

Daily prayers:

Mon., February 23 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God's blessing, guidance and safety for the EMU students who are making final preparations for the spring break service trips (Feb. 27-March 8) through the Young People's Christian Association (YPCA).

Tue., February 24 – Mennonite Church USA

Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as the search committee begins the process to find the next executive director of Executive Leadership of Mennonite Church USA. Committee members include: Ed Diller (Chair), Glen Guyton, Charlotte Hardt, Sue E. Miller, Juanita Nunez, Patricia Shelly, David Sutter, J. Richard Thomas, Keith Weaver, and Sharon Waltner (ex officio member).

Wed., February 25 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for God's presence with the Bethel College community as they mark the beginning of Lent in the Ash Wednesday chapel service this morning.

Thu., February 26 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for God's spirit to move among those gathered at Eastern Mennonite Seminary for the first Lenton Luncheon today.

Fri., February 27 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Participants in Journey, a conference-based leadership development program, gather at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary this weekend for a semi-annual learning session. Pray this will be enriching for their ministry and study.

Sat., February 28 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Today some of Eastern Mennonite School's students will be auditioning for the All Virginia Band & Orchestra. Pray for a good time of interacting and meeting students from other places and for the students to perform to the best of their abilities.



FEBRUARY 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-7

Suggested bulletin announcement for February 1: Pray for the Education Leaders Gathering participants—board members, administrators, and churchwide and conference leaders—as they return home from Pittsburgh and share with others what they learned during the past several days.

Daily prayers:

Mon., February 2 – Bluffton (Ohio) University and Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for participants in the annual C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest at Goshen College. Assistant Professor of History Laura Brenneman from Bluffton University will present the faculty lecture, and students will present their own research and experiences.

ALSO Mon., February 2 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for the gifts of Bethel College students and faculty who work with children in the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts. Some of the children will give instrumental recitals today and dance performances later in the month.

Thu., February 5 – Hesston (Kan.) College

The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will sing in Mennonite congregations in Topeka and Lawrence, Kan., and in St. Louis and Garden City, Mo., during their winter tour, February 5-9. Pray that those who listen will be blessed as well as the 19 students and director (and music faculty member) Bradley Kauffman. Also pray for traveling mercies for the chorale during this winter season.

Fri., February 6 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the nursing department at Goshen College today as students, faculty and guests participate in the annual Nursing Mock Convention. The simulated convention gives students a chance to discuss issues and learn about health care policy making.

Sat., February 7 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to bless the music of the many students in the EMU Preparatory Music program and especially the efforts of the beginners in their recital this morning.

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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8-14

Suggested bulletin announcement for February 8: Ask God to speak to Hesston College students who might consider mission and service options at a Mennonite camp or with a Mennonite mission or service agency. May God bless the contacts made by camp representatives on campus February 9-10, and mission and service agency staff, February 11-12.

Daily prayers:

Sun., February 8 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for the dedication of Bethel College's nursing faculty and students as junior nursing majors participate in the annual lamplighting service today. Pray for Phyllis Miller, interim director of nursing, and that a permanent director may be found to lead the program.

Mon., February 9 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Invite God's Spirit to move in the midst of EMU students as they engage "God's Word in Our Lives" during Spiritual Life Week this week.

ALSO Mon., February 9 – Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for Eastern Mennonite School's Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) committee as they meet tonight to discern ways of appreciating the faculty and staff, and as they plan fundraisers to help meet the financial needs of the school.

Tue., February 10 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to help Ervin Stutzman, dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, listen deeply to seminary students as they gather today over lunch.

Wed., February 11 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Students and faculty at Goshen College will welcome Rev. Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil for several presentations about racial and ethnic reconciliation. Pray for open minds and hearts to receive her message and find inspiration in it.

Thu., February 12 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)

Pray for the IBA tutors' annual meeting in Aibonito, Puerto Rico, February 12-16. They will be studying the theme, "Colaboradores" (Collaborators). Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as the tutors plan different activities, set goals for the year ahead, and receive training. May this be a time of learning, fellowship, sharing, building relationships and many blessings. Pray for safe travel for the tutors and staff.

Fri., February 13 – Hesston (Kan.) College

High school students from around the country are visiting Hesston College this weekend (Prospective Student Visit Days, February 12-14) to consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth, and social interaction in a Christian community. Some of these students will audition for music and theater scholarships today. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty and staff, and to give these students direction for their lives.

Sat., February 14 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

An African-American boy born in 2001 has a 1-in-3 chance of going to prison in his lifetime; a Hispanic boy has a 1-in-6 chance; and a Caucasian boy a 1-in-17 chance of the same fate. Let's put money into the high chair rather than the electric chair. Pray that the new administration will invest in early childhood as President Obama has promised.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15-21

Suggested bulletin announcement for February 15: Pray for all Mennonite educational institutions as they face the challenges that have been brought about by the current economic conditions.

Daily prayers:

Mon., February 16 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for discernment for prospective students and their parents on the Bethel College campus today for a visit day.

Tue., February 17 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary as they host an evaluation team from the accrediting agencies, ATS and NCA. Ask God to guide the evaluation process to strengthen the seminary in serving the church.

Wed., February 18 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray that EMU President Loren Swartzendruber's reflections on his faith in chapel today will be an encouragement to the gathered students, faculty and staff.

Thu., February 19 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for Brenda Matthews, guest speaker during the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series, February 18-19, at Hesston College. Matthews is a Christian motivational speaker, actress, playwright, poet, activist, singer, and song writer from Chicago. Remember students who will hear her and interact with her, that God will speak to them through her.

Fri., February 20 – Hesston (Kan.) College

The theater and music departments of Hesston College are presenting *Godspell* on campus, February 19-21 and 26-28. The musical is based on the book of Matthew. Pray for the students who are cast members as well as students, faculty and staff who work on the production behind the scenes. Ask God to bless the audience and pray that they may be challenged to serve God faithfully.

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22-28

Suggested bulletin announcement for February 22: Goshen (Ind.) College takes a break from classes this coming week, and three student groups go on tour: the baseball team to Florida, the softball team to Georgia, and the chamber choir to Illinois, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Give thanks for their opportunities to interact with hosting congregations and other colleges' sports teams. Pray for traveling safety for these groups and other students.