

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- 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.

Ice Cream Social! On Mon, Sept 27 at 5:30 PM come cheer on the Ravens Volleyball team as they take on Rivermont Collegiate! 5th - 8th graders and families are invited to an ice cream social following the varsity game. Hosted by the National Honor Society. Sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

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 Schlabaugh '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.

MDS: The September edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home, thanks to MDS Volunteers, Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions and clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. You can visit this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EjI00M>

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 canner! For more information or to apply, visit: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/canner-operator-4>

CPMC: We pray for our sister congregations in North and Central Iowa: Cedar Falls Mennonite, Cedar Falls, IA, Christ Community, Des Moines, IA, and Des Moines Mennonite, Des Moines, IA.

MCUSA: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board will be meeting in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 23-25. Pray for the Executive Board this weekend, as they make important decisions that affect the denomination.

This Tuesday, Sept. 21, Shana Peachy Boshart and other leaders from across the denomination will lead a Faith Formation Roundtable on the topic, "Staying connected with your college students." Join this event for a time of time of community and collaboration. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Q1cyAgPDWe9T6dVg8>.

After six months of searching for a new executive director, the Mennonite Education Agency Board of Directors suspended the search and agreed to collaborate with the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board to share leadership staff. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mea-suspends-executive-director-search-pursues-collaboration-with-mc-usa-executive-board/>.

Brood X cicadas emerged across much of the East Coast and Midwest early this summer and revealed their transformative nature. Camille Dager explains how she has witnessed the transformation of the cicadas and Mennonite Church USA members, in her blog, "Be transformed ... and hard to ignore." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformedand-hard-to-ignore/>

When Bonnie Miller found out her firstborn child had a physical disability, she quickly realized that her church, which she once thought was accessible, had one major obstacle: the steps leading to the stage. Read about how the church came together to find a way to make the stage accessible to all and how it impacted the community, in Miller's blog, "Accessibility benefits everybody." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/accessibility-benefits-everybody/>

Mennonite Mission Network: Christy Harrison and Peter Sensenig, and their three children, are in language study in Paris, preparing for a ministry building Muslim-Christian relationships in West Africa. Pray for their children in French public schools and for Christy and Peter in language school. They are jointly serving with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Mission Network.