

# BEARING FRUIT

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This Week at Washington Mennonite						
Sunday Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Worship Service</b> (9:30am)</li> <li>▪ Centro Cristiano (5pm)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Lenten Soup &amp; Cinema</b> (5:30pm)</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Game Night</b> (6pm)</li> </ul>
Anniversary - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roger &amp; Mary Lou Farmer</li> </ul>						
<b>Upcoming Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March 19/20 – Comforter Knotting</li> <li>▪ March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30pm</li> <li>▪ March 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae, 6pm</li> </ul>						

## Washington Mennonite

- **Offering for 3/3:** \$1,178.00
- **WMC Game Night Saturday, March 16** – On St. Patrick's Eve at 6pm come enjoy the frivolity of large group games and smaller table games in the Fellowship Hall! Light refreshments provided.
- **Comforter knotting opportunity for MCC's "Great winter warmup"!** MCC would like 7,000 comforters donated before the end of February. I'm a little late, but I know they will take them whenever we get them done. Join me to knot comforters for MCC from 1-4 p.m. on Monday, **March 18** or from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, **March 19** at the church. If you have questions, let me know. Mary Lou Farmer
- **Easter Choir!** If you'd like to join a WMC Easter Choir for several songs on Sunday, March 31 contact Angela Widmer
- **March Second Hour: the Anabaptist Readings & Prayers Group** continues for the month of March. Come sit around the chairs in the back of the sanctuary from ~11 to 11:45. Angela Widmer will keep leading from various scripture & prayer guides on March 3, 10, 17 & 24. Thank you Karla & Angela for leading Jan & Feb! (**Do you have an adult group idea you'd like to share or lead for April or May?** Contact Christian Nurture Commission: Heather Bender, Angela Widmer, Heidi Willems, or Nick Stoddard!)

▪ **Lenten Soup & Cinema** - Each Wednesday evening during Lent share our Lenten suppers (3/13, 3/20). Each week we will eat soup together, watch a Jesus story, and reflect on it together. Sign up to help bring soup, bread, or fruit/veggies.

## Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- Join us on **March 19** at Shepherd's Inn for **Lenten Quiet Day** featuring devotions connecting the poetry of Mary Oliver and our Lenten journey. A soup lunch will also be provided. Register here: <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/lenten-quiet-day.html>
- **Mark your calendars for Summer Camp registration** opening on March 4! Visit our website now to see summer camp dates <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/>
- Check under your couch cushions and clean out your coin purses because **April will be Coins for Camp month!** This year's projects are pool toys, life jackets, and LED lanterns for each cabin. Coins for Camp is one of the ways we begin preparing for summer camp! We appreciate your generosity.
- Join us May 4 for **CC Wild Mud Run and Walk**, our annual fundraiser to benefit our Summer Camp Fund. Don't want to run? New this year, we will be adding a walk for those who

want to experience nature without the mud and obstacles. A free will donation lunch will take place at 11:30. For more information and to register visit our website: <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/ccw.html>

- **Help give our summer camp cooks a head start** by participating in one of our **Summer Camp Prep Days**. Join us May 11, 13, and 14 from 8:30-12:00 to make cookies, chop vegetables, and cook ground beef. Sign up here: <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-food-prep-days.html>

## Hillcrest Academy

- **6th Grade Visit Days** - Happening on Friday, March 1 or Wednesday, March 20 2:00-3:15 PM, current 5th graders are invited to come visit our 6th grade classes. They'll have an opportunity to interact with our current 6th graders and learn what it's like to attend Hillcrest Academy. This is for students only, but parents are welcome to hangout with Rebecca and have a cup of coffee while you wait. Please sign up at [hillcrestravens.org/5-8events](http://hillcrestravens.org/5-8events).

- **A Seussified Pride & Prejudice** - The greatest romance in all of English literature gets a wacky, rhyming makeover. This whimsical retelling is something Dr. Seuss might come up with if he had his way with the time-tested Jane Austen classic. The Hillcrest Academy spring drama production will be presented in Celebration Hall on Friday, March 22 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. All tickets are \$5, general admission tickets and can be purchased at the door or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Doors will open half an hour before each show.

## Central Plains Conference

- **The Sower Prayer Request:** Pray for your sister churches in the Quad Cities area cluster: Casa de Oracion Emanuel, Iglesia Cristiana El Balsamo, Iglesia Menonita Centro Cristiano, Iglesia Torre Fuerte, Templo Alabanza and the El Buen Pastor church plant.

## Mennonite Organizations

- **MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton critically low on inventory:** An MCC kit cannot be distributed until each item for the kit is assembled, but some supplies in the Material Resources Center are so low that kits cannot be processed for shipping. You can help by filling the following needs: new infant sleepers (6-12 month sizes); bath towels (dark colored, light to medium weight); laundry soap (such as Fels Naptha or Zote brands); shampoo (20 oz min) and spiral notebooks (70 sheets). Buy online and ship it to MCC or bring items to MCC in North Newton (121 E. 30<sup>th</sup> St, North Newton, KS 67117). Questions are always welcome, please contact [brociamueller@mcc.org](mailto:brociamueller@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720. A full list of MCC kit contents can be found at [mcc.org/kits](http://mcc.org/kits).

- **Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Laura Schlabach, who has served with Mennonite Mission Network in Mongolia since 1993, is currently on North American Ministry in the United States. Pray that she will be able to find rest and renewal from the demands of being the only on-site member of a three-person executive director team for JCS International in Mongolia. Pray also for the smooth functioning of the organization in her absence.

- **MC USA Announcement:** In honor of Women's History Month, the MC USA Archives has compiled a Mennonite Women's History timeline. Explore the rich history with this engaging resource: [mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline](http://mennoniteusa.org/women's-history-timeline) -- The Women in Leadership ministry of MC USA is releasing season three of its popular podcast, "Holding It (.) Together." Bonita Rockingham of the Women in Leadership steering committee hosts the podcast, which is created by women for women. Learn more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-podcast-season](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/wil-podcast-season)

## Area Announcements

- Bad Angle Events is hosting local vocalist and musicians, **Allison Yoder Hershberger with Old Man Band in "An Evening of Music Inspired by Eva Cassidy"** on **March 16th** at 7 p.m. in Celebration Hall on the campus of Hillcrest Academy. More information and tickets are available at [www.badangleevents.org](http://www.badangleevents.org).

- **Three Day Silent Retreat March 21-24 (Thurs-Sun): "Lenten Journey: Coming Home to Love"** -- Two Mennonite Spiritual Directors, June Hershberger & Ruth Johnston, will lead a retreat for 6-12 people at the Die Heimat Country Inn in Homestead, IA. **When: Thurs-Sun, March 21-24** (Check-in between 4:00-6:00 pm March 21, Check-out 1:00 pm March 24). **Where: Die Heimat Country Inn, 4434 V Street, Homestead, IA 52236. Cost: \$350 plus tax, which includes:** 3 nights stay in a private room with a private bath, 5 meals, retreat resources, and a personal session each day (Friday and Saturday) with a spiritual director. **To register** call June at 319-461-6611 or Ruth at 612-432-8757.

- When our Amish ancestors first arrived in Johnson county in 1846 and following they came to a land that was largely covered with trees and undeveloped. With hard work they cleared trees and began farming. As the years passed new technology also became available and was rapidly adopted. Our local historian Michael Zahs will describe how the early settlers developed the land and developed ways of producing food for their survival and for marketing. **All are invited to hear Michael Zahs at Kalona Mennonite on March 25** at 7 pm, hosted by the Mennonite Historical Society. There will be refreshments.