

August 2, 2020

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Life House: The New Life House 4 year anniversary is coming up in August. We decided to celebrate this anniversary with a fundraising yard sale. We plan for the yard sale to be August 7th & 8th, 8am - 4pm. We would love to see you here on those days. If you don't know the address, you may request it from me by email: crissyrie@hotmail.com. If you would like to donate some things for us to sell, please email me at the address provided.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is open! Join over 100 volunteers who are serving this summer. Shop, donate, and volunteer locally to support Mennonite Central Committee. Volunteer team is needed to serve customers on Saturday, August 1st. Ready to join us? Call 319-337-5924 or email Christine at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: Shuttle Drivers Needed! Hillcrest Academy is in need of shuttle drivers for the 2020-21 school year. There are two routes available: Washington route AM and PM on Mon and Wed and Iowa City route PM Mon-Fri. This shuttle is essential in providing transportation for students to and from school. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help in this mission. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcresttravens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 with questions or if interested.

Back to School! We will begin the 2020-21 school year with in-person classes on August 24. As we strive to engage our students and nurture our community in safe and meaningful ways, we ask for prayers of guidance as we work together to navigate our situation in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mennonite Museum: The Iowa Mennonite Museum at the Kalona Historical Village is now open afternoons. Because of decreased museum attendance and the cancellation of the Kalona Fall Festival a significant amount of our typical fundraising has been lost. We do have several cases of apple butter made at last year's Fall Festival to sell. By the pint or by the case, our apple butter makes a nice gift for family and friends. Stop by the museum afternoons to review stories of our area Mennonite-Amish History and pick up some apple butter for friends.

MCC: Support MCC and celebrate MCC's centennial with a new shirt, hoodie, tea towel, bag or hat! Check out this online store set up by the Kansas Mennonite Relief Sale to place your order today (pssst, it's never too early to start Christmas shopping!). Visit wearatomic.com/product-category/mcc/ and start shopping to support MCC!

MCUSA: On the recent anniversary of the ceasefire of the Korean War, Mennonite Church USA joined more than 190 individuals and faith leaders in signing a statement committing to searching for reconciliation in the name of Christ in this still-unresolved conflict. Learn more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/korean-war-ceasefire/>

As we mourn the loss of civil rights leader John Lewis, Mennonite Church USA's Wil LaVeist reflects on his opportunity to interview Lewis in 2015. Listen to the inspirational interview and share the experience through LaVeist's blog, "John Lewis made me feel like an honored guest" at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/john-lewis-made-me-feel-like-the-honored-guest/>

Registered nurse Lisa Renee Sayre shares her experience participating in a nonviolent anti-racist protest and her spiritual practices for living into her faith in her blog, "Practicing presence, so we can do the work." Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/practicing-presence-so-we-can-do-the-work/>

Please pray for the congregations in Western District Conference who are gathering this weekend for their Annual Assembly.

CPMC: Consider being an MVS participant for the 2020-2021 MVS year! Join a community, serve, and plug into your neighborhood and local congregation. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to learn more and apply!

We pray for students, teachers and staff who are preparing to begin school in the midst of a pandemic. May God bless their learning and may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings. We pray for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Iowa Mennonite.

Mennonite Missions Network: Michael J. Sherrill begins his ministry as Mennonite Mission Network's executive director this month. Pray for him as he relates to partners and workers, conferences, and congregations "to equip and empower the church to engage their culture and world with the whole gospel."

Job opening: Mennonite Men, the men's organization of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, has an open quarter time position in Communications and Marketing. To see a description of this position, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@MennoniteMen.org. Resumes are due by August 3.