

Sat., October 25 – Philadelphia (Pa.) Mennonite High School

Philadelphia Mennonite High School's 10th Anniversary Banquet takes place today at 4 p.m. The school is also hosting the Mennonite Education Agency Board of Directors meetings this weekend who will also participate in the celebration.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 26-31

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 26: Ask God for meaningful worship and challenging presentations led by Ted Swartz during the fall semester's Spiritual Life Week at EMU held on campus this week.

Daily prayers:

Sun., October 26 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Hesston College students began using the new Friesen Center for the Visual Arts this fall. The new facility was dedicated Saturday, Sept. 27, during Homecoming Weekend. Thank God for Paul A. Friesen who began the visual arts department at the college more than 50 years ago. At the time, art was still frowned upon by Mennonites as vain and useless. Friesen's insights about the visual arts continue to have a profound impact on Mennonite Church USA. Pray for faculty and students who are using the new facility to learn about the visual arts with a new perspective, insight, and appreciation.

Mon., October 27 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Monday is the day each week when faculty and administrative committees meet at AMBS. Pray that God will guide the discussions and decisions to strengthen the seminary's work of preparing men and women to join God's reconciling mission in the world.

Tue., October 28 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Lancaster Mennonite School is holding their Missions, Inspiration & Education Week for high school students on the Lancaster Campus this week. Pray that God's spirit will prepare students' hearts as they are challenged to consider God's call for their lives.

Wed., October 29 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA), MEA

Pray that the IBA program continues to be a blessing through its training of new leaders in Hispanic congregations. Give thanks that the course, "Carta de Pablo a los Romanos" (The Letter of Paul to the Romans) written by Tony Brun, has been completed. Pray that this course will be a blessing to IBA students.

Thu., October 30– Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University and their guest Robin Wright, senior diplomatic correspondent for the *Washington Post*. She will interact with the campus community in a special Forum titled "Values in a Global Community" this evening at 7 p.m.

Fri., October 31 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

Pray that Halloween celebrations may be consistent with Christian commitment while honoring the value of fantasy for children and their quest to differentiate between reality and fantasy. May this commercially lucrative holiday be observed prudently.



OCTOBER 2008 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-4

Daily prayers:

Wed., October 1 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the many people traveling to and participating in Goshen College's Homecoming Weekend that begins Friday. Give thanks for the college and the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the Study-Service Term program and the 50th anniversaries of the college's radio station and men's soccer program.

Thu., October 2 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for alumni, students, faculty and staff of Bluffton University as they gather for Homecoming activities this coming weekend to celebrate the discovery, learning and relationships being experienced now and in their history as a community.

Fri., October 3 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, MEA

Pray for Tony Brun, who will lead the workshop, "Anabaptism...What is that?," to the IBA students in Fort Lauderdale and Miami, Fla., today through Monday. Pray that God grant him wisdom as he teaches this workshop and for safe travel. May this workshop and Tony's visit be a source of many blessings for the participants and their respective congregations.

Sat., October 4 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thank God for the gifts and talents given to the EMU music professors. Pray especially for Joan Griffing and Lynne Mackey as they offer a concert this evening.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 5: Thank God for Bethel College's long history of service to church and community, as the college celebrates the Administration Building's 120th anniversary year during the annual Fall Festival.

Daily prayers:

Sun., October 5 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for God's will and blessing as 30 Hesston College students in the Faith and Discipleship Class, along with Bible and youth ministry professor Michele Hershberger, spend 20 hours in silence and prayer during a retreat this weekend. May it be a powerful experience.

Mon., October 6 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for guidance and discernment as the Eastern Mennonite School Board of Directors meet for their monthly meeting.

Tue., October 7 (1 of 2) – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community during Spiritual Life Week, Oct. 6-9. Today there will be interaction, discussion and worship with singer/songwriter, Justin McRoberts, and a Forum entitled "Justice: A Life of Worship."

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ALSO Tue., October 7– Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Please pray for students at Lancaster Mennonite School-Lancaster Campus who will be challenged to follow Christ during the school's Commitment Week, today through Friday. Pray for Brian Smith, the speaker for these important chapels.

