

June 12, 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: Central Plains Annual Meeting isn't just for delegates and pastors! "Come to the table" to worship, fellowship, discern, and learn with your brothers and sisters from across CPMC! See our website to learn more and register, www.centralplainsmc.org

Crowded Closet: 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! Contact Christine, Volunteer Coordinator, at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Eicher: Everyone is invited to our Summer Wednesday Evening Book-Club starting June 22 @ 6:30pm at Eicher Emmanuel Church led by Pastor Josh Wenger. We are going to discuss a book by Alisa Childers "Another Gospel", "A lifelong Christian seeks truth in response to Progressive Christianity". The book is available on Amazon or any christian book store.

Hillcrest: Come support the Hillcrest Academy softball and baseball teams as they take on WMU on *Kids Night at the Ballpark*, Tuesday, June 28. Students in grades 5 through 8 get into the game for free with their passes along with one adult. We'll have freebies for kids of all ages. Go Ravens!

Save the date for *The Annual Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit*. This year's event is on Saturday, July 16 at the Kalona Golf Club. For details, to register, or to be a sponsor check out hillcrestravens.org/golfbenefit.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has named Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz as denominational minister for Peace and Justice. In this role, she will resource conference ministers, conferences and pastors with opportunities to strengthen capacity and engagement in Christ-centered peace and justice, as well as serve as a liaison and coordinator for peace and justice initiatives throughout MC USA. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/peace-justice

Sue Park-Hur, director of racial/ethnic engagement for Mennonite Church USA, reflects on the 1992 L.A. Riots/Uprising. "Even after 30 years, we still have a difficult time agreeing on how to name the event, because it impacted the various communities so differently." Read her reflections here: mennoniteusa.org/gathered-to-remember-testify

In times that "try our souls," it is easy to be tempted into the narrative that there is a good and a bad side. In her Menno Snapshots blog, Carolyn E. Yoder wrestles with what it means to be an Anabaptist in times like these. "These are the times that try our nonresistant/nonviolent souls. May they also be the times that accelerate the rising consciousness of another way to meet evil in the world." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/times-that-try-our-souls

A longtime Anabaptist and war tax resister, Harold A. ("H.A.") Penner, shared a letter that he and his wife, Barbara, sent to the Internal Revenue Service, that said, "We conscientiously object on religious grounds to the payment of that portion of our federal income taxes that supports war making and militarism..." Read the full letter here: mennoniteusa.org/tax-resistance-letter

In her Menno Snapshots blog, Kate Wentland discusses her experience cooking traditional Ukrainian foods with friends. "My friends and I cooked together to eat in solidarity, to talk about the war and what it means to offer a peaceful witness, and to donate together." Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/ukrainian-dinner-party