

SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Music & Apple Fritters! The Hillcrest PTO will be selling their historic apple fritters at the Kalona Fall Festival on Fri and Sat, Sept 24 & 25. And while you're there, check out the Hillcrest music groups performing on Fri, Sept 24 from 2:30-3:30 PM.

Homecoming Weekend! Join us back on campus for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend on October 1-2, 2021! This year, we hope to include all the traditional events like the alumni athletic events, the Joetown Classic 5K and the annual Pork Supper. Plus, a new feature this year will be the unveiling of the commissioned painting by Kara Slaubaugh '11. Signed, limited edition prints of the painting titled, 'Hillcrest' will be available to purchase on campus and on the school's website. You won't want to miss your chance to take home not only a wonderful piece of art, but a meaningful and visual part of school history.

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee has a variety of service opportunities all around the world and the following opportunities are especially important to fill at this time. Please contact Heidi Huber with questions at heidihuber@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Organizational development and Racial Equity Director: This role will lead MCCs in the US (four regional entities and a national team) in racial equity work through organizational development and change management, toward the goal to reflect the full participation of our diverse constituents in every aspect of our mission, programs, policies and practices. This role will inspire, mobilize and coordinate practical and professional equipment to remove barriers and move MCCs in the US forward to more fully reflect God's desire for God's people. For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/organizational-development-racial-equity-director>

MCC Representative for Haiti: Are you interested in providing leadership and programmatic direction to MCC's work in Haiti? This role maintains relationships with MCC partners and is responsible for providing team leadership and support for MCC workers in Haiti. For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/mcc-representative-haiti>

Seed Community Development Worker: MCC's Seed program has positions available now in Bolivia! The Seed program is perfect for young adults (18-30) who value service, community, and cultural exchange addressing systemic issues like food insecurity and climate change through grassroots, community-based initiatives. For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/seed-community-development-worker-bolivia>

Canner Operator: Are you a traveler? Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to serve others? Every year MCC's Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada meeting volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken and pork to be sent around the world. More than 30,000 people a year volunteer

to fill, weigh, wash and label every can. Apply to be a cannner! For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/canner-operator-4>

CPMC: Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 18-19, 2021 at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, SD. We are delighted to have Kate Friesen from Sioux Falls, SD as our speaker and look forward to a weekend of reconnecting, relaxing and sharing some of the sweeter parts of life together. Register by September 13 at <https://myslcc.com/register/> or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. Check out the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page for updates.

Pray for our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Kalona, and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

MCUSA: During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new "Learn, Pray, Join" initiative – The Cost of Poverty. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid.

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>

Mennonite Church USA will offer two Faith Formation Roundtables each month from August to October. These roundtables are intended to encourage and support faith formation leaders through collaborative methods. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/faith-formation-roundtable/>.

Luis Alvarado is a chaplain at an immigration detention center in Texas, where he ministers to Christians and non-Christians alike. Through his work, he has met many immigrants, who have shared their stories and made him a better person. Read more about Alvarado's encounters here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/luis-alvarado-chaplain-at-south-texas-detention-complex/>.

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Mennonite Women: Join together at the annual Mennonite Women's Retreat this September 18-19 for a time of reflection and leisure. Lodging and meals provided: \$95 for the full weekend, or \$40 for Saturday, \$25 for Sunday. Register by September 13 at: <https://myslcc.com/register/> or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. See the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page for updates and more information on our speaker Kate Friesen.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering: Registration Open - Online: September 17-19, 2021 Mennonite Health Fellowship (MHF) is hosting its virtual Annual Gathering in September. All with an interest in healthcare from a faith perspective are welcome to attend, and all MHF members are encouraged to attend at least part of the weekend. Registration and information are on the MHF website at www.mennohealth.org. The theme for the weekend is Fostering Provider Resilience with a special 2-hour Introduction to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) in partnership with Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. MHF is open to those serving in all areas of healthcare, including mental health, public health, health administration, and more. Register today! We look forward to connecting with you!

Mennonite Mission Network: This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through Mennonite Mission Network at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed

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