



The education agency of
Mennonite Church USA

Friday, Oct. 26 — Mennonite Schools Council (MSC)

- Pray for students attending MSC affiliated PK-grade 12 schools – that they would study diligently and accomplish their goals.

Saturday, Oct. 27 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College Development staff as they engage alumni and donors who help support the work of Hesston College and its students.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 28-31

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Oct. 28 — *Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH)*

- Pray that God bless SeBAH by raising up dedicated brothers and sisters who will serve our churches as pastors and leaders.

Monday, Oct. 29 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for the global diversity of AMBS's student body, of which 28 percent are international students, and that students from six continents can learn and grow alongside each other.

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — Mennonite Higher Education Association

- Pray for college, university and seminary presidents, as well other representatives affiliated with MHEA as they enter their first full academic year of work together.

Wednesday, Oct. 31 — Mennonite Schools Council

- Pray for schools utilizing *Encounter*, the new faith formation curriculum produced by Mennonite Schools Council, released this fall.

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Thank you for joining us in these prayers for faith and learning.

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Prayers for Faith and Learning

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-6

Monday, Oct. 1 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for participants in AMBS's online short course, Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology. May their learnings about 16th-century Anabaptists shape how they live out their faith today.

Tuesday, Oct. 2 — Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)

- Pray for the IBA students at *Iglesia Menonita Valle de Jesus* Study Center in Brooklyn New York who are studying the Old Testament. Pray for their tutor, Pastor Linda Rodriguez. May God's wisdom be with her as she leads the class.

Wednesday, Oct. 3 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- We give thanks for the events hosted by the Global South Voices on Climate Change, an initiative of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions. We pray that faith and justice continue to guide our advocacy for creation.

Thursday, Oct. 4 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for Homecoming and Fall Festival weekend at LMS — for a good time of celebration, fun and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.

Friday, Oct. 5 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College alumni and families as they reconnect during Homecoming Weekend.

Saturday, Oct. 6 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Jon Gering, his wife Deborah, his family and the whole Bethel College community as Jon is inaugurated tomorrow morning as Bethel's 15th president.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 7-13

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Oct. 7 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for all involved in the production and in the audience of the Goshen College Peace Play.

Monday, Oct. 8 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Today, the Goshen College community celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day, exploring our past, present and future together on this good earth.

Tuesday, Oct. 9 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Last night was the Hesston College Cultures Fair. Pray that those from the campus and wider community who participated would begin to see and understand one another in new ways.

Wednesday, Oct. 10 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for open minds and hearts for Bethel College students and others participating in “The Loss of Turtle Island,” an interactive experience sponsored by MCC Central States this week.

Thursday, Oct. 11 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for parent-teacher conferences today and tomorrow at LMS. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.

Friday, Oct. 12 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- We give thanks as EMU steps into a second century of transformative education. Pray for those returning to EMU for Homecoming and Family Weekend — may friendships be sparked and rekindled as alumni, parents, students and friends travel from near and far.

Saturday, Oct. 13 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- We pray for the students who visit EMU for the admissions open house. May they find a college home that supports their personal and spiritual growth.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 14-20

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Oct. 14 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College students on fall break, especially for safety for athletes and those who are traveling.

Monday, Oct. 15 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College students during midterm break; for safe travels, rest and relaxation.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- This is Missions Inspiration Week at LMS. Pray for the chapel speakers as they inspire students and faculty to live as Christ lived, in whatever situations they encounter.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College students as they travel to various spots for a few days of relaxation during fall break.

Thursday, Oct. 18 — Mennonite Early Childhood Network

- The theme of the ecumenical Children’s Sabbath this weekend prompts prayers for children. Pray that all may hear the cries of children and promote God’s vision of hope for all children including love, security, equal opportunities and respectful justice.

Friday, Oct. 19 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for Beverly Lapp, Ed.D., who will be installed as the new vice president and academic dean of AMBS this evening, and for how God has prepared her for this leadership role.

Saturday, Oct. 20 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for EMU students as they enjoy fall break with friends and family and as many use this time to serve the local community through the Y-Serve student organization. May all return energized for a strong finish to the semester.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 21-27

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Oct. 21 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- We pray for awareness and compassion as we learn from the stories of conscientious objectors who oppose war in all its forms. We give thanks for exhibits like ‘Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War’ on tour from the Kauffman Museum in Kansas as we continue to grapple with issues surrounding human displacement and race-based nationalism.

Monday, Oct. 22 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Rachel Waltner Goossen of Washburn University as she delivers the 66th annual Menno Simons Lectures on “Sexual Identities and Leaders in the Faith.”

Tuesday, Oct. 23 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for the Institute of Mennonite Studies, AMBS’s research agency, and pray for Jamie Pitts, director; Andy Brubacher Kaethler, associate director; and David Cramer, managing editor, as they work to foster scholarship for the church.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Thank God for the gifts of Bethel College campus counselor Joanna Bjerum, who leads a weekly practice of “mindfulness” for all interested students, faculty and staff.

Thursday, Oct. 25 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for the actors and all those behind the scenes as they perform Seven Keys to Baldpate at LMS this weekend. Pray for calmness, confidence and enjoyment as their many weeks of preparation result in successful performances.