

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**  
**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cradle of Hope:** Monday, October 10 is “Community Impact Night” at Mt. Pleasant Pizza Ranch. Come see our Cradle Team. All tips come to us!

**CCCC:** Join us at camp this fall for our upcoming programs! More info on our website at [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

- October 6: Lunch & Lecture (Senior Day), 9:30AM. John Sharp is sharing, soup lunch will be provided.
- October 21-23: Fall craft retreat at the Lodge.

It's happening! We are excited to announce we will be hosting another online auction, December 6-11. 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 past years. Please contact Heather ([heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org)) or talk to your camp rep to donate an item. Thank you for supporting CCCC in this way.

**Crowded Closet:** Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring for full-time Retail Lead! Join a team motivated by compassion, community, service, and sustainability. This role is best for a dependable, energetic, self-motivated servant leader who believes in the mission of supporting Mennonite Central Committee and local relief. Visit [crowdedcloset.org/employment](http://crowdedcloset.org/employment) for more information.

**Gospel Echoes Team:** The Gospel Echoes Team will be holding their prison ministry banquet on Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 6:30PM at Fairview Mennonite Church in Kalona. The evening will include a Homestyle dinner, music and a prison ministry presentation. Gospel Echoes Team provides Bible Study Correspondent Courses, Pocket New Testaments, Little Red Address Booklets, and ministry teams to prisons, free of charge, through the US and Canada. Tickets required! For information and tickets, contact Steve & Norma Miller at 319-430-8759 or Mark & Irma Miller at 319-530-3527 or 319-530-3529.

**Hillcrest:** The Hillcrest PTO will be selling their historic Apple Fritters at the Kalona Fall Festival on Friday and Saturday, Sept 23 & 24. The Hillcrest music groups will be performing on Friday, Sept 24 from 2:30-3:30 PM.

Join us on campus for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend on Oct 14-15, 2022! Register for the Joetown Classic 5K (Saturday morning) at [hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic](http://hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic) then attend the annual Pork Supper (Saturday evening). Register for the 5K before Sept 23 to be sure and get one of our popular t-shirts. Plus this year we are excited to announce that Bad Angle Events will be hosting The Steel Wheels on Friday, Oct 14 at 7:30 PM in Celebration Hall. Get your tickets before they sell out at [badangleevents.org/tsw](http://badangleevents.org/tsw).

We have begun planning for a Middle School, enrolling 6th grade students for the 2023-24 school year. This is a big step in the history of our school and we feel good about the process so far. We are thankful for your prayers as we ask God to lead us forward. Read more at [hillcrestravens.org/middleschoolannouncement](http://hillcrestravens.org/middleschoolannouncement).

**MCC:** MCC Central States is hiring for two new positions. Please consider applying today or passing these opportunities on to someone you know who has a passion for working in immigration!

*Immigration Program Coordinator* - Got experience with immigration, migration, and borderlands work? Love building multi-cultural relationships? This opportunity with MCC may be the one for you. Click through this link for more information and to apply.

*Borderlands Program Coordinator* - Join MCC and use your coordinating skills and knowledge of borderlands. Teach, connect, and work with MCC partners and asylum seekers in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Click through this link for more information and to apply.

Questions about either position? Please email [claraswald@mcc.org](mailto:claraswald@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.

**MCUSA:** Mennonite Church USA Church Vitality office, in partnership with Everence, has updated its compensation guidelines for pastors and conference ministers for 2022-2023. A pastor salary worksheet and other resources are available to help pastors, churches and recent seminary graduates during salary negotiations. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/pastor-salaries](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/pastor-salaries)

Abortion has always been a contentious topic among Christians. Nancy Heisey, a retired Eastern Mennonite University professor, writes that regardless of our views on abortion, we, as people of faith, should focus on caring for people experiencing crisis pregnancies. Read her blog, “How are we to be the church?” here: [mennoniteusa.org/how-to-be-church](http://mennoniteusa.org/how-to-be-church)

In his youth, Doug Hostetter, the peace pastor at Evanston (Illinois) Mennonite Church, enjoyed using guns to hunt for food, but after serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Vietnam during the Vietnam War, he decided

to abstain from using guns ever again. In his blog, "Reflection on guns and security," he explained how the war and his peace witness affected his view on guns. [mennoniteusa.org/reflection-on-guns](http://mennoniteusa.org/reflection-on-guns)

**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](mailto:parkviewwayland@gmail.com) or 319-256-2775.