

Thu., November 26 - Thanksgiving weekend

Pray that all students, faculty, staff and their families experience renewal and safety during this holiday time set aside for giving thanks.

Thu., November 26 - Hesston (Kan.) College

Ask God to bless the Thanksgiving Weekend activities November 26-28 on the Hesston College campus. Events include a Choral Masterworks Concert, a music review show, a music department concert, a basketball classic, and an annual two-mile run/walk. The weekend is part of the college's 2009-2010 Centennial Celebration. Pray that the weekend will be meaningful for all, especially prospective students and alumni.

Fri., November 27 - Hesston (Kan.) College

High school students from around the country are visiting Hesston College this weekend (Prospective Student Visit Days) to consider what the college has to offer in academics, spiritual growth, and social interaction in a Christian community. Some of these students are volleyball recruits, or will audition for music and theatre scholarships. Ask God to direct their contacts with students, faculty, and staff, and to give these prospective students direction for their lives.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29-30

Suggested bulletin announcement for November 29:

Pray for families who are experiencing financial stress and are making sacrifices to provide a Christian education for their children.

Daily prayers:

Mon., Nov. 30 - Goshen (Ind.) College

A number of Goshen College students who have taken Oral Communication this semester will present speeches from the class to the student body today in convocation. Pray for the students as they practice public speaking in front of their peers.



NOVEMBER 2009 PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-7

Suggested bulletin announcement for November 1:

Pray for the six Mennonite college, university, and seminary presidents (John Sheriff, Bethel College; James Harder, Bluffton University; Loren Swartzendruber, EMU; James Brenneman, Goshen College; Howard Keim, Hesston College; and George Brunk III, AMBS) as they meet with Carlos Romero, executive director of MEA to work together on the future of Mennonite education.

Daily prayers:

Sun., November 1 - Hesston (Kan.) College

Remember church leaders and pastors who have been attending a conference on "Learning the Bible in Life Giving Ways" at Hesston College this weekend. Pray that the speakers, Marion Bontrager and Michele Hershberger of the Hesston College Bible faculty and Ted Swartz of Ted & Company TheaterWorks, were able to help conference participants make new connections to the continuing story of God's relationship with God's people.

Sun., November 1 - Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

Pray for Scott Holland, professor of theology and culture at Bethany Theological Seminary, as he delivers the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College beginning this evening and continuing through November 3.

Mon., November 2 - Instituto Biblico Anabautista

Pray for Tony Brun, professor for *Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)*, who will be teaching the intensive course *Acts: the first communities of faith* to the IBA students in Coamo, Puerto Rico on November 2 and 3. Pray that God grants him wisdom as he teaches this course and gives him safe travel. May this class and Tony's visit be a source of many blessings for the participants and their congregation.

Tue., November 3 - Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community as they interact with and learn from Christian Peacemaker Team representatives, Tarek Abuata, Sandra Milena Rincon and Silvia Morrison. They will present an 11 a.m. campus forum today and meet with students in classes through the day.

Thu., November 5 - Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Lynn Miller, stewardship consultant, is leading a workshop at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary on pastoring in the midst of financial crisis. Pray that those attending will gain fruitful insights for working in their congregations and communities.

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Thu., November 5 - Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the Bluffton University drama students as they work with Ted Swartz, Trent Wagler and Jay Lapp of Ted & Company TheaterWorks to develop a chapel presentation for campus chapel today.

Fri., November 6 - Goshen (Ind.) College

Goshen College begins celebrating Family Weekend today, a time for parents and siblings to visit the campus and spend time with students. Pray for safety for those traveling and participating in activities, such as Parents Council meetings, a performance of the Messiah, the fall mainstage play "Big Love," and the Maple City Hoopfest.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8-14**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 8:**

Pray for the international students who are enrolled at Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School. Many are here in the United States for the first time and face multiple adjustments.

Daily prayers:**Mon., November 9 - Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.**

Pray for Al Staggs, portraying German theologian and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in Bethel College's convocation this morning as the Staley Lecturer.

Tue., November 10 - Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray for families and students in the Goshen area as they consider the possibility of Christian education and take opportunity to visit the school on November 16.

Thu., November 12 - Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Ohio Conference youth pastor peer gathering on the Bluffton University campus today for a time of resourcing by Bluffton University professor Dr. Randy Keeler and to show mutual support for each other.

Fri., November 13 - Hesston (Kan.) College

The Hesston College Board of Overseers meets on the college campus November 13-14. Ask God to give them wisdom and courage as they give direction to college operations and make decisions. Pray for their families—most board members travel considerable distances for these meetings. Also pray for traveling mercies for board members.

Sat., November 14 - Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Today the students in Seminario Biblico Anabautista, based in Texas, are gathered at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary and are joined by students and guests of the seminary's Open House. Ask God to bless each of these groups and the interactions among them.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-21**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 15:**

Thank God for campus and community volunteers helping to construct an adventure course, an experiential learning venue, on the Bethel College (North Newton, Kan.) campus this fall.

Daily prayers:**Mon., November 16 - Goshen (Ind.) College**

The Goshen College students who participated in the final Study-Service Term in Germany during Summer 2009 will present a convocation today of their learning and reflections. Pray for these 11 students as they continue to integrate their SST experiences into their faith journeys and future plans. Give thanks for the many families in Germany who hosted more than 350 Goshen College SST students over the years.

Tue., November 17 - Bluffton (Ohio) University

Remember the Bluffton University campus community and guest Saulo Padilla, director of the Office on Immigration, MCC US as they connect in a campus forum time and classroom interaction today.

Thu., November 19 - Bluffton (Ohio) University

Pray for the time of interaction with Bluffton University Minister-in-Residence guest David Elkins of Lima Mennonite Church, Lima, Ohio, beginning today. Pastor Elkins will bring the chapel message at 11 a.m.

Fri., November 20 - Mennonite Early Childhood Network

Today has been designated Children's Day by the World Organization for the Education of Young Children. We are reminded to honor all children and to promote a better understanding of their needs and rights as human beings. Pray that all children may be welcomed into the world of learning. May every child grow in knowledge and character from their very first years as Jesus did blessed by God and people.

Fri., November 20 - Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.

Pray that the high school's cast of *The Curious Savage* will be granted health and the ability to perform their best tonight and tomorrow after many weeks of practice.

Sat., November 21 - Goshen (Ind.) College

Pray for the Goshen College cross country team as they travel and participate in NAIA Championships this weekend in Vancouver, Wash. This year's team of 18 men and 18 women includes a dozen seniors, among them brothers Ben and Nick Bouwman.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22-28**Suggested bulletin announcement for November 22:**

Thank God for the musical gifts of the Bethel College and wider Newton, Kan. community as Bethel instrumentalists join with the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra for a concert on campus this afternoon.

Daily prayers:**Mon., November 23 - Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, Va.**

Pray for the board and council of Warwick River Christian School as they begin a time of evaluation and strategic planning related to their leadership needs and enrollment and economic forecasts. Administrator Greg Sommers has announced his resignation, effective August 1, 2010.