

**Sat., November 22 – Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA), MEA**

Pray for the training of a new group of IBA tutors in churches in the area of New York City. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for IBA staff, Rafael Barahona and Violeta Ajquejay, as they lead the training on November 21-23. May this be a time of learning for the new tutors as they prepare to take the challenge to train future leaders of the church in their local congregations. Pray for safe travel for the tutors and IBA staff.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23-29**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 23:**

Pray for the administration and office staff at Quakertown Christian School as they support the daily operation of the ministry. They are often not recognized for their dedication and hard work.

**Daily prayers:**

**Mon., November 24 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Ask God to fill the hearts of EMU and EMS students, faculty and staff with a deep sense of thanksgiving grounded in the love of God.

**Wed., November 26 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for safe travel as Bethel College students return home for the U.S. Thanksgiving Break and as varsity basketball players and coaches travel to Nebraska for a tournament November 28-29.

**Thu., November 27 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

Ask God to bless the Thanksgiving Weekend activities November 27-29 on the Hesston College campus. Events include a Choral Masterworks Concert, a music review show, a music department concert, a basketball classic, and an annual two-mile run/walk. Pray that the weekend will be meaningful for all, especially prospective students and alumni.

**Fri., November 28 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

High school students from around the country are visiting Hesston College this Thanksgiving weekend (Prospective Student Visit Days November 28-29) to consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth, and social interaction in a Christian community. Some of these students are volleyball recruits, or will audition for music and theater scholarships. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty, and staff, and to give these prospective students direction for their lives.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 30:** Pray for students at all levels of education as they prepare for special events related to Christmas from class parties to concerts. Pray that the true meaning and joy of Christmas be revealed in new ways through teachers, professors, and staff.



**NOVEMBER 2008 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING**

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1**

**Daily prayers:**

**Sat., November 1 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Thank God for the many ways students at EMU and EMS were encouraged to deepen their relationship with Jesus during spiritual life week October 27-31.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2-8**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 2:**

Pray that *Take our Moments and our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book* (developed by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary) will bring people to a deeper life of prayer. Pray that as it is used around the world, it will connect people with the Bible, God's Spirit and each other.

**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., November 2 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for Anabaptist historian James Stayer as he delivers the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College, November 2, 3 and 4.

**Mon., November 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Pray for Pastor Mike Zehr as he relates to students at EMU with the visiting pastor program this week. May he serve as a catalyst for reflection on what it means to be in ministry.

**Tue., November 4 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for Bluffton University students, faculty and staff—some voting for the first time on November 4—as they join the rest of the country to decide the leadership of the U.S. into the near future.

**Wed., November 5 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for parent-teacher conferences that will be held tomorrow and November 10 on all campuses of Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray that each party will have the freedom to share and be heard as they discuss students' strengths and weaknesses.

**Thu., November 6 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for parents and siblings of Goshen College students spending time on campus for Family Weekend. Pray for strengthened family relationships, enjoyment of their time together, and good conversations about how students are growing and changing on their academic and faith journeys.

**Fri., November 7 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.**

People interested in and curious about seminary study are visiting AMBS today. Pray that they will listen for God's call and explore next steps for their lives.

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**Sat., November 8 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

Remember church leaders and pastors who are attending a conference on Digital Discipleship at Hesston College, November 7-9. Pray for the speaker, Shane Hipps, a Mennonite pastor, author, and an expert on today's electronic culture and its impact on the church. Ask God that the two-fold purpose of the conference will be achieved: to facilitate a better understanding of how electronic media changes one's view of reality and to provide practical strategies for nurturing faith in light of this change.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9-15**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 9:**

Pray for the annual Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) student retreat this coming weekend, November 14-16, in Scotts Valley, Calif. Students from the study centers in California and Oregon will be participating. Pray for safe travel for the students, tutors and staff. May this event be a time for spiritual renewal, for fellowship, to make new friends, and to gain new energy for the coming year.

**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., November 9 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.**

This afternoon AMBS hosts a Biblical Storytelling Festival focusing on stories of food and God's abundance. Pray that participants will be nourished as they listen and experience how storytelling brings the Bible to life.

**Mon., November 10 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.**

Pray for families and students in the Goshen, Ind., area as they consider the possibility of Christian education and take opportunity to visit the Bethany Christian Schools today.

**Also Mon., November 10 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

In November, pray for Lancaster Mennonite School faculty and students involved in the business education, science, math, and consumer and family science classes as they move into the new academic building on the Lancaster campus. Pray the transition will be smooth with minimal disruption.

**Tue., November 11 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Ask God for wisdom as professor Peter Dula prepares to address the EMU campus community during chapel on November 14 on the topic of faith and politics.

**Wed., November 12 – Belleville (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Please pray for Belleville Mennonite School students involved in the high school musical scheduled for November 13-15.

**Also Wed., November 12 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for actors and audiences of the Bluffton University fall theater production, *Whatever Kindles* by Tricia Gates Brown, November 13-16. The second-ever performance of the play recounts the experiences of Christian Peacemaker Team participants around the world.

**Thu., November 13 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for the Executive Board Meeting at Lancaster Mennonite School as they meet today and give valued leadership for the school.

**Fri., November 14 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Thank God for Wayne Wiens, professor of biology, and the four-plus decades of service he has given to Bethel College, as he reflects on changes in biological sciences over the past half-century in Bethel's convocation this morning.

**Also Fri., November 14 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

The Hesston College Board of Overseers meets on the college campus today and tomorrow. Ask God to give them wisdom and courage as they give direction to college operations and make decisions. Pray for their families; most board members travel considerable distances for these meetings. Also pray for traveling mercies for board members.

**Sat., November 15 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for the many people involved in a concert at Goshen College today that brings together the Toledo (Ohio) Symphony, students from local high school choirs, and the Goshen College choirs.

**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16-22**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 16:**

Remember the Bluffton University campus community and Minister-in-Residence guest Christine Nafziger of Millersburg (Ohio) Mennonite Church, as they engage in dialogue about each of university's missions and ministries in God's universal kingdom. Pastor Nafziger's visit is November 18-20 and she will bring the chapel message at 11:00 a.m. on November 20.

**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., November 16 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Guide EMU students, faculty and staff toward an even greater appreciation for and value of our international students representing cultures and communities from all over the world.

**Mon., November 17 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for the Lancaster Mennonite High School faculty as they meet today. Pray for guidance and wisdom as they work as a team to be equipped for this important ministry to teenagers.

**Tue., November 18 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for the annual Missions Banquet at Goshen College, where students and faculty share a meal and a panel discussion with past and present Mennonite Mission Network workers. Pray that students will engage the discussion with open minds and hearts, and that for some it will contribute to their calling toward mission work following graduation.

**Wed., November 19 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for God's presence with Bethel College students, faculty and staff in their Thanksgiving chapel this morning.

**Thu., November 20 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.**

On this Universal Children's Day, we are reminded that 26,000 of the world's children under five die each day. Every child matters. In the United States 9.4 million children are without health coverage and millions more are underinsured. Children can't wait. Pray that we may invest in children at home and abroad.

**Fri., November 21 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Remember the Bluffton University campus community and colloquia presenter Dr. Sally Weaver Sommer, vice president and dean of academic affairs. In her presentation today, she will talk about "Building Bridges of Understanding Between the Peoples of North America and Iran" following a Mennonite Central Committee delegation trip to Iran.

**Also Fri., November 21 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.**

Pray that Bethany Christian High School's cast of *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* will be granted health and the ability to perform their best this weekend after many weeks of practice.