

September 27, 2020

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship for Christian Warriors at Waco: invites everyone (teens and adults!) to prayer and music at the flag pole on the first Monday of each month at the high school. We hope to see you there on October 5th at 7:15am.

Habitat for Humanity: We are starting our 28th home and many helping hands are needed. On Saturday, October 3, we are setting the walls for the new house on the corner of S. Jefferson and W 2nd Street in Wayland. We will work on the house every Saturday from 8am until Noon, weather permitting. Lunch will be provided at 11:30am. There is a job for everyone, so bring willing hands and hearts to work together. If you would like to provide the meal, please sign up by calling Lisa Diener at 319-931-0656. Thank you!

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!

Do you like to cook? Meals are needed. Please talk to Tamara if you are interested in providing meals for the Getting Ahead Classes on Monday evenings or food for the Wayland Youth Center on Tuesday evenings. The meals for Getting Ahead Classes will be served at 5:30pm at the Waymar Community Room. The youth center meets from 5 until 7pm on Tuesday evenings. Thank you so much for considering this important outreach opportunity in our community!

WACO Community Food Pantries: We are so blessed by two active food pantries now in our area. Individuals and families can receive food every Thursday. First and third Thursdays, Jenny Kaufman coordinates the efforts at the food pantry in the United Church of Crawfordsville. Her number is (319) 461-0532 if you would like more information. Second and fourth Thursdays, Donna Rinner coordinates the efforts at the food pantry in the Wayland Mennonite Church. Her number is (319) 591-0961 if you would like more information. Carol Kuhns will also have the Word Alive office open in the Wayland Mennonite basement on the second and fourth food pantry days. Please spread the word to people whom you know that might need some assistance at this time.

Crowded Closet: Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is hiring! Join a team where your service builds community and sends relief, development, and peace, near and far. Immediate openings for Seasonal Retail Lead (30-40 hrs/week including Saturdays) & Donation Receiving Assistant (Part-time, Saturday availability preferred). For more information or to submit your resume, contact Carey Miller, Executive Director, crowdedcloset.ed@gmail.com.

Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City: Ten Thousand Villages will be financially empowering Pakistani women by hosting their 4th Annual Fair Trade Rug Event October 7-11 at the Iowa River Landing, Ste 110. Approximately 300 rugs, each handmade in Pakistani homes by fairly paid adult artisans, will be available in a variety of unique designs and sizes ranging from 2' x 3' to 10' x 14' and runners. Wed-Sat 10 am-7 pm, Sun 11 am-5 pm. Check them out and support fair trade.

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.

Pleasantview Home: Employment opportunities for caring persons in a retirement community with a tradition of caring! Please look at the flyer on the Pastors bulletin board for more information.

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.

Hillcrest: Pork Supper: The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 17, 2020. The tender pulled pork, baked potato, lettuce salad, dinner roll, and dessert will be available as takeout only. Drive up at the campus upper parking lot using the west entrance between 4:30-7:00 PM. Cost per meal is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for kids ages 4-7. Please pay at pick-up. To customize your meal, schedule a pick-up time, and expedite your pick-up go to hillcrestravens.org/porksupper or call the office at 319-656-2073.

Virtual Joetown Classic: This year's 5K run/walk will be virtual! Although we won't be able to gather and run together, we are looking forward to this opportunity for our community (all over the country) to be able to run or walk on their own time, on their own course all in support of Hillcrest Academy. It's simple and anyone, anywhere can participate! Sign up by October 9 to be sure to get your popular vintage style (Virtual) Joetown Classic t-shirt. Every registered participant will receive a shirt and custom race bib to wear when they run. Find more info and register at hillcrestravens.org/virtualjoetownclassic.

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.

MCUSA: How has 2020 strengthened, challenged or reshaped your Anabaptist faith and the way you live your life? Share your stories, photos, videos and artwork at Anabaptist History Today, a collaborative, online, Anabaptist storytelling platform. <https://aht.libraryhost.com/s/archive/page/Welcome>

Joel Miller, pastor of Columbus Mennonite Church, a sanctuary church in Ohio, talks about putting a face on immigration and reminds us that we have choices to make that impact our own humanity. Read more in his blog, "These are my people!" <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/these-are-people/>

Writing as part of a blog series on racial justice, Goshen College sophomore Greta Lapp Kassen reminds us that, "Silence is violence, and as pacifists, it is our duty to promote peace." Read her blog, "Our faith must compel us to work for change": <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/our-faith-must-compel-us-for-change/>

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.

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 our sister churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin: Bethel, Emmanuel, Faith, First-Mountain Lake, Lao Fellowship, Rochester, Saint Paul Hmong Mennonite, Third Way and affiliated groups Fargo-Moorhead Faith Mennonite Fellowship and The Mennonite Worker in Minnesota, and Shalom in Wisconsin.

Mennonite Missions Network: Matthew and Toni Krabill, serving with Mennonite Mission Network at the Paris Mennonite Center in France, help resource Anabaptist Christians to engage with issues of injustice and conflict. Pray that they would continue to draw on God's words to guide their ministry and that they will help others to be faithful to Jesus' way.