

Thu., April 23 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University students and faculty as the semester ends today and final exam week begins Monday.

Fri., April 24 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for LMS seniors considering their post-graduation options. Pray for wisdom for those who mentor them and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they make these life decisions.

Sat., April 25 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Goshen College celebrates commencement this weekend. Pray for family members traveling to the campus, and ask a special blessing for the graduates as they say goodbyes and prepare for the next stage of their lives.

WEEK OF APRIL 26-30

Suggested bulletin announcement for April 26: Pray for those involved in the First Generation Immigrant Church Symposium in Los Angeles, hosted by Mennonite Church USA conferences. Pray that the connections formed during the symposium with other Mennonite immigrant churches and Mennonite agencies, including MEA, will grow.

Daily prayers:

Mon., April 27 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for the Bethel College students who will present their speeches on peacemaking to the student body this morning for the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest.

Tue., April 28 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Remember Hesston College students as they take semester final exams today through Thursday. Ask God to grant them wisdom as they complete each exam. Pray for safety as they travel, whether to their home or some other destination for the summer months.

Wed., April 29 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Board member Nelson Longenecker is chairing an energy conservation committee for Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray the committee will discern ways to help us save energy and be better stewards of creation.

Thu., April 30 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for the AMBS Board as it meets this weekend. Pray especially for the search process and the work of the AMBS Presidential Search Committee.



APRIL 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF APRIL 1-4

Daily prayers:

Wed., April 1 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to speak through Brian McLaren, keynote speaker for the Augsburg Lecture Series at EMU and EMS.

ALSO Wed., April 1 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community today, Civic Engagement Day, as they discover together the various ways they have interacted with the theme “living with uncertainty in a complex world.” Pray for the students who will give presentations.

ALSO Wed., April 1 – All Mennonite higher education institutions

Pray for the campus ministry staff persons of the Mennonite colleges and universities gathering on the Bluffton University campus today and tomorrow. This is an important time of relationship-building and mutual support for those who nurture the spiritual health of these campus communities.

Thu., April 2 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for Stuart Murray, leader of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom, as he visits AMBS this week. Pray that students will catch his enthusiasm and commitment for urban mission and church planting.

ALSO Thu., April 2 – Hesston (Kan.) College

A special program is planned today and tomorrow at Hesston College for Grandparent Days. Pray that relationships will be strengthened, and that input will provide new ideas and encourage all grandparents and students in their important roles as adults.

ALSO Thu., April 2 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University Lenten chapel service today as J. Daryl and Cindy Byler, MCC representatives for Iraq, Iran, Jordan and Palestine, bring the chapel message linked to the theme “A call to live...fully.”

Fri., April 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Lift up the undergraduate students at EMU who are participating in the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest this evening.

ALSO Fri., April 3 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Hesston College will celebrate Fine Arts Week March 31 through April 6. Thank God for the gift of creativity in each of us. Pray that students will gain a new awareness and/or appreciation for the fine arts.

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WEEK OF APRIL 5-11

Suggested bulletin announcement for April 5: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse is an American epidemic. Before today is over, four children will DIE. To prevent child abuse, let us pray and act for healthy, safe and nurturing environments in homes, churches and centers for young children. (Mennonite Early Childhood Network)

Daily prayers:

Mon., April 6 – Belleville (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for the Belleville Mennonite School's Search Committee as they continue to seek God's choice for the next Superintendent.

Tue., April 7 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for families considering enrollment for the 2009-10 school year. Pray that they will take advantage of the opportunity of the Christ-centered value that LMS adds to education.

Wed., April 8 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Invite God's Spirit to be with the EMS students and Kevin Clark as they lead EMU's chapel with a focus on Holy Week.

ALSO Wed., April 8 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for Christ's presence with the Bethel College community, marking Holy Week with a Tenebrae chapel service this morning.

Thu., April 9 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Bluffton University campus' chapel for Holy Week today with a Taizé Service recognizing the life of Christ, his journey to the cross and what that means in their lives.

Fri., April 10 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for God to bless the creative work of the EMU Chamber Singers and their director Kenneth J. Nafziger, as they prepare for their spring concert on April 19.

WEEK OF APRIL 12-18

Suggested bulletin announcement for April 12: Pray for the health and safety of Bethel College spring sports athletes and coaches (cross-country, golf, tennis and track) who must travel for many of their meets.

Daily prayers:

Mon., April 13 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Praise God for a good Spiritual Life Week at the Kraybill Campus middle school of Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of the students as they reflect on the week.

Tue., April 14 – Mennonite education

Pray for God's grace and mercy on the finances of Mennonite educational institutions during this economic crisis.

Wed., April 15 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for a good response to service projects this spring at Lancaster Mennonite School. Collecting Bibles for Africa at Locust Grove Campus and the MCC animal project for third world countries at New Danville Campus are two projects that make students aware of their global neighbors.

Thu., April 16 – Hesston (Kan.) College

High school students interested in attending Hesston College will visit campus, attend classes in their areas of interest, and experience dorm and community life during Prospective Student Visit Days, today through Saturday. Pray that God will speak to these visiting students about God's plans for their lives and what college to attend.

Fri., April 17 – Belleville (Pa.) Mennonite School

Please pray for the Lord's blessing on the Belleville Mennonite School's Annual School Sale scheduled for today and tomorrow.

Sat., April 18 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for the weekend class at AMBS whose students are studying new and folk religious movements with James Krabill. Ask God to give students a vision for how they can have meaningful faith encounters with others in their future ministry.

WEEK OF APRIL 19-25

Suggested bulletin announcement for April 19: Please pray for the 47th Annual Mennonite High School Choir Festival held in Philadelphia and hosted by Philadelphia Mennonite High School and Shalom Christian Academy.

Daily prayers:

Sun., April 19 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.

"Bring Communities Together for Children--Children Bring Communities Together" is the theme of the Week of the Young Child, April 19-25. May we welcome all young children in our communities offering safe and healthy environments, and quality care/education. Thank God for everyone who advocates and serves on behalf of young children.

Mon., April 20 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask for God's presence and guidance for the EMU students and faculty members who have returned from a semester of being in India or Guatemala. Grant them rest and the ability to integrate their cross-cultural experience.

Tue., April 21 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The spring semester wraps up at Goshen College this week, with the final day of classes, a reading day, and final exams. Pray for energy, endurance and a sense of accomplishment for students and faculty.

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

Pray for the staff of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as they plan activities to celebrate Earth Day.