

AUGUST 22, 2021

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCCC: Crooked Creek Christian Camp has so much happening this fall!

- September 12, 4:00 pm Annual Sing 'N S'mores at Sunset Shelter. Enjoy a hymn sing and s'mores over a campfire.
- October 9, 3:00 pm. New Event! Harvest Fest! An event for all ages with fall themed activities, food and live music.
- October 14 Lunch and Lecture (Senior Day) starting at 9:30am Tony Brown coming to present and a soup lunch to enjoy.
- October 15-17: Fall craft retreat at the Lodge.

Lots more information on our website at www.crookedcreekcamp.org

We are excited to announce we will be hosting another online auction, December 7-12. We are currently collecting NEW or LIKE NEW items as well as antiques. Food, experiences and meat bundles are some of the best sellers from last year. Please contact Saralyn (saralyn@crookedcreekcamp.org) or Heather (heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) or talk to your camp rep to donate an item. Thank you for supporting CCCC in this way.

Hillcrest: Classes begin for the 2021-22 school year on August 23. With hopefulness, we look forward to welcoming a considerable freshman class. For the coming school year, we ask for your continued prayers on behalf of our students; that with God as their foundation and guide, (as our tagline states) they will lead others through their faith and go forward with hopefulness and preparedness to change our world for the better.

MCC: Join MCC in prayer and support for those suffering in our world. MCC has prepositioned relief materials in Haiti for immediate use. Earlier this month an additional shipment of supplies was sent to Haiti and is expected to arrive in September. MCC continues to respond to needs around the world in Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Congo and other crisis areas. We greatly appreciate your monetary donations to keep current projects going and to help with extra expenses due to recent disasters; and we could use your help in replenishing our supplies of relief kits and hygiene kits. Questions can be directed to 316.283.2720 or centralstates@mcc.org.

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CPMC: We have had several requests for follow-up information on the wildfires in Montana that are affecting our CPMC congregations there. Willis Busenitz (pastor at the White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church at Busby) sent us the following information to share with you:

I was at the gathering with Gov. Greg Gianforte in Lame Deer. Progress is being made. My observation is that the Reservation is being inundated with clothes, food and hygiene donations, from all over. One of the bigger needs will be hay and fencing supplies for the ranchers, especially the smaller ranchers. The bigger ones probably have insurance. We really appreciated the prayers and from Central Plains to our church here.

Pray for our sister churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated groups Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship and The Mennonite Worker in Minnesota, and Shalom in Wisconsin.

MCUSA: Michelle Armster was one of two women awarded the Mennonite Church USA #BringThePeace award in its inaugural year. Read about her journey as a peacebuilder in this interview transcript: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/interview-michelle-armster>.

MennoMedia, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada recently partnered to create a two-part webinar that explored how to decenter whiteness, be more inclusive and promote anti-racism in worship, through the resources provided in Voices Together. Read more and find the links to the webinar in Katie

Graber's blog, "Webinar to explore Voices Together, worship and anti-racism."

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/webinar-vt-antiracism>

Pastors Amy Yoder McGloughlin, of Frazer Mennonite Church, and Joanne Gallardo, of Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, led a seminar, titled "Practical Steps To Becoming a Welcoming Congregation" at MennoCon21. Read more for tips on welcoming LGBTQ people into church fellowship:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/practical-welcoming-congregation>.

Mennonite Mission Network: Participants in Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program are in a time of transition. Pray for those who are transitioning from their completed assignments to schooling or work and pray for those who are beginning their first or second term of learning and service.