Wed., October 8 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Today, the sophomores and juniors of Eastern Mennonite School will have a “day out” for bonding as a class. The seniors will travel to Washington, D.C., for their senior trip. Pray for a good time of building quality relationships and for traveling mercies.

Thu., October 9 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Remember Hesston College students as they perform the drama, *The Diviners*, today through Sunday. Set during the Depression, this touching allegorical play explores the need for salvation and the search for faith in the most tragic moments. Ask God to bless and challenge both the students and the audiences.

Fri., October 10 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Professors Mary Schertz and Rebecca Slough meet today with a group of pastors in a monthly session to study the theme of “release” in Luke. Pray that their time will be filled with worship and new insights.

ALSO Fri., October 10 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray that God’s Spirit stirs within those who participate in EMU’s Symposium on Forgiveness led this morning by Donald Kraybill and Herman Bontrager.

Sat., October 11 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the Goshen College Board of Directors as they meet this weekend to discuss the mission of the college and how best to prepare students to be compassionate, Christ-centered leaders in the church and the world.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 12-18

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 12:

Lancaster Mennonite School is holding its Fall Open House today, followed by their Prospective Student Day, October 30. Pray for the families who will be attending these events as they consider a Mennonite Christian education for their children.

Daily prayers:

Sun., October 12– Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for Bethel College students who share their gift of music by performing in the fall orchestra concert this afternoon.

Mon., October 13 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for pastor-in-residence, Phil and Gail Ebersole, as they spend today through Thursday, on the Hesston College campus. Phil, former pastor of Peace Mennonite Community Church in Aurora, Colo., next plans to plant a church in the Denver area. Ask God to help Phil and Gail relate to students and challenge them to listen to God’s voice.

Tue., October 14 – Philadelphia (Pa.) Mennonite High School and Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.

Pray for continued guidance for the planners of the Regional Mennonite High School Music Festival next year. Philadelphia Mennonite High School and Shalom Christian Academy are co-hosts of this event.

Wed., October 15 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for the EMU students exploring mission and service assignments today and tomorrow while agency representatives are present on campus.

Thu., October 16 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Eastern Mennonite School is hosting homecoming festivities. Give thanks for friendships that last a lifetime and the continued formation of friendships being developed today through Mennonite schools.

Fri., October 17 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Please pray for the friends and families of the students on the Kraybill Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School as they support students in their *Race for Education* today, an important fundraiser supporting their annual fund. Pray that students also learn the value of exercise and caring for their physical bodies.

Fri., October 17– Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for safe travel and a time of rest for Bethel College students on their Fall Break today through Monday.

Sat., October 18 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for faculty members who are members of the EMU Faculty Senate.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19-25

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 19:

John D. Roth will present his perspective on participation in the election process as part of an Anabaptist Lecture Series at Eastern Mennonite School tomorrow. Pray that his words will be thought-provoking and engaging for the church community.

Daily prayers:

Sun., October 19 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the eight students in Parables, a Goshen College student worship team, as they share music, drama and testimonies about grace during their Fall Break tour. Pray that their ministry will touch their audiences and deepen the students’ own faith.

Mon., October 20 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

James Nelson Gingerich, medical director of a community health center, is the Theological Center guest at AMBS, tomorrow through Thursday. May God use his presentations to give students a vision for faith-based community involvement.

Tue., October 21 – Bluffton (Ohio) University and Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for a time of discussion and discovery at Bluffton University today with guest David King, EMU’s athletic director, as he presents the Forum titled “Faithful Living in our Sports Obsessed Culture.”

Wed., October 22– Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for God’s presence with the students who plan and lead Bethel College chapel services each Wednesday during the school year, together with Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations.

Thu., October 23 – Hesston (Kan.) College

High school students from around the country are visiting Hesston College this weekend for Prospective Student Visit Days to consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth, and social interaction in a Christian community. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty and staff, and to give these students direction for their lives.

Fri., October 24 – All Mennonite higher education institutions

Ask that God’s love and care be made known to students who are having a difficult time transitioning to college life.