

# BEARING FRUIT

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This Week at Washington Mennonite						
Sunday Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday Mar 23 <sup>rd</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>Comforter Knotting</b> (1pm, Fellowship Hall)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Comforter Knotting</b> (1pm, Fellowship Hall)</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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Birthdays -</b></li> <li>▪ Asa Willems</li> <li>▪ Vicki Bender</li> <li>▪ <b>Anniversary -</b></li> <li>▪ Tim &amp; Cindy Widmer</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Birthdays -</b></li> <li>▪ Luke Hertzler</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Birthdays -</b></li> <li>▪ Julie Fisher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Birthdays -</b></li> <li>▪ Martha Graber</li> </ul>		
<b>Upcoming Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service, 5:30pm</li> <li>▪ March 29 – Good Friday Tenebrae, 6pm</li> </ul>						

## Washington Mennonite

- **Offering for 3/10:** \$2,185.00; HACAP: \$200.00
- **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
- **You're Invited: Maundy Thursday with Wayland MC** - This year we will *not* gather in our own fellowship hall for Maundy Thursday, but will be hosted at Wayland Mennonite Church's building for a Passover meal at 5:30pm Thurs, Mar. 28. Wayland MC will provide the food; simply come to their basement fellowship hall to be led through a Seder-type meal service.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Service** -- We have plans for a Good Friday, March 29 evening worship service in our sanctuary (*tentative* start time of 6pm). Tenebrae, Latin for "shadows," is a reflective service following Jesus through his arrest, trials, cross and tomb. It is a time of worship through scripture, music and candles.

- **Easter Morning Celebration! 9am breakfast, 10am worship** - Please join in the annual Easter breakfast at Washington Mennonite on Easter Sunday, March 31. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for you to indicate what you will bring (hot dish, fruit, pastry, etc.) We'll eat promptly at 9 a.m. with worship at 10 a.m. Join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection that day. We will not have second hour/Sunday School on Easter.

- **Lenten Soup & Cinema** - Each Wednesday evening during Lent share our Lenten suppers (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

- **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 the faculty, staff and students at Freeman Academy and Hillcrest Academy.

## Mennonite Organizations

- **Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Today, youth from northern Indiana are gathering to hear about service options that Mennonite Mission Network is offering them to grow in their spiritual lives and test career directions. Pray for the youth as they plan for their next steps. Pray also for Eric Frey Martin, as he leads the event and as he makes connections in Mennonite high schools and colleges.

- **MC USA Announcement:** MC USA signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for Victims of Crime Act grants. Read the letter here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/letter-funding-victims](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/letter-funding-victims)

## Area Announcements

- **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.

- **Enjoy some soup and homemade desserts on Friday, March 22nd** from 11-1 or 5-7:30 pm at the **Kalona Historical Welcome Center**. Choices are chili, cheesy potato, or cheesy broccoli. Your free will donation will help support both the Kalona and Mennonite Historical Societies. Take out is also an option.

- 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.