7. Odee is a junior and has been an exchange student at WACO this school year, and is active in Sugar Creek MYF. A meal will be served from 5-7 PM at WACO High School. We will be serving a variety of foods including dishes familiar to Ukraine. Odee will be sharing about himself, his family and Ukraine around 6 PM that evening. A freewill donation will be taken for the meal.