

JUNE 13, 2021

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Life House: Interested in the message of Christ? The Christian arts is a lasting way of getting the Gospel to the world. There is an opportunity to be in a World Premier dramatization of a C.S. Lewis short story (he wrote the 'Chronicles of Narnia', 'Mere Christianity' and much more AND J.R.R. Tolkien- author of 'The Hobbit' etc.- was a long time Christian friend of his). Two other short pieces based on stories by Calvin Miller (Christian author of over 30 books and a pastor in Omaha) and Walter Wangerin, Jr. (Christian author of youth and children's books) are part of this production.

Actors, crew and visual artists are invited to contact the New Life House (they're producing this as a benefit towards their Christian mission of helping women in need throughout our area) at newlifehouseia@outlook.com by June 15th. The show is titled "Three 2 See" and will be held at the Heatilator Performing Arts Center in Mt Pleasant on July 15, 16, 17 at 7 pm. The three plays have the Christian themes of "Light" and "Reality". Please keep this in your prayers, too!

You may find the latest newsletter posted on the north bulletin wall.

Parkview: Parkview Home, a non-profit Nursing Home in Wayland, Iowa is holding a BBQ Fundraiser, June 19th 2021 from 4:30-7 pm. Fundraiser is being held to assist Parkview in building a Maintenance Building

Event Details: June 19th 4:30-7 pm drive-through or pick up your meal & eat on campus. Meal: BBQ pork loin or BBQ turkey breast filet, baked beans, hash brown casserole, Hawaiian roll and brownie bar. Bottled water is available as well as hot dogs for kids. Free will donation-suggested amount =>\$20 per meal. Come hungry! Come support Parkview home!!

Hillcrest: Class Trip! Please keep the Hillcrest Academy junior and senior students in prayer as they travel to Washington DC on class trip. Even as many aspects of life still don't seem 'normal', may this trip be a safe and valuable learning experience and a time for them to grow in their relationships with one another.

Pray For Us! We know there are many of you who already pray for our school regularly and we are so grateful for that! The Hillcrest Academy PTO would like to extend an invitation to participate in a Summer Prayer Vigil for the particular needs of this summer. Specifically, we would like to cover the Administrative Team and Operating Board in prayer as they will be interviewing and hiring teaching candidates. We know that there is so much power in prayer and we want to join together as a community asking for God's will to be done here on earth as it is in Heaven. For more details and to sign up to pray, go to this link. In addition to this, the PTO also invites you to pray on campus with them during the next board meeting on Monday, June 14 at 7:00 PM. There's something extra powerful about praying on site!

Kids Night at the Ballpark! On Fri, June 18 at 5:30 PM, come cheer on the Hillcrest Ravens softball & baseball teams as they take on Central Lee. 5th-8th graders get into the game for free with their passes, along with one adult. 5th-8th graders can also enter a drawing for larger prizes and we'll have freebies for kids of all ages. Go Ravens!

First Mennonite Church of Iowa City: Everyone is invited to an OUTDOOR CONCERT, July 6 at 7 PM featuring GIRL NAMED TOM, a band of siblings from Archbold, OH. The trio is known primarily for exquisite three-part harmony, using their unique voices together to make their originals and covers stand out. Bekah, Joshua, & Caleb grew up surrounded by the a cappella singing of the Mennonite community. Check out their website to learn more about them! Bring your own lawn chairs, drinks and snacks to the parking lot of First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave., Iowa City to enjoy this event. A freewill offering will be collected to help support their summer tour. Covid-19 guidelines will be honored.

In case of rain, the event will be cancelled. Check the First Mennonite Church website for cancellation notice.

MCC: June 22 at 7 p.m. CDT join James Wheeler & Linda Herr, Area Directors for Europe & Middle East, to hear The Gift of Love: Doing our part for healing and wholeness in the world. Register for the webinar at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

The MCC Alumni Gathering is July 9-11 and all MCC alumni and their families are invited to join us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Please sign up by June 25!

Current openings at MCC can be found at mcc.org. Current open positions include Canning & Trucking Manager, Multimedia Producer, Meat Canner and many international service opportunities.

CPMC: Just one more week until the Central Plains Annual Meeting! Join us for (free) streamed worship services on June 18 @ 7:00pm with CPMC Exec. Conf. Minister, Nathan Luitjens, June 19 @ 9:00am with David Fitch, and June 20 @ 10:00am for conference-wide worship with David Fitch. Each worship session will feature worship leaders from the Twin Cities. It's also not too late to register for delegate sessions and workshops. For more information, registration and links to the streamed services, head to our website, www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021.

Pray for those preparing for the Central Plains Virtual Annual Meeting next weekend, especially for David Fitch, our speaker for the weekend.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA has released a new Bible-based curriculum, entitled "Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy." It addresses the history and impact of systemic patriarchy — and looks at how God calls followers to respond through an intersectional lens. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/dismantling-patriarchy-curriculum/>

For the first time, Mennonite Church USA is hosting a hybrid convention on July 6-10, 2021. MennoCon21 participants may choose between attending in person in Cincinnati, Ohio, or virtually via Pheedloop, an interactive, online event platform. Learn more about MennoCon21 virtual offerings here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-virtual-opportunity/>

Jon Carlson will be the July 9 worship speaker for MennoCon21, Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention. Carlson reflects on his conference topic, "Trust the Peace," through his experience with trust in the Mennonite church, in this blog: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/trust-the-peace/>

In his blog, "An Afro-Latina Who Refused to be Made Invisible," Mennonite Church USA's Chief Communications Officer Wil LaVeist reflects on his mother's life and her Afro-Latina heritage. Despite the racism that she, and countless other Afro-Latino people have experienced, she persisted and proudly represented her culture. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/refused-to-be-made-invisible>

Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are preparing to return to the African continent to build bridges between Christians and Muslims. Pray for them during their time of orientation at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, where they will ground themselves in language study and in the ministries in French-speaking Africa. They are serving jointly through Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.