

BEARING FRUIT

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This Week at Washington Mennonite						
Sunday Mar 24 th	Monday Mar 25 th	Tuesday Mar 26 th	Wednesday Mar 27 th	Thursday Mar 28 th	Friday Mar 29 th	Saturday Mar 30 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service (9:30am) Centro Cristiano (5pm) 				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maundy Thursday Service (5:30pm) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday Tenebrae (6pm) 	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anniversary - Mark & Kristina Gingerich 		
Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 3 – Church Council Meeting, 5:30pm 						

Washington Mennonite

- **Offering for 3/17:** \$1,921.27
- **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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- Summer is fast approaching! We are looking for **volunteer kitchen helpers** for summer camp! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45A9A729A3FDCE8-48436036-2024>
 Thanks for your support in this way!
- **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

▪ **Pre-Registration Night** - On Tuesday, April 9 5:00-6:00 PM and Wednesday, April 10 4:00-5:00 PM, current 8th graders, transfer students and their families are welcome to sign up for a time slot to meet with School Counselor, Tom Carey about your fall schedule. There will also be a short math screening for the students. Please sign up at hillcrestravens.org/5-8events.

▪ **Host Family** - Hillcrest Academy is looking for a family to host a World Link foreign exchange student during the 2024-25 school year. Hosts can be single or married with young children, no children, teenagers, or grandchildren. Students are selected based on their leadership qualities and academic performance and the program provides the student's medical insurance, pays school fees and expenses, and gives the student a monthly allowance. Please contact the local coordinator Holly Beinhart at 641-295-5003 or hollybeinhart@gmail.com for more information or if you are more comfortable contacting the school, please email Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org.

▪ **Bus Drivers** - Hillcrest Academy is in critical need of shuttle and bus drivers. As we continue to add more grades, we have more kids who need transportation whether it's from Iowa City or Washington or to extracurricular activities. Please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

Central Plains Conference

▪ **The Sower Prayer Request:** Pray for Central Plains congregations that are in the midst of pastoral searches. Pray for search committees and for candidates looking for churches, that God may guide the search process according to God's will.

Mennonite Organizations

▪ **Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children and those with special needs.

▪ **MC USA Announcement:** Join MC USA Climate Justice Coordinator Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler on Apr. 2 at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT for the first of four webinars in MC USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice II" initiative. The first webinar will focus on Indigenous Justice and Climate Justice and will feature the testimony of Indigenous leaders, Manuel May Castillo and Mark Charles, and the prophetic voices of Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler, co-founders of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery and authors of the book "So We and Our Children May Live." Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registraiton-climate-april2 View the slide here: mennoniteusa.org/climate-justice-indigenous-justice-webinar

Area Announcements

▪ **Because the Iowa Girls BB team may be playing on Mon, March 25th the Mennonite Historical Society is changing their Spring Meeting to Tuesday, March 26th** at 7 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. Michael Zahs will be telling about how our Amish ancestors cleared the land to begin farming. Refreshments will follow.