

May 29, 2022
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alumni Reunion: Did you volunteer at Camp Menno Haven for a summer in the past 50+ years? Join the Staff alumni reunion at Menno Haven June 30 - July 3, 2022. Registration and details at mennohaven.com. Some folks are connecting on Facebook through the group - Menno Haven Staff Reunion. Join us for the entire time, a day, a meal, whatever works for your schedule. Do you have friends, family, or former church members that might not see this announcement? Reach out and pass it on that we want to see them again!

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!

Applications are being taken for the position of Program Director at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. The Program Director is responsible for all camp programming, which includes summer camp, CC Wild, and other programs throughout the year, recruiting and supervising summer staff, and marketing. Submit application, cover letter, and resume to Heather Bender heather@crookedcreekcamp.org. Visit crookedcreekcamp.org for more information.

CPMC: It's not too late to get the discounted rate for CPMC's Annual Meeting—but rates go up on June 1. Register today to come worship, learn, fellowship and discern with your brothers and sisters in Central Plains! See our website for more information and to register, www.centralplainsmc.org

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: 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.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: Calling all golfers . . . round up some friends and make a team of 4 to join our Golf Benefit on Friday, June 10th, hosted by the Kalona and Mennonite Historical Societies. Play 18 holes at the Kalona Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 1 pm and ending with a wonderful meal of pork, Mennonite potato salad, other salads, watermelon and Kalona Bars at 6 pm. There will be prizes given out for a variety of categories, including the winner of our fun Kalona trivia quiz. A team of 4 costs \$300 and will benefit both societies in their endeavors to preserve our histories! Contact Nancy @ 319-656-3232 or kalonatours@gmail.com to register by May 31.

MCC: Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 11th from 7:00am to 4:00pm - Bring your friends and family for a day of delicious meals and food booths, a live auction featuring beautiful quilts and homemade items, children's activities, a Farmer's market with meats, cheese, baked good, and crafts for sale, 10,000 Villages items, and more! We hope to see you there, but even if you're not able to attend in person you can still put in a bid for the Online Auction going live on Sunday, June 5th.

We still are in need of volunteers for the Relief Sale! There are a variety of different ways and times you can help out on June 11th at the Johnson County Fairgrounds: parking volunteer, auction help, activity barn children's activities, announcement readers, or general volunteer. Please visit iamccreliefsale.org to sign up.

MCUSA: The next Women Doing Theology Conference of Mennonite Church USA's Women in Leadership has been postponed until Fall 2023 (dates and location to be announced). After prayerful discernment, the committee decided that hosting the event in 2023 would allow space for planners to develop a more equitable, accessible and inclusive in-person event. For more information on Women in Leadership, visit mennoniteusa.org/wil

In his blog rooted in Luke 19:42, Naun Lucoer Cerrato, founder of Piedra Viva Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana, writes that we are so excited to see the death of an enemy that we miss what Jesus was trying to do in building a spiritual kingdom. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/should-bring-peace

“If the conditions or requirements of hospitality are that the stranger be familiar to us, then are we truly willing to welcome the stranger?” write Daniela Lazaro-Manalo and Hannah Markey-Roberts. In their blog, they address the systematic immigration issues at the southern border of the United States in relation to Ukrainian refugee resettlement initiatives. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/welcoming-white-stranger

When Jason Kauffman, director of Mennonite Church USA Archives, was asked to create a Mennonite women’s history timeline, he saw it as an opportunity to learn more about Mennonite history. That’s when he faced questions and doubts about the different historical aspects of this project and his role as historian. Read his blog here: mennoniteusa.org/on-history-humility

Heidi Regier Kreider, conference minister for Western District Conference, contemplates what it means to be a follower of Jesus in times of war. Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/lament-face-of-war