



Tue., September 23 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University's Minister-in-Residence guest, Jim Amstutz of Akron Mennonite Church, as he interacts with the campus community this week, and brings the chapel message on Thursday.

Wed., September 24 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thank God for meaningful worship and challenging reflection led by Pastor Leonard Dow during the Spiritual Life Week at EMS.

Thu., September 25 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Bluffton University Council of Church Leaders gathering on campus today for a time of interaction and consultation with administration and staff.

Fri., September 26 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian Middle School during their two-day, one-night Wilderness Experience as they have fun learning outdoor skills and developing friendships.

Sat., September 27 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for each student participating in the EMU Student Leadership Conference held on campus today.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28-30

Suggested bulletin announcement for September 28

Pray for the 16 Bluffton University students beginning a cross cultural learning experience in Northern Ireland that continues through the fall semester. Also pray for Mervin Love as he leads this time of discovery for these students.

Daily prayers:

Sun., September 28 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for the five years of service of Bethel College campus pastor, Amy Barker, who is moving on to new challenges.

Mon., September 29 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for this semester's student teachers as they take on more classroom responsibilities each day. Pray that these Goshen College students will have energy, insight and patience as they plan lessons, interact with students and parents, and consider their next vocational steps.

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SEPTEMBER 2008 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

Daily prayers:

Mon., September 1 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for freshmen at Bethel College who have the first meeting with their academic advisors and College Issues Colloquy group this morning.

Tue., September 2 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Remember those Goshen College students departing today for Study-Service Terms in Peru, China and Jamaica. Pray that they will be open to the experiences and learning ahead. Pray also for the faculty leaders and host families who will support them.

Wed., September 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to provide enough support, care and connections for each new student beginning studies at Eastern Mennonite University.

Thu., September 4 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, MEA

Pray for Tony Brun, professor for Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA), who will be teaching a course on the book of Romans to the IBA students of Iglesia Agua Viva in Riverside, Calif., this coming weekend. Pray for safe travel, that God may grant him wisdom as he teaches this course, and that this class and his visit will be a source of many blessings for the participants and the congregation.

Fri., September 5 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Today is Eastern Mennonite School's freshman day out. Pray that all students will get to know one another and will be easily integrated into the freshman class.

Sat., September 6 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to help EMU students, faculty and staff engage and build relationships within the greater Harrisonburg community today while serving as volunteers for the WHSV Children First Day being held on campus.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7-13

Suggested bulletin announcement for September 7:

Please pray for new students at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, especially international students, as they adjust to the intensity of seminary study and as they join the seminary community.

Daily prayers:

Sun., September 7 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The Goshen College Campus Ministries theme for this school year is “Sensing God’s Hope, Claiming God’s Hope.” Pray for students—that this theme will become real in their lives—and for the leadership of campus ministers Bob Yoder and Tamara Shantz.

Mon., September 8 – Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School

Pray for the new school year at Quakertown Christian School, asking God to be present and to be honored in the lives of each student, teacher and staff member.

Tue., September 9 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for safe travels for Bethel College student athletes and their opponents as the busy fall sports season moves into full swing.

Wed., September 10 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

At the opening of a new school year, let us be thankful for the privilege of obtaining an education. Yet, let us be aware that about 90 million girls and 25 million boys worldwide are not receiving even primary school education according to a UNICEF Report. Guided by prayer, let us share our resources, including MCC school kits.

Thu., September 11 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember new Bluffton University faculty members for this academic year: James Jones, assistant professor of education; Rudi Kauffman, assistant professor of restorative justice; Heather Koontz, assistant professor of social work; Troy Osborne, assistant professor of history; and Nicole Rosen, visiting professor of sociology (spring).

Fri., September 12 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for faculty and staff at Eastern Mennonite University as they guide and mentor students in their education and faith journeys.

Sat., September 13 – Philadelphia (Pa.) Mennonite High School

Remember PMHS students, teachers and administrators during this special school year—the tenth year as a Mennonite school in a major urban area.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14-20

Suggested bulletin announcement for September 14:

Pray for the new high school program at Quakertown Christian School—especially the Bible and community service curriculum which will strengthen the program. Pray for each student in this new program and the teacher, George Calaba.

Daily prayers:

Sun., September 14 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray that God’s spirit awakens in students a deeper desire to understand and learn from the Latino culture during the Latino Heritage Month which begins tomorrow on the EMU campus.

Mon., September 15 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Give thanks to God for 50 years of preparing men and women for ministry at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, where today in 1958, classes were first held on the newly constructed Elkhart campus.

Tue., September 16 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools’ sophomores today as they begin taking the ISTEP+ test required for graduation and for juniors and seniors who need to retake the test.

Wed., September 17 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for new staff members at Bluffton University: Brian Hefner, graduate assistant for football; Gary Labonte, men’s and women’s cross country/track & field coach; Coral Naylor, administrative assistant for student life; Sue Schutz, cashier; Amber Smith, administrative assistant for student life; Kim Ricker, athletics trainer; Brian Starkel, student life intern; Jacklyn Wells, director of residence life; Lashawana Williams, student life intern; and Jessica Wright, campus visit coordinator.

Thu., September 18 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Parent Class Visitation is being held tonight at Eastern Mennonite School. Pray for teachers and parents as they interact and pray that new families will feel welcomed.

Fri., September 19 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for participants in the AMBS learning retreat, “Journey: A Conference-based Leadership Development Program,” today through Sunday. Pray that they will find new affirmation and excitement in their preparation for ministry.

Sat., September 20 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the eight students in Parables, a Goshen College student worship team, as they prepare music, stories, drama and testimonies to share with congregations in the year ahead. Pray that their ministry will both touch their audiences and deepen the students’ own faith journeys.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21-27

Suggested bulletin announcement for September 21:

Pray for the Study Centers of Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) in Aurora, Ore. May the Lord grant pastor Samuel Moran, tutor and area coordinator, wisdom and patience as he leads the weekly study sessions for “Introduction to the Old Testament I” and “Introduction to the Old Testament II.” Pray that these classes may be a source of blessing and spiritual growth for the students and their congregations. And may these students become great instruments for ministry.

Daily prayers:

Mon., September 22 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Please pray for renewal in Eastern Mennonite School students, faculty and staff as they participate in Fall Spiritual Renewal Week.