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AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit: THANK YOU! Our fiscal year has ended and Hillcrest Academy would like to thank all of our supporting churches, those who support our school through their congregations, and especially those who have chosen to go beyond this commitment and give directly to Hillcrest Academy. You have shown that you are truly behind us and we are so grateful! With your collective dedication to our mission, we will move Hillcrest Academy forward even stronger! We truly appreciate the significant level of support we receive year after year from our generous community. You continue to show us that your heart for Hillcrest Academy remains full.

Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit: This year's benefit on Saturday, July 18 at the Kalona Golf Club will obviously be a bit different, but we feel like we can put on an enjoyable and safe event. To register to play or to be a sponsor check out hillcrestravens.org/alumni/hillcrest-golf-benefit.

MCC: Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others," MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely. The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 316.283.2720.

Mennonite Relief Sale: All are invited to attend the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. The executive board will be sharing financial reports and an overview of this year's events. Masks are mandatory for attendance and physical distancing will be encouraged.

MCUSA: Melanie Neufeld and her husband are pastors of Community Ministry at Seattle Mennonite Church, seeking justice, change and protection for unsheltered people. Get a first-hand look at their ministry in Melanie's blog, "The prick of compassion." <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/compassion/>

Imagine planting a peace church amid a pandemic and nationwide protests – that was the backdrop for Mennonite Church USA's newest church plant in New York. Read more about the Brooklyn Peace Center: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/nyc-peace-witness/>

Catch up on all the news, blogs and events from Mennonite Church by subscribing to PeaceMail, a weekly e-newsletter. Check out the latest issue and subscribe here: <http://ow.ly/K5Z150Afsnm>

CPMC: Confused on how to approach racism? Central Plains Staff have collected resources related to racism. If you need materials for a Sunday School class, for small group discussion or for you own reflecting, check out the list of resources at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/anti-racism-resources.html>. If your congregation is finding ways to respond to racism, the Peace and Justice Task Group continues to collect stories. Email stories and additional resource ideas to: wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Pray for the work of our camps, Swan Lake Christian Camp and Crooked Creek Christian Camp, as they creatively share God's creation.

Mennonite Missions Network: requests prayer for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family as they begin the North American segment of their two-way mission. Pray for them as they continue their Ecuador ministry from a distance and as they engage in teaching ministries from Goshen, Indiana.

