

SEPTEMBER 26, 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: 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.

Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry is holding a concert at Fairview Mennonite Church on Sunday, October 10th at 7pm. This concert is the collaboration of multiple prison ministry teams featuring song arrangements that were put together for a recent video produced for prison broadcast. For more information see the poster on the North bulletin board.

CPMC: Pray for CPMC ministry staff as they travel, that they would be safe on the road and in each congregation and that they would bring blessings wherever they go.

MCUSA: In a collaborative effort with Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Executive Board, the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) Board of Directors has named Michael Danner the new executive director of MEA. Danner will continue to serve in his role as the associate executive director of Church Vitality, in addition to this new responsibility. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/danner-named-mea-executive-director-in-collaborative-agreement-with-mc-usa/>.

Join the denomination-wide "CommonRead." Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books to equip the church during this time. This fall, the CommonRead book is "Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking About Faith" by Sara Wenger Shenk. Learn more here: <https://www.mennomedia.org/commonread/>.

The Faith Formation ministry of Mennonite Church USA, led by six youth and children's ministers, developed a card deck to encourage families to share their thoughts and feelings together, as well as grow in their faith. Learn more about this new resource and buy your own pack here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-faith-formation-ministry-releases-devotional-card-deck/>.

Jason Kauffman, in his blog, "Putting in the work to be transformed," shares about his journey toward a healthier lifestyle and how it relates to his faith. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/putting-in-the-work-to-be-transformed/>.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, some churches are still worshipping virtually via Zoom, while others are taking precautions that limit traditional methods of worship. In her recent blog, "How can we worship without singing?" Anneli Loepp Thiessen shares several ideas for how congregations can worship without

using their voices. Find her ideas here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/how-can-we-worship-without-singing/>.

Mennonite Mission Network: Rejoice with Brian and Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network that COVID-19 cases in Spain are decreasing and in-person meetings for churches and schools are starting to resume. Pray for Brian and Noelia as they search for a place to hold their English classes, after a year of conducting online classes.