



The education agency of  
Mennonite Church USA

### **Wed., September 23 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for the safety of students, faculty and staff who will volunteer in the community today for Goshen College's Celebrate Service Day. Pray for chapel leader Alexie Torres-Fleming, speaker and Christian urban leader, and that the service groups will provide a spark of hope.

### **Thu., September 24 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.**

Pray for Bethany Christian Middle School during their two-day, one-night Wilderness Experience today and tomorrow as they have fun learning outdoor skills and develop friendships.

### **Fri., September 25 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

Alumni and friends will gather for Hesston College's Centennial Homecoming this weekend to reflect, rejoice, and renew. Pray for safe travels and renewal of friendships and relationships. Pray for the many events planned and the alumni reunions for the academy (high school) and college. Pray also for God's leading in the future.

### **Sat., September 26 – Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Pray for wisdom and discernment of faculty and staff members at Eastern Mennonite University and Seminary as they guide and mentor students in their education and faith journeys.

### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27-30**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for September 27:** Pray for the class of 2010 as they move into leadership positions in student organizations at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Pray that they take seriously their influence in the school community.

#### **Daily prayers:**

#### **Sun., September 27 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for new Bluffton University athletic graduate assistants: Kyle Coleman, Jennifer Haynes, Julie Henderson, Susan Kolb, Brian Mason, Erin Neal, Rob Noschang, and Jana Teague.

#### **Mon., September 28 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for Dale Schrag, Bethel College's director of church relations, who begins an additional assignment as campus pastor. Pray that Bethel's new Campus Ministries House, opening this fall, will be a blessing to all students.

#### **Tue., September 29 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Pray for the students, faculty and staff of Eastern Mennonite Seminary as they enter a time of spiritual renewal during Spiritual Life Week.

#### **Wed., September 30 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray that God will bring students who will benefit from a strong Christian community and who can use their gifts and leadership to help LMS to be Christ-centered and transform lives.

## **SEPTEMBER 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING**

### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1-5**

#### **Daily prayers:**

#### **Tue., September 1 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for Bethel College students, faculty and staff, especially first-time freshmen, new transfers and new faculty, who begin the fall semester today.

#### **ALSO Tue., September 1 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for the Bluffton University campus community who will interact with Sonia Nazario, today's convocation presenter and author of *Enrique's Journey*. She will focus on the campus civic engagement theme, "Beyond Borders: The Role of Immigration in a Global Community."

#### **Wed., September 2 – Goshen (Ind.) College and Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for safe travel, well-played games, and enjoyable interactions between the sister-school teams and fans as Goshen College's soccer teams host Bluffton University for games today.

#### **Thu., September 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Ask God to provide support and guidance for each new student beginning studies at Eastern Mennonite University.

#### **Fri., September 4 – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA)**

Pray for IBA's annual student retreat in Talladega, Ala., today through Monday, and for the leaders: Rafael Barahona, Tony Brun, Gilberto Flores, and Marco Güete. Pray that this event will be a time of learning and a source for new energy and spiritual growth.

#### **Sat., September 5 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.**

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools students as they form relationships with faculty in a new mentoring program. Pray also that the program will aid in the development of students—academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally.

#### **ALSO Sat., September 5 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for the ministry of new residence hall advisors at Lancaster Mennonite High School—Lachelle Hackman and Greta Short. Also pray for the new students from other countries as they transition to life in the Graybill Hall residence.

### **WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-12**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for September 6:** Pray for new students as they adjust to academic and social life at Hesston College. Ask God to help sophomore resident assistants to be caring, sensitive and firm as they relate to students in their mod (section of a dormitory). May each campus activity be Christ-centered, whether it's chapel or social event.

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**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., September 6 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for Bluffton University staff beginning new roles: Andrew Lehman, admissions counselor; Andréa Ressler, marketing and media relations associate; Nancy Schortgen, adult and graduate education representative; Steve Webster, adult and graduate education representative; Tom Sommers, groundskeeper; and Jillian Yoder, graduate student life intern.

