

**JUNE 1, 2021**

**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** Once again, we had just about the perfect day for Crooked Creek Wild (CCW) this year (just a tad windy)! What a fun way to kick off our summer season. CCW is a Fun Mud Run for the whole family. All the funds raised go to support three main areas:

1. Families who may not otherwise be able to afford the cost of camp.
2. Summer staff stipends
3. Special summer camp activities.

What a wonderful time we had! Water sprayers, mud pit and a waterslide are just a few of the many obstacles participants got to experience! A special thank you to Josh Lundberg for all the time and energy he put into designing the course. And finally, thank you for all our volunteers, runners and spectators for your support to help make summer camp possible for so many campers!

**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.

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:** Today marks the last day of the MCC Sale online auction. Hopefully you've been waging nonviolent price wars all week, and are ready to drive the prices up even further tonight. Remember to pay attention to the separate closing times for each item, and that no item will be won until three minutes has passed since the last bid. Visit [iamccreliefsale.org](http://iamccreliefsale.org) all day today - just not during the sermon.

**CPMC:** It's not too late! Register for Central Plains Annual Meeting today before the price goes up on Tuesday! This year we'll meet together online June 18-19 and worship with all of conference on June 20. Our speaker for the weekend is David Fitch and the theme is "Looking Forward: The Future of the Church in a post-Christian/post-COVID world." You won't want to miss it! Find more information and register on our website, [www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021).

Pray for the Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of processes of congregational discernment. We pray for God's leading and guidance in the midst of changing congregational patterns.

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA has announced the list of in-person and online equipping seminars for youth and adults for this year's hybrid MennoCon21 convention, to be held July 6-10 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and online. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/seminars-mennocon21>

Glen Guyton, the executive director of Mennonite Church USA, has partnered with Dove's Nest to help churches keep children and youth safe. For tips, resources and to learn more about Guyton's work with Dove's Nest, read this news release: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/keep-boys-safe>

Mennonite Church USA responded to a proposed resolution from South Central Mennonite Conference (SCMC), calling for the dissolution of the conference. SCMC delegates will vote on the resolution at their assembly in July. "Our prayers are with the communities and people of SCMC," said Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/responds-scmc-proposal>

When life gets hard, it is difficult to find the peace. In her blog, "Feel the Peace," Ana Alicia Hinojosa, who will be the July 6 worship speaker at MennoCon21, reflects on her conference topic by grappling with where the peace goes when everything feels like it is falling apart. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/feel-the-peace/>

Retired Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff member Carol Epp passed away April 24. Menno Snapshots re-shared the blog "Remembering Carol Epp: A Reflection on Her Service" as a tribute to her many years of service. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/remembering-carol-epp/>

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God with Mennonite Mission Network for the dedication of Service Adventure leaders who are transitioning into other ministries this month. Pray for Cindy Headings (four years), Michelle and Rudy Moyer-Litwiller (three years), and the Eric and Julie Yoder family (three years).