

JULY 17, 2022
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Crooked Creek Christian Camp is taking applications for the position of Food Service Manager. The Food Service Manager is responsible for menu planning, cooking delicious food and serving it in attractive ways, managing additional kitchen staff, as well as food ordering and purchasing. Submit application, cover letter, and resume to Heather Bender heather@crookedcreekcamp.org

CCCC is still currently hiring for Program Director and Head of Housekeeping. Visit www.crookedcreekcamp.org for more information.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop celebrates continued growth of our ministry together! Thanks to the generous support of our volunteers, donors, and shoppers, Crowded Closet is on track to pay off our 25 year mortgage in around 7 years! Join us in service to support the global work of Mennonite Central Committee and local helping agencies. New volunteers are welcome daily to process and price donations and provide customer service. Email the shop to plan your visit crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com or visit our website, crowdedcloset.org.

Hillcrest: Hillcrest Academy is in need of minivan shuttle and bus drivers. We are looking for someone to drive our Washington shuttle route at least two days a week - AM & PM. Our shuttles are essential in providing transportation for students to and from school who wouldn't otherwise have a way there. We are also in need of bus drivers for our athletic teams when they travel to competing schools. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org with questions or if interested.

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society: Are you a descendent of Benedict Miller? He and his family moved here in 1850 and became the fourth Amish settler in this area. You may be interested in reading about him, his five sons, and his father in the July issue of Reflections, our quarterly newsletter. If you're not a member of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa, you can purchase a copy at the Mennonite Museum in Kalona - or better yet, become a member for \$20/yr and support our mission to tell, interpret, and preserve the story of Iowa Mennonites and Amish. Contact the museum by calling 319-656-3271 or emailing iamennohist@gmail.com.

MCC: Please join MCC Central States in welcoming 3 new people to our staff! Brocia Mueller, volunteer coordinator in the MCC Workroom in North Newton; Wesley Wilder, human resources coordinator and Mahlet Mamo, young adult program coordinator.

When refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the United States, the first thing they need is a safe place to call home. Unfortunately, the ongoing affordable housing crisis has greatly impacted families' ability to lay down roots. *Join MCC on Tuesday, July 26 at 1:00 p.m. CDT* to learn about different ways the faith community has partnered with refugees, asylum seekers and organizations that serve them to offer creative housing solutions. Learn more and register at mcc.org/webinar-housing-solutions.

MCC School Kit season is right around the corner! MCC is working to fulfill requests for school kits from partner organizations in Jordan, Ukraine, Malawi, Syria, Iraq, and Haiti. Here are some things to keep in mind when making school kits this year:

- Sewn school kit bags may be requested from the MCC Material Resources Center if needed.
- MCC in North Newton has a large supply of pink erasers, so feel free to skip erasers and they'll be added when the kit is checked by volunteers at MCC
- The pencil sharpeners need to be metal, not plastic.
- You can find the directions for school kits at mcc.org, or reach out to Kate at katemast@mcc.org or 316.283.2720 with any questions. Thank you so much for your continued work with these important kits!

MCC Sale: The Annual Meeting of the Iowa MCC Sale will be held on July 26 at 7 pm in the fellowship hall of Kalona Mennonite Church. Results and reflections on this year's sale and a motion on the amount to be sent to MCC. A time of fellowship will follow.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is seeking applicants for its Justice Fund grants. The Justice Fund supports MC USA congregations that are working to combat poverty, dismantle racism, address immigration reform or reimagine policing. For more information: mennoniteusa.org/seek-applicants-justice-fund

Gun violence continues to plague our country. Read how Mike Martin has taken steps to combat gun violence through RAWtools, Inc., a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, in his blog, "Guns to garden tools." mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools

Steve Chun reflects on how Kkaenip, or perilla, a plant used in traditional Korean cuisine, helps him and other Korean Americans maintain a sense of identity, despite living away from their ancestral land. Read his Menno Snapshots blog, "Flavors of resilience," here: mennoniteusa.org/flavors-of-resilience

Lynda Hollinger-Janzen of Mennonite Mission Network rides her bicycle to work every day. It provides her with an opportunity for exercise, allows her to reduce her impact on the environment and it creates space for her to spend time with God. Read more about the benefits of biking in her Menno Snapshots blog, "I bike for world peace, personal shalom — and because I love biking." mennoniteusa.org/i-bike-for

Parkview: We are seriously in need of staff, particularly *Nursing staff. RN, LPN and CNA's*. We have really great pay, and sign on bonuses are offered. We can offer 12 week contract work. Full time or Part time is available. *PRN work is not available*. Contact Ron Semler, parkviewwayland@gmail.com or 319-256-2775.