**ALSO Sun., September 6 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for new staff and faculty joining the Lancaster Mennonite School community this fall and for new orientation meetings. Pray for teachers as they begin a new year.

**Mon., September 7 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network, Goshen, Ind.**

Pray that God will help us to see and appreciate young children's thinking even with the growing focus on academics and school readiness. May we offer meaningful experiences that engage their lively minds—allowing time for study, reflection and speculation.

**Tue., September 8 – The Peace and Justice Academy, Pasadena, Calif.**

Pray for The Peace and Justice Academy, a brand new urban school in Pasadena, that is opening its doors for the very first time today. Pray for wisdom and a sense of God's presence.

**Wed., September 9 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Thank God for meaningful and challenging reflections offered by Jon Spicher and Lars Akerson in EMU's chapel and coffeehouse today.

**Thu., September 10 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.**

As classes begin today, thank God for students who are listening for God's call. Pray for guidance for professors and mentors that God will bless the study, worship and life at AMBS.

**Fri., September 11 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for local pastors who will visit Goshen College this morning. Pray that the shared chapel service and "cookie potluck" fellowship will help new students to find a local church home.

**Sat., September 12 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Ask God to empower EMU students, faculty and staff members as they engage the greater Harrisonburg community today while serving as volunteers for the WHSV Children First Day.

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-19**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for September 13:** Pray for the new Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) study centers at Iglesia Manantial de Vida in Camden, N.J. Pray for students starting "Introduction to Bible Study" this month and for their tutors: Ivania Garcia, Martina Sierra, Efrain Zayas, and for the IBA Regional Coordinator, Pastor Hugo Garcia.

**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., September 13 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for those participating in Damascus Road anti-racism training at Goshen College today. Ask the Spirit to open eyes, ears, voices and hearts to new understanding and commitment.

**ALSO Sun., September 13 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Thank God for the gifts of volunteers, board members and staff of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum. Also pray for the museum's annual meeting this afternoon.

**Mon., September 14 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Pray for participants in Bluffton University's Institute for Learning in Retirement as classes begin today and run through November 11. Pray for the instructors of the 16 classes offered and director Janet "J.P." Schumacher.

**Tue., September 15 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.**

Pray that God's Spirit awakens a deeper desire for understanding people of differing cultures during EMU's Latino Heritage Month beginning today.

**Wed., September 16 – Hesston (Kan.) College**

Pray for faculty and staff at Hesston College as they relate to students in class, chapel, and other campus settings. Ask God to give them insight and the words to say to students. May the faculty and staff be Christ-like role models in everything they do and say.

**Thu., September 17 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for the leaders of Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center that hosts an annual conference this coming weekend. Pray that participants will leave with a renewed sense of hope in the midst of so much bad news about the environment.

**Fri., September 18 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.**

Pray for Ted Koontz, Luke Gascho and members of the AMBS class, "Ecological Theology, Ethics and Spirituality," which meets this weekend. Pray that participants will find new vision and practical ideas for caring for God's creation.

**Sat., September 19 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Thank God for Bethel College's many financial supporters, including those who take part in the annual Thresher Golf Classic in Hesston today, and pray for the alumni office staff who organized the event.

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-26**

**Suggested bulletin announcement for September 20:** Pray for George R. Brunk, III, interim president of AMBS, during this time of transition in leadership. Pray that God's Spirit will guide him and the seminary with wisdom, patience and vision.

**Daily prayers:**

**Sun., September 20 – Goshen (Ind.) College**

Pray for Goshen College students who will gather this evening for the first of the monthly Taizé worship services. Ask the Spirit to fill those attending this time of quiet reflection, song and prayer—especially prayer around the cross.

**Mon., September 21 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for Lancaster Mennonite School Bible instructors as they teach a revised church history class, "Global Christianity," beginning this fall.

**Tue., September 22 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

Remember Bluffton University faculty members beginning new appointments this fall: Daniel Foltz, assistant professor of communication; Amy Lehman Mikesell, visiting instructor of education; Kate Swartley, visiting professor of Spanish; Zachary Walton, assistant professor of communication; and Laurel Neufeld Weaver, visiting assistant professor of social work.