



**Mennonite
Education
Agency**

The education agency of
Mennonite Church USA

WEEK OF MAY 24-30

Suggested bulletin announcement for May 24: Pray for Bethel College's commencement speaker, Mark McCormick, and for God's blessing on those graduating from Bethel College today, as well as their families, friends and other members of the college community. Also, thank God for the students who graduated yesterday from AMBS, and pray that God will guide and sustain them as they continue in ministry or seek a ministry placement.

Daily prayers:

Mon., May 25 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the administrators, faculty and staff of Eastern Mennonite Seminary as they meet for planning today.

Wed., May 27 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for AMBS employees as they participate in anti-racism training today through May 29. Pray that they will find new insights and develop a shared vision for hospitality and service.

Fri., May 29 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The Goshen College Board of Directors is gathering with administrators and others from the campus community to look at the 2008-2009 school year and make plans for the future. Pray for wisdom, shared purpose and creative thinking for those gathered around the table.

Sat., May 30 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray that seniors, graduating today from Lancaster Mennonite School, will have a clear directive for next year. Pray that they respect and follow God's call—whether for service, employment or further education.

WEEK OF MAY 31

Suggested bulletin announcement for May 31: Pray for Central Christian School that is in the midst of making a change of head administrators. Pray that Henry Beun's transition into his new calling is smooth and fulfilling, that the transition of a new administrator this coming June is met with acceptance and cooperation, and that God's wisdom and strength will be with Eugene Miller, former administrator of Sarasota Christian School, as he continues with the mission of CCS, "To know Christ and make Him known."

Daily prayers:

Sun., May 31 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for BCS seniors as they prepare for graduation today and decide on the next step in their lives. Pray that they make choices in light of God's calling.

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MAY 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF MAY 1-2

Daily prayers:

Fri., May 1 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University alumni, families of students, students, faculty and staff as May Day activities bring them together this weekend to recall shared history, friendships and memories, and create new memories and friendships.

ALSO Fri., May 1 – Hesston (Kan.) College

A number of Hesston College theatre and music students will perform in student-directed one-act plays or in recitals today and tomorrow. Thank God for the gifts and talents of each student, and the many hours of training and practice they devoted to these performances. May they and the audiences be blessed and inspired.

ALSO Fri., May 1 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for the board of directors of AMBS as it meets today and tomorrow and that God's spirit will lead in preparing for the presidential transitions at the seminary.

Sat., May 2 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for the 46 nursing students, five pastoral ministries students, six aviation students, and six disaster management students who have finished their course of study at Hesston College. They will be honored in ceremonies today and during commencement exercises tomorrow morning. Ask God to direct each in the next step of his or her life.

WEEK OF MAY 3-9

Suggested bulletin announcement for May 3: Today, Bluffton University and Hesston College will hold commencements. Remember the graduates as they enjoy the celebration of their accomplishments. Ask God to direct them in the next stage of learning and discovery. Thank God for the academic, spiritual, and social growth each student has experienced and for the committed efforts of faculty and staff during this school year.

Daily prayers:

Sun., May 3 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Praise God for the musical gifts of Bethel College students who will perform in the Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble spring concert this afternoon.

Mon., May 4 – Hesston (Kan.) College

The 20 members of Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers and director Bradley Kauffman begin a ten-day tour today. They will sing in Mennonite churches and schools in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana. Pray for good health, safe travels, and meaningful contacts. Ask God to bless and inspire audience members in each concert.

Tue., May 5 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University students and their leaders participating in cross cultural learning experiences, May 5-28: Botswana, led by leaders Tim and Susanne Lind; Mexico, led by Jonathan Andreas; Trinidad, led by Randy Keeler; China, led by Michelle Latour; Chicago Center, led by Scott Chesebro; San Antonio, led by Lynda Nyce; New York City, led by George Metz; and Los Angeles, led by Gregg Luginbuhl.

Wed., May 6 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The Goshen College softball team will participate in its conference tournament today. Pray for the athletes from all the schools competing, for safety, good sportsmanship and enjoyment of the games.

Thu., May 7 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Bluffton University returning students entering summer work, service or encountering the challenge of finding work.

Fri., May 8 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for the 13 students in Hesston College's disaster management program who will spend part of their summer helping survivors of U.S. natural disasters. Seven freshmen will serve eight weeks at an MDS project site in Dulzura, Calif., an area devastated by wildfires in 2007. Six sophomores (graduates) will spend ten weeks serving at an MDS youth project site or with another disaster-recovery agency in the U.S.

Sat., May 9 – Belleville (Pa.) Mennonite School

Please pray for Belleville Mennonite School students involved in the middle school/high school Spring Choral Concert tomorrow, and the elementary school students' Spring Musical on May 14. Pray that God would receive glory and honor through these programs.

WEEK OF MAY 10-16

Suggested bulletin announcement for May 10: In 1872, Julia Ward Howe called for the celebration of an annual "Mother's Peace Day" to dramatize the cause of world disarmament. Pray that we cherish the gift of peace in our homes, churches, and world.

Daily prayers:**Sun., May 10 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Ask God to move among the young students of the EMU preparatory music program as they give a Suzuki group concert this afternoon.

Mon., May 11 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Thank God for the discipline, hard work and academic accomplishments of Bethel College students who gather this morning for the annual Awards Convocation.

Tue., May 12 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for BCS musicians as they prepare for spring concerts on May 15 and 21.

Wed., May 13 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray that the executive board of Lancaster Mennonite School will have wisdom, creativity, grace and courage as they meet today.

Thu., May 14 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Invite God's Spirit to be with the incoming first-year EMU students and their parents as they gather for the Summer Orientation and Registration (SOAR) on campus, May 15-16.

Fri., May 15 – Goshen (Ind.) College

The Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College hosts NatureFest this weekend, a hands-on learning about creation and people's role in caring for it. Pray that the Spirit will move among the participants as they encounter God in their surroundings.

Sat., May 16 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thank God for the learning and personal/professional growth taking place in classrooms at EMU during the undergraduate summer term.

WEEK OF MAY 17-23

Suggested bulletin announcement for May 17: Pray for the open house scheduled today at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray that people will find a welcoming community of faith and persons with a passion to change the world.

Daily prayers:**Sun., May 17 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for God's presence with Bethel College students gathering this evening for Student Life's "Send-Off for Summer" and preparing for a week of final exams.

Mon., May 18 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

The Lancaster, Pa., community is mourning the untimely death in April of Micah Berthold, a senior at LMS. Pray for the students, teachers and staff of LMS; his family; and his church, when his presence is missed during graduation celebrations.

Tue., May 19 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to bless the significant work of the Summer Peacebuilding Institute, a program of the EMU Center for Justice and Peacebuilding.

Wed., May 20 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Today marks the end of the academic year for most Goshen College students and the beginning of experiences like the Ministry Inquiry Program. Pray for students as they explore their gifts and passions—whether in a service-learning setting or a traditional job.

Thu., May 21 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the men and women on the Goshen College track and field team as they compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships this weekend. Pray for their safety as they travel to St. Louis, and for enthusiasm and energy.

Fri., May 22 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista, MEA

Pray for Tony Brun, professor for Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA), who will teach the course, "Acts: The first communities of faith," to IBA students in Omaha, Neb., today through Sunday. Pray that God grants him wisdom as he teaches this course, for safe travel, and that this class and Tony's visit will be a source of many blessings for the participants and their congregation.