

AUGUST 8, 2021

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity House: The new house in Wayland (at the corner of Second and Jefferson Streets) needs our help! Please sign up on the north bulletin board so that Tamara can let the project coordinator know how many people to expect from our congregation. Anyone can help to prime, paint and help with cabinets. Work projects are done on Saturdays from 8am until noon, with lunch provided. If working on the house is not your gift, but you enjoy hospitality, they are also looking for volunteers to provide lunch on Saturdays. Check out the sign-up sheet or call Tamara at 319-217-2456 if you have any questions. Thank you!

Hillcrest: Pray For Us! The Hillcrest Academy Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) invites you to pray on campus with them during the final board meeting of the summer on Mon, Aug 16 at 7:00 PM. The group will meet in the foyer. Please join us as we lift our students, staff, board and the new school year (which begins on Aug 23) up in prayer.

CPMC: Pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

MCUSA: At the close of MennoCon21, Glen Guyton, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, announced the new theme for this biennium: "Be Transformed." Read more about what Guyton had to say here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/guyton-call-for-change>.

A new video from Mennonite Church USA shows how the Justice Fund is supporting peace and justice work across the denomination through mutual aid. See how Justice Fund grants are helping congregations dismantle racism, uplift the oppressed and promote peace: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/justice-fund-video>.

It is too easy for churches to adopt traditions and policies that pull us away from our foundation. In his blog, "The Rock," Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton urges readers to "set our feet firmly on the rock that is Jesus." Read his blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/the-rock/>.

In his blog, "The hyphenated Anabaptist and the hyphenated college," Brad Kohlman explains that in Mennonite colleges, it is common to find students who come from other church traditions. He shares how being able to marry people's faith traditions with their Anabaptist education creates value for the church and the individual's faith formation. Read more of Kohlman's thoughts here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/hyphenated-anabaptist-college/>.

Mennonite Mission Network: This month, the Bokgoni Sporting Club in Botswana is showcasing opportunities for at-risk teenage girls to participate in life-skills training and sports. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for increased community participation in this program.