

May 15, 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!

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: Crowded Closet is hosting a Spring Association meeting, May 23rd at 7:30pm at East Union Mennonite Church 5615 Gable Ave SW, Kalona. All are welcome to attend to hear what is happening at Crowded Closet.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop has summer service openings! There are a variety of flexible short-term and summer-long openings throughout shop operations for students who wish to earn silver cord hours and gain new experiences this summer. Contact Christine Maust Beachy: crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com

Plan summer service at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! People around the world are hurting, and volunteering at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is one way to nurture God's earth and all who live in it! Volunteer roles are flexible, easy to learn, and open to all ages! Summer cashiers needed! Learn more by visiting our booth at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale on June 11 or plan a visit to the shop anytime. Contact Christine, Volunteer Coordinator, at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: The *Hillcrest Academy Spring Concert* will be held (TODAY) on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall. The music program is under the direction of Shawn Sandersfeld and Danielle Bridges. The concert will feature the Touring Choir, Symphonic Band, Jazz Combo, Percussion Ensemble and newly formed Mariachi Band(!). The choir will be performing pieces from their spring tour as well as additional selections. Several instrumental ensembles will be presenting musical selections that will include many different styles of music. There is no admission charge for the concert, but a freewill offering will be taken.

The *2022 Hillcrest Academy Graduation Activities* will take place on May 28 & 29 in Celebration Hall. Baccalaureate will be held Saturday evening, May 28 at 6:00 PM with speaker Lee Ebersole, Bible teacher and father of senior Ivana Ebersole. Commencement will be Sunday evening, May 29 at 6:00 PM. The speaker will be Jodi (Hochstedler '96) Beyeler.

Hillcrest Academy is looking for a person to fill the position of *Concession Stand Coordinator*, starting this summer. This position is responsible for oversight of the concession stand during all athletic seasons. Duties include coordinating workers for the events (and being available to work if needed), ordering all supplies and drinks, opening and closing the stand (including trash disposal). This is a paid position of \$25/hour during the school year and approximately \$1,200 for the summer baseball/softball season. If interested or with questions, contact Chris Nachtigall at cnachtigall@hillcrestravens.org.

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: We need volunteers for the annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale! There are a variety of different ways and times you can help out on June 11th at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Visit the website to sign up: iamccreliefsale.org

If you have items to donate to the sale auction, please either let Steve Groenewold know at stevegroenewold@gmail.com by May 17th.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA has unveiled a new shareable video titled "We are better together." The video features different voices from across the denomination discussing what it means to do church together. Watch it here: mennoniteusa.org/better-together

Mennonite Church USA has created a new role focused on racial/ethnic engagement and announced several other staff transitions. Sue Park-Hur, the newly appointed director of racial/ethnic engagement, will work with the various racial/ethnic entities within MC USA, support the program agencies in this work and help denominational leaders to define diversity, equity and inclusion goals, standards and desired outcomes. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/new-position-transitions

Mennonite Church USA has announced the worship speakers, led by Dr. Samuel Sarpiya, for the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, in Kansas City Missouri. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/worship-special-session

Abby Endashaw encourages all individuals and communities within the Christian tradition to utilize the Intercultural Development Inventory assessment to engage effectively and appropriately with people who are different than ourselves. This concept is part of the new curriculum from Mennonite Church USA called Diversity: God's Design. Read Abby's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/cultural-reflection-growth