

BEARING FRUIT

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This Week at Washington Mennonite						
Sunday May 12 th	Monday May 13 th	Tuesday May 14 th	Wednesday May 15 th	Thursday May 16 th	Friday May 17 th	Saturday May 18 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Service (9:30am) Halcyon House Service (2:30pm) 						
					Birthdays - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eden Willems 	

Washington Mennonite

- For two Sundays in May during the Sunday School hour, we will be looking at some outstanding women in the Bible. The first Sunday, May 19, we will focus on Mary, the mother of Jesus. As you plan for this Sunday School discussion, think about what you know about Mary. What characteristics that she displayed stand out to you. Is there a particular scene in the Bible involving Mary that impresses you? If so, what? What can we learn from the life of Mary?
- Sunday, May 26 we will look at the book of Esther. If it has been a while since you read it, you may want to review it before this discussion. Why was this book included in the Bible? What about Esther's life impresses you? What can we learn from Esther that can influence our lives today?
- While I (Monica Miller) will be leading these sessions, I anticipate a LOT of discussion from participants and much less lecture format.
- Washington Mennonite Church will be providing chapel services at Halcyon House TODAY/Sunday, May 12 at 2:30. Anyone is welcome to attend to help with singing. Thank You. - Outreach/Service
- Save the Date! EU & Washington Mennonite VBS: Seekers in Sneakers, will be held July 26-27, from 9am-3pm, for ages 4y/o-6th grade. Registration and volunteer sign up links are available on the VBS tab of the EU website and below:
[Seekers in Sneakers VBS Registration](#)
[Seekers in Sneakers VBS Volunteer Sign up](#)

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- Join us for a weekend of intergenerational activities and fun at family camp, June 6-9! For more information and to register visit our website <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/family-camp.html>
- Crooked Creek Christian Camp is looking for volunteer kitchen help for summer camp! Visit our website <https://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/> to sign up for your preferred date and time. Thanks for your support in this way!

Hillcrest Academy

- Spring Music Concert - The Spring Music Concert will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 pm in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry. This performance will feature the 6th Grade class, Instrumental Ensembles, and a final performance for the Touring Choir.
- Graduation Activities - The 77th Hillcrest Academy Graduation Activities will take place on May 25, 2024 in Celebration Hall. A combination Baccalaureate and Commencement service will be held on Saturday evening, May 25 at 6:00 PM with speaker, Lyle Miller. Lyle is a Stewardship Consultant for Everence (and lifelong Twins fan). He and his wife, Bonnie (Hostetler) reside in Goshen, IN and both are proud class of 1984 alumni.
- 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@hillcresttravens.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@hillcresttravens.org to learn what you need to do to become a driver.

Central Plains Conference

- Young people between ages 15 and 20: Are you interested in what is going on in the church beyond your congregation? Did you know that youth are invited to participate in **Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting** delegate sessions? Consider coming to Wayland, IA, **June 20-23** to participate in worship, church business and workshops. Ask your pastor or council chair about this opportunity!

- **The Sower Prayer Request:** Pray for the Board of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We pray for wisdom and courage as they discern the best ways for Conference to continue supporting and encouraging and resourcing each local congregation for ministry.

Mennonite Organizations

- **Join us for the *Faith, Food, Soil and Climate* webinar** hosted by a panel including our own Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler as well as area locals Levi Geyer and Elana Gingerich. The MC USA Climate Justice Ministry Zoom is on **May 13** at 1:00pm. To register and for more details, see [here](#) or contact the Church Office or Karla SD.

- **All are invited to Crowded Closet's Spring Association meeting.** Please plan to attend & hear about Crowded Closet. **May 20th**; 6:15pm at Crowded Closet.

- **Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Request:** On this Mother's Day, join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for mothers around the world, especially those who struggle to provide life's necessities for their children. May we share what God has given us, acknowledging that we are all part of God's one family.

- **MC USA Announcement:** Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire

Area Announcements

- **Summer, warm air, and spending time outside...sounds like a recipe for wheelchair rides at Pleasantview!** Our residents love being outdoors when possible, and the popular wheelchair rides begin on Wednesday morning, June 5, at 8:30 am. Volunteers are needed to make it happen, and you are invited to give an hour or so of your time throughout the summer; the rides will happen on a weekly basis, weather permitting. Please contact Renee Hershberger at 656-2421 or rhershberger@pvkalona.com for more information and to volunteer. Thank you!

- The MCC sale on Memorial Day is no longer being held. **Sugar Creek Mennonite Church in Wayland, will be hosting a meal fundraiser to benefit MCC on May 22, 2024** from 5-7pm. A free will donation will be accepted.

- Sibling trio, **Girl Named Tom, is returning to Celebration Hall** on the campus of Hillcrest Academy on **August 17**, at 7 p.m. They performed to a sold out crowd in March of 2023. More information and tickets are available at www.badangleevents.org