

Tue., March 24 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community as they interact with Women's Studies Forum presenter Carol Perry, Navajo court judge. She will address "Indigenous forms of justice" today.

Wed., March 25 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for a successful Bethany Christian Schools Fun Fest on Friday, an event that raises money for tuition assistance so that families who desire Christian education, but do not have the financial means, can provide that option for their children.

Thu., March 26 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for pastors in the first years of ministry who are gathered at AMBS this weekend. Pray that the reflection and discussion will renew their call to serve God and the church.

Fri., March 27 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University community participants and Gerald Mast, today's colloquia speaker, presenting "The Calling of Christ: Believers Baptism and Christian Vocation."

Sat., March 28 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God's blessing, guidance and safety for the EMU students who are engaged in cross-cultural learning in Guatemala and India this semester.

WEEK OF MARCH 29-31

Suggested bulletin announcement for March 29: Pray for student leaders of Bible study and prayer groups that meet on a regular basis at Lancaster Mennonite School.

Daily prayers:

Mon., March 30 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the placement process for Goshen College students who have applied to be part of the college's summer Inquiry programs – Ministry Inquiry Program, Camping Inquiry Program and Service Inquiry Program. About 25 students will be selected to participate this year.

Tue., March 31 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University Civic Engagement Scholar Forum presenter Dr. Lamar Nisly and the campus community as Dr. Nisly addresses "Seeking Security, Accepting Vulnerability" today.



MARCH 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF MARCH 1-7

Suggested bulletin announcement for March 1: Pray for Bluffton University student groups traveling during spring break March 1-8: Camerata Singers in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio; men's baseball and women's softball in Florida; and Habitat for Humanity Bluffton University Chapter in North Carolina.

Daily prayers:

Mon., March 2 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to guide the service ministry of EMU students who are in Georgia, Ohio and Virginia on Young People's Christian Association (YPCA) service trips this week during spring break.

Tue., March 3 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Please pray for parent teacher conferences at Lancaster Mennonite School today and March 5. Pray for the opportunities these conferences provide for the school and home to work together to develop each child's academic potential and nurture spiritual growth.

Wed., March 4 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

John Witvliet is presenting lectures at AMBS on the Psalms in worship. Pray that listeners will be challenged to worship God more fully and learn how to lead others in worship.

Thu., March 5 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for Shane Claiborne of The Simple Way community in Philadelphia, who will be speaking in several south central Kansas locations, including two events at Bethel College, today and Friday.

Fri., March 6 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for Hesston College students as they disperse for spring break tomorrow. Some will spend time with family and friends in their home areas, vacation somewhere with friends, or do a missions/service assignment. Pray for safe travels and ask God to lead their days and contacts. Also pray that the time away will refresh students so they can finish the spring semester with gusto!

Sat., March 7 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for Campus Pastor Todd Lehman and faculty member Gerry Selzer, along with eight Hesston College students, who will spend their spring break serving persons affected by Hurricane Ike in September 2007. Their work will consist mostly of reroofing homes at an MDS project site in Anahuac, Texas, near Galveston. Pray for safety for the college crew and that they will have opportunity to minister to the people they serve.

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WEEK OF MARCH 8-14

Suggested bulletin announcement for March 8: Pray for the faculty, staff and board members of all Mennonite educational institutions as they are affected by the economy in various ways. Pray that God's peace and hope will comfort and strengthen them.

Daily prayers:

Sun., March 8 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for prospective students and their families as they consider the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

Mon., March 9 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Dr. James Lawson as he presents the Bluffton University Keeney Peace Lecture, "Nonviolence as the way to peace" tomorrow. Also pray for the other times of interaction with Dr. Lawson in various settings during the week.

Tue., March 10 – AMBS, Elkhart, Ind. & Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the Vocations Banquet for Goshen College students this evening at AMBS. Pray for open hearts and the Spirit's nudging as Goshen College students engage with AMBS faculty and students about possible future roles in ministry and the church.

Wed., March 11 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for the Executive Board of Lancaster Mennonite School as it meets today.

Thu., March 12 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Lift up the high school students from our churches who are making decisions about colleges. Pray that they will experience guidance toward attending EMU and/or another Mennonite affiliated college or university.

Fri., March 13 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for the many contributions over the years of Gail Lutsch, Bethel College professor of art, who retires at the end of the school year and is being honored by several special exhibits in the college gallery, including one opening today.

Sat., March 14 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Bluffton University Shining Through Ministry Team traveling to share worship with Silverwood Mennonite Church tonight and with Chicago Community Mennonite Church tomorrow morning.

WEEK OF MARCH 15-21

Suggested bulletin announcement for March 15: Pray for God to bless the good work of the EMU Washington Community Scholars Center as they mentor undergraduate students in life shaping learning experiences.

Daily prayers:

Sun., March 15 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook who will serve as church leaders-in-residence at Hesston College, March 18-20. They share a position as regional associates for the MCC Great Lakes office in Goshen, Ind. Pray that God will speak to the students through this entertaining and energetic folk music duo, an effective worship and resource team.

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

Thank God for the gifts of all Bethel College alumni, including Jennifer Scott Koontz, the 2009 Young Alumnus Award winner and a medical doctor, who will present a special convocation program this morning.

Tue., March 17 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

Let us pray for children who have a difficult childhood like St. Patrick had. God has equipped every child with a natural response to love. Pray that they may encounter God's love so they, as did St. Patrick, will declare the good news of Jesus and care for those who experience neglect, abuse, poverty, hunger, fear, loneliness, and lack a purpose in life.

Wed., March 18 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

In these tough economic times, it is easy to join the leprechauns guarding the pot of gold forgetting the rainbow. Children keep us focused on the importance of the rainbow. Thank God for children who remind us to keep our eyes on the promise of God's presence now and in the future.

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

High school students from around the country are visiting Hesston College this weekend to consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth, and social interaction in a Christian community. The weekend will include music and theatre scholarship auditions for prospective students. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty, and staff, and to give these students direction for their lives.

Fri., March 20 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Today, all faculty of Lancaster Mennonite School will meet for a staff development day. Pray for these collaborative meetings on assessment policy for the school.

ALSO Fri., March 20 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Shane Claiborne is visiting the Goshen College campus to speak in chapels and interact with students on the theme of "Living Faith Counterculturally." Pray for guidance for Shane and enthusiasm and openness in students.

Sat., March 21 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for Bethel College students who start a week of spring break today, especially the concert choir traveling to New Mexico, Arizona and California; a service group going to the Hopi Mission School in Arizona; and for the faculty and staff accompanying them.

WEEK OF MARCH 22-28

Suggested bulletin announcement for March 22: Please pray for the search committee at Belleville Mennonite School as they seek to find the next superintendent.

Daily prayers:

Mon., March 23 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Invite God's Spirit to move and shape the minds and souls of EMU and EMS administrators, faculty and staff as they gather for University Forum this morning.