

September 20, 2020

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wayland Youth Center: The Wayland Youth Center is opening back up on Tuesdays from 5:30 until 7:30pm. Would you be willing to provide a simple meal for a week? Meal ideas could be frozen pizza, sandwiches, hot dogs, fruits, vegetables, chips, cookies and homemade goodies. Please let Tamara Zechin know if you would be willing to provide a meal on the first, second, third or fourth Tuesday of each month? Food should be ready for about 15 people and dropped off around 5:30pm. Thank you for serving our community!

Crowded Closet: Immediate, essential volunteer opening at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop! Volunteer Greeters needed now for Oct-Dec at Crowded Closet. Flexible shifts, safety precautions, and a great environment! Join in meaningful service where you support the relief, development, and peace of Mennonite Central Committee. You or someone you know ready to serve? See Christine, Volunteer Coordinator, at the shop or contact 319.337.5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City: has a new e-commerce site to provide safe shopping during this pandemic. Villages Iowa City is providing free local delivery and curbside pickup of website and in-store items. You can shop and receive items safely with no contact, and support fair trade artisans whose livelihoods have also been affected by the pandemic. Check out: <https://www.tenthousandvillagesiowacity.com> or call 319-519-2104 for your safe shopping.

Mennonite Historical Society: What would your ancestors think about life today? Join us on a historical cemetery walk at the Sharon Hill Cemetery in Kalona, Iowa on October 10 (5-7) or October 11 (1-3).

The Iowa Mennonite Historical Society and Kalona Historical Village are highlighting several personal stories of 19th century ancestors buried at Sharon Hill. Hear personalized accounts about 19th century life. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Social distancing and pandemic safety measures will be followed. Please call the Iowa Mennonite Museum, 319-656-3271 with your reservation to help us in our planning.

CCCC: During this time of uncertainty, we have had many cancellations of guest groups and this has resulted in a substantial income loss for the camp, over \$104,000. To offset these losses we received many donations and had a breakfast casserole bake sale. We have seen the generosity of many and we are grateful.

Even after these fundraisers, the camp still feels the impact from the loss of funds. We are very excited to announce for the first time, the camp will be hosting an online auction. Do you have something you would be interested in donating? We would be thrilled to receive it! The auction will go live in December in a virtual event. Send an email to Saralyn at saralyn@crookedcreekcamp.org or Heather at heather@crookedcreekcamp.org with any questions or to let us know of items or services you would like to donate! We look forward to you joining us for this exciting new event.

Everence: Everence is hiring! We are looking for an energetic, customer service-oriented person to join the Kalona office as a Client Services Representative, as we seek to help people integrate their faith with their finances. This position provides administrative assistance and marketing support for Financial/Stewardship Consultants, giving excellent service to clients and staff. It includes a particular focus on education and support for senior adults and those approaching retirement. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.everence.com/about-everence/careers/current-positions> or call 656-4242.

In addition, we would welcome your tapping the shoulder of persons you believe would fit well with the mission of Everence and the church. Feel free to also provide referral names to either Kent Blossom or me. Thanks in advance for your assistance in spreading the word. We appreciate your support for our mission! Joyfully -Lyle

Hillcrest: Taste of Fall! Are you missing some of your favorite fall foods? Come to the Taste of Fall! On Fri, Sept 25 from 12:00-7:00 PM in the Kalona Mennonite Church parking lot you'll have the opportunity to pick-up apple fritters, soft pretzels, orange julius, tacos/taco salad, turkey steaks, coffee, and ice cream all while supporting some wonderful area organizations like Hillcrest Academy. All orders are carry-out, while supplies last, with no on-site dining. Go to tinyurl.com/taste-of-fall-2020 for all the details.

Shuttle Drivers Needed! Even though classes have begun, Hillcrest Academy is still in need of shuttle drivers. We are still looking for someone to drive our Iowa City route PM Mon-Fri. This shuttle is essential in providing transportation for students to and from school. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help in this mission. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 with questions or if interested.

Homecoming Weekend & 75 Year Anniversary Celebration | Events associated with this year's Homecoming Weekend and 75 Year Anniversary Celebration, originally scheduled for October 16-18, have been significantly cut back or cancelled due to ongoing risks and limitations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see hillcrestravens.org/homecoming2020 for all the details.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA staff invites you to join them in supporting the Mennonite World Conference Global Sharing Fund to provide COVID-19 relief to congregations with less access to aid and resources, especially in parts of Africa, Latin America and Asia. For more information:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/word-conference-relief-fund>

Mennonite Church USA is offering Justice Fund grants to congregations that are actively addressing racial justice, poverty, police brutality/reimagining policing and immigration or are seeking start-up money to engage in these areas. For more information on how to apply or donate:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/applications-for-justice-fund/>

"FORGOTTEN." This is the word that Ana Alicia Hinojosa, an MCC immigration education coordinator, said has been on her mind since South Texas/Rio Grande Valley was hit with Hurricane Hanna in late July. Read her powerful call to action in her blog, "Do something bold for immigration justice."

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/do-something-bold>

In his blog, "Building stamina for anti-racism," Goshen student Cade Fisher talks about the need for young people to prepare for the long, hard work of anti-racism. Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/building-stamina-for-anti-racism/>

MCC: Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you to join Celebration 2020: MCC at 100, a live streamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the live streamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

Register NOW for the MCC Flatlander Bicycle Ride! Due to COVID-19, the ride is a "virtual" event this year and open to EVERYONE. Riders may register any time until September 29. Register online at Bikereg.com. Join us in raising money for MCC to fund the construction of new wells and repair existing water and sanitary systems at schools in Nicaragua. With these improvements, students will have safe water to drink and wash their hands. In this global pandemic, access to clean water is more essential than ever. Donations from non-riders are welcome! Checks to MCC Flatlander Bike Ride may be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117.

Executive Director job opportunity: Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City is seeking an Executive Director. This person will be in charge of the retail store on the downtown Ped Mall. Responsibilities include staffing, purchasing inventory, and management duties. The desire is for applicants to be strong supporters of fair trade and the Village's mission. Submit resumes to Wendell Miller at wendellm1951@gmail.com.

CPMC: Pray for Jacob Guckenberger who is being licensed toward ordination at Christ Community Church, Des Moines, IA today. Jacob joined his wife Kelsey to become part of the pastoral team there on August 1. We pray that God would bless Jacob's ministry at and with Christ Community.

Mennonite Missions Network: Diana Cruz and Felipe Preciado of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Benin since quarantine ended in June. Pray especially for the protection of the children and staff at La Casa Grande and that the children will not fall behind in their education.