



Prayers for Faith and Learning

December 2005

*Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving
let your requests be made known to God.*
—Philippians 4:6, New Revised Standard Version

Thu., December 1 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for participants in the Transitional Pastors Group as they meet at AMBS. May they be nurtured and guided for their transitional work with congregations.

Fri., December 2 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Several people at Lancaster Mennonite School have new administrative roles. Pray that they will have the wisdom, grace and love to fill them well.

Sat., December 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for the many children involved in the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir of EMU's Preparatory Music Program as they perform their Christmas concert this weekend.

Mon., December 5 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany students as they focus on the needs of others in their local community during their annual food drive all this week.

Tue., December 6 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for students as they prepare for and take fall semester exams.

Wed., December 7 – Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Souderton, Pa.

Pray for school leadership of Christopher Dock, Penn View Christian School and Quakertown Christian School as they work together toward a unified long-range plan for all three educational centers in the Franconia area.

Thu., December 8 – Philadelphia (Pa.) Mennonite High School

Continue to pray and thank God for increased faithful donors to support this urban ministry.

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Fri., December 9 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany musicians as they share their musical gifts with the community in their annual Christmas concerts this evening and next Tuesday, the 13th.

Sat., December 10 – Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio

Pray for the Board of Trustees and especially for the search committee that will be seeking a new head administrator for the school.

Sun., December 11 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton Choral Society student and local community chorus members, orchestra members, conductor Dr. Mark Suderman and those listening during the 110th performance of Handel's Messiah, December 11 at 4 p.m. on the Bluffton University campus.

Mon., December 12 – Chicago (Ill.) Mennonite Learning Center

Pray for good rehearsals all this week and an inspiring performance for the Christmas musical.

Tue., December 13 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Final exams for this semester are scheduled December 13-16. May God give Hesston College students clear minds as they take these tests. Also ask God for traveling safety and enjoyable times with family and friends over the Christmas holidays.

Wed., December 14 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for the students and leaders (James, Jeanette and Matthew Krabill) from the recently completed EMU Cross-Cultural France and Benin program as they report in chapel today.

Wed., December 14 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for God's Spirit to guide AMBS' library committee members as they meet today to prepare for the challenges of serving students during construction of a new library building.

Thu., December 15 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for our students returning from a fall semester of Study-Service Term in China, as they resettle into campus life and academic work with new understandings of the world and their place in it.

Fri., December 16 – New Covenant Christian School, Lebanon, Pa.

Please pray for a wonderful, blessed 2005-2006 school year in this preschool to Grade 12 school.

Sat., December 17 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Kingdom Seekers drama ministry team and the Shining Through singing ministry team as they continue their preparation in December and begin their ministry in churches and other settings in January.

Sun., December 18 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for faculty, staff and students who travel to areas affected by Hurricane Katrina to work with Mennonite Disaster Service. And pray for safety in carrying out tasks assigned, for the courage to bear witness and to express Christ-like compassion for those who have suffered from the hurricane and its aftermath.

Tue., December 20 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for John Sheriff, interim president of Bethel College since November 15, as he undertakes this immense and holy task.

Wed., December 21 – Chicago (Ill.) Mennonite Learning Center

Pray that staff and children find peace in the Christmas season.

Thu., December 22 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray that more people would be called to ministry and that God would open a way for them to

pursue seminary studies.

Fri., December 23 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for students, faculty and staff who travel during the semester break to share Christmas celebrations, that they find safe passage.

Sat., December 24 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember these Bluffton University staff people recently appointed: Eric Davis, Janey Meeks, Louise Matthews, Janelle Musselman, Steve Rogers, Josh Smith, Dan Stanowick, Sarah Straks, Bethany Woolf, Cathy Yoakam.

Mon., December 26 – Philadelphia (Pa.) Mennonite High School

Pray that this unique urban Mennonite ministry continues to be a light for Christ, in the city of Philadelphia and in the lives of our children and their families.

Tue., December 27 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Give thanks for all who have contributed financial and prayerful support to the mission and work of AMBS. Pray that God would bless and guide the development staff as they conclude fund raising for the new library and capital campaign.

Wed., December 28 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray that as the fall semester comes to a close with its inevitable crush of papers and tests, the students, faculty and staff of Bethel College might never lose sight of the true Light whose coming into the world we celebrate each December!

Thu., December 29 – New Covenant Christian School, Lebanon. Pa.

Pray for the spiritual health and growth of the entire New Covenant School family.

Fri., December 30 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University students Carmen Stechschulte, Simeon Tally and Jacob Slager, participants in the national conference of the program for Theological Exploration of Vocation through the Pathways to Mission and Vocation project.

Sat., December 31 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for Nancy Heisey, Christian Early, Ted Grimsrud and others teaching Bible and religion courses at EMU as they nurture a deepening and strengthening of Christian faith and understanding among students.

Mennonite Education Agency, the Mennonite Church USA agency that works with school-based education, brings you prayer requests from our elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, seminaries and various programs that work to strengthen the church through education. These requests are gathered by Galen Johns, an Education Agency volunteer in Goshen, Ind., and former pastor and church leader.

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

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