

Fri., October 23 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for high school students from around the country who are visiting Hesston College this weekend during Prospective Student Visit Days. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty, and staff as they consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth and social interaction in a Christian community.

Sat., October 24 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Bluffton University student pastoral assistants, Hannah Rybka, Ben Siebert and Natalie Pajestka, who hold a variety of leadership roles assisting the campus pastoral staff throughout the academic year.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25-31

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 25: Ask God for wisdom and guidance in the search for a new vice president and seminary dean for Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Daily prayers:

Mon., October 26 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian Middle School teachers and students as they build healthy, respectful relationships.

Tue., October 27 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray for students who are considering enrollment resulting from a newly formed association between Lancaster Mennonite School and the Pennsylvania Academy of Music (PAM).

Wed., October 28 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray that Bethel College fall athletes and coaches will experience strong teamwork, traveling safety and healing from injuries.

Thu., October 29 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray that the EMU campus community will grow as a community of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through it to the world.

Fri., October 30 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for Dr. Victor Molobi, specialist in African Initiated Churches, who is a guest at AMBS. Pray that those involved in the mission conference will have a renewed vision for preparing people for work with emerging Christian groups.

Sat., October 31 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University's 18 hall chaplains who offer support, resourcing and prayer for residential students through the academic year.

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OCTOBER 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1-3

Daily prayers:

Thu., October 1 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for the Bethel College Board of Directors as they gather on campus for fall board meetings to discern the direction and future of the college in difficult times.

Fri., October 2 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for the board of Bethany Christian Schools during a planning retreat today and tomorrow as they provide vision and oversight for the school.

Sat., October 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Thank God for the spirit with which many EMU students, such as the Young People's Christian Association, are volunteering at the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale today.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 4: Pray for the many alumni and friends of Bethel College who have been enjoying the annual Fall Festival this weekend, especially for those who are traveling. Pray also for traveling mercies for those participating in activities during Goshen College's Homecoming this weekend. Give thanks for the renewed connections sparked by these events.

Daily prayers:

Sun., October 4 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite High School

Pray that students will be receptive during Commitment Week at Lancaster Mennonite High School, beginning tomorrow. Pray for Derrick Garber, a 1997 graduate of LMS, as he prepares to speak to the students.

Mon., October 5 – Hesston (Kan.) College

Pray for Immanuel Sila, Hesston College's Church-Leader-in-Residence, as he spends today through Wednesday on campus. Immanuel serves as a unit administrator for the Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) program and as city co-director for the DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) program in Denver, Colo. Ask God to help Immanuel relate to students and challenge them to listen to God's voice.

Tue., October 6 – Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School

Thank God for good enrollment and the many new families at Quakertown Christian School this year. Pray for each teacher and staff person and that Jesus can be evident to every student and family, impacting lives for Christ.

Wed., October 7 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember Bluffton University students as they build memories and supportive relationships that will carry forward for years to come.

Thu., October 8 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Ask God to bless the fellowship and celebration during EMU's Homecoming and Family Weekend beginning tomorrow.

Fri., October 9 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the Goshen College Board of Directors meeting on campus this weekend. Ask God for wisdom and insight for those gathered as they shape the institution's direction and plans.

Sat., October 10 – Mennonite Education Symposium

Pray for the Mennonite Education Symposium presenters from all levels of Mennonite education as they prepare for their part in the October 16 symposium on the AMBS campus.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11-17

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 11: Remember alumni and friends of Bluffton University and Eastern Mennonite University as they gather on both campuses for Homecoming events this weekend. Pray for renewed relationships and the opportunities to remember those experiences that impacted their life's direction.

Daily prayers:**Sun., October 11 – Mennonite Early Childhood Network**

God, our souls need the day-to-day appreciation for the miracle of the world and all its complexity. May we arrange for children to interact in the outdoors where they can learn to respect and care for plants and animals. We pray that it will help them to develop a sense of respect and caring for other peoples as well.

Mon., October 12 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for EMU students, faculty and staff who experienced sexual violence as children and youth. May this theme week called "Take Back the Night" be part of their journey of healing.

Tue., October 13 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Pray for Virgil Wiebe, AMBS guest lecturer, as he shares this week about his work aimed at curbing the use of land mines and cluster bombs.

ALSO Tue., October 13 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the students gathering this evening at the annual Missions Banquet at Goshen College. Ask that the Spirit be present among the students, faculty and guests, and pray that students will be open to hearing a call to the mission and ministries of the church.

Wed., October 14 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for Kathy Keener Shantz, pastor of James Street Mennonite Church (Lancaster, Pa.) and the Minister-in-Residence guest at Bluffton University, as she prepares to bring the chapel message tomorrow. Pray also for the campus community as they connect with her in a variety of ways throughout the week.

Thu., October 15 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' parents and teachers as they meet during conferences today and tomorrow, and work together at the task of educating and nurturing youth in faith.

ALSO Thu., October 15 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for safe travel and a time of rest for Bethel College students during fall break which begins tomorrow and ends October 20.

Fri., October 16 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Participants in the summer Ministry Inquiry Program will lead chapel at Goshen College this morning. Pray for the students as they share from their experiences and use the gifts they discovered and developed through the program.

ALSO Fri., October 16 – Hesston (Kan.) College

The Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College will sing in churches in South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa during its fall tour, today through October 20. Pray that those who listen will be blessed, as well as the students and director Bradley Kauffman. Pray also for the men's and women's basketball teams of Hesston College who are playing exhibition games during fall break. Pray for safe travels and spirited competition.

Sat., October 17 – Goshen (Ind.) College

Thank God that the Goshen College campus community reached the midpoint of the term and can take a rest. Pray for safe travels during the fall midterm break.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24

Suggested bulletin announcement for October 18: Pray for Gehmans Mennonite School's students, teachers and its new administrator, Michael Burkholder, during this time of transition. Pray also for wisdom to deal with any challenging situations that may arise.

Daily prayers:**Sun., October 18 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School**

Pray for the Lancaster Mennonite School trustees and administrators as they strive to direct the school to be centered in Christ, transforming lives and changing our world.

Mon., October 19 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community during fall Spiritual Life Week activities. Pray for John Collart, the week's resource person, as students interact with him and as he speaks on "Building Community, Serving Communities" at Forum tomorrow.

Tue., October 20 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.

Pray for Marva Dawn as she speaks on Christian mission and evangelism for the annual Augsburg Lectureship at EMU.

Wed., October 21 – Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School

Pray that chapel times at Lancaster Mennonite School will connect with students in ways that challenge them to grow in relationship to God and with others.

Thu., October 22 – Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

As the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Board of Directors meets today through Saturday, pray for God to guide the discussions, especially the task of calling a new president for the seminary.