

Dear members of Central Plains, your conference needs your financial support. Our recent brochure tells the stories of how we all benefit from sharing together in the mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Together, we can do things that we cannot do by ourselves. Please consider a year-end gift and donate at www.centralplainsmc.org/donate or P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029. We are so grateful for the strong support of our members! There are extra brochures on the foyer table.

Serve MCC locally. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a full-time **Workroom Supervisor.** Applicant will lead workroom process and support volunteers. Must be able to lift and carry 30-50 pounds regularly. Qualified candidates should have strong organizational and interpersonal skills. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email the Executive Director at crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com.*

Serve MCC locally. Come be a part of our **Saturday management team** at Crowded Closet. Your flexible schedule and leadership skills are needed. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email the Executive Director at crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com.*

Upcoming webinar answers questions about Medicare: Most people approaching retirement age have questions about Medicare. An upcoming webinar presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. *Medicare made easy* will be presented on Monday, Dec. 11, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details. The webinar will be presented by Jim Smith, Everence Financial Services Representative. To register, visit everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054, ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com.

Doyle Roth is organizing a **work team to go to Quito, Ecuador**, in late February or early March. Now that the church has moved to their own building, there are projects to be done: construction, painting, etc. If you would like to go on the work team, contact Doyle Roth at doyleroth@hotmail.com or 402-761-2847. To donate to the project, go to www.centralplainsmc.org/donate and use the Quito Property Fund button.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **We appreciate the love, prayers, and support** we have felt this past week. We ask for continued prayers and support as we work through the grieving process. Please also keep the Cardenas family in your prayers.
- **A memorial fund** has been established to help the family with funeral and other expenses. If you would like to donate, please see the following:
 - Checks made out to "*Teresa Cardenas Memorial*"
 - Donations can be taken in person to any Hills Bank location and indicate to the teller that the donation is for the *Teresa Cardenas Memorial Fund*.
 - Donations can be sent to Hills Bank Kalona, PO Box 15210, Kalona, IA 52247.
 - Donations can also be sent or turned in to IMS.
- **Alumni Night Saturday December 16** Games start at 3:00PM (JVB, VB, VG). Prizes will be given away throughout the afternoon/evening including 3 overnight stays. There will also be alumni and student activities during the halftimes of each game as well as an alumni reception following the last game.
- **Christmas Concert December 17** at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. To close the concert, the choirs and band would like to invite anyone who has sung the Hallelujah Chorus before to join them on stage. There will be two rehearsals before the performance. The rehearsals will be held on Friday December 15 from 3:30-4:30PM and Saturday, December 16 from 9:00-10:00AM. If you cannot make it to the rehearsals but would still like to participate, you can join us on Sunday at the concert.
- **Prospective Student Christmas Party December 17** following the Christmas Concert for all students in grades 6-8.

SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP - You are invited to join us on Monday, December 11th, at 7:00PM in the East Union Mennonite Church foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The acoustics are lively, the people are warm, and the harmonies are extraordinary. This a cappella, 4-part early American sacred music stirs your soul. All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy Yoder at greenearth@kctc.net or Warren Yoder at dubyoder@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK

Today

4:30 PM Bible Memory
6-9:00 PM MYF at Larry's
7-8:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group
6-8:00 PM Jr. MYF
7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday

9-11:00 AM MOPS
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

December 24 No Sunday School
5:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
January 2018 Wednesday evening meal & activities for adults & children (see announcement)