

Wednesday, April 24 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College students during a major “showcase” period that includes the Wind Ensemble season finale, the annual Student Art Exhibit closing reception, dozens of undergraduate research presentations and the spring drama.

Thursday, April 25 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray that the initiatives and projects underway at Hesston College would continue to meet the needs of students and fulfill the mission and vision of the college.

Friday, April 26 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for all Goshen College seniors who graduate this weekend as they go forth into the world to make a difference and begin a new chapter in their lives.

Saturday, April 27 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- The Mennonite Children’s Choir concerts will be held through early May. Pray that the children feel God’s presence as they perform and that God will be glorified through the concerts.

WEEK OF APRIL 28–30

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, April 28 — Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Pray for the Bluffton University’s Camerata Singers, Chorale and Jazz Ensemble as they perform their Spring Fling concert this afternoon.

Monday, April 29 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College students who are giving their C. Henry Smith Peace Oration Contest speeches this morning in convocation.

Tuesday, April 30 — Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Pray for the students at Bluffton University as they begin their finals week, as well as safe travels home for the summer.

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WEEK OF APRIL 1–6

Monday, April 1 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Willi Hugo Perez, director of the Latin America Anabaptist Seminary, SEMILLA, as he visits Bethel College today and presents in convocation this morning.

Tuesday, April 2 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- The month of April is busy at Lancaster Mennonite School with fundraising auctions, a pastor breakfast, prospective students day and open houses. Pray that faculty and students can enjoy these special events while remaining focused on their classes.

Wednesday, April 3 — Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Pray for the students of Bluffton University as they participate in Civic Engagement Day. May the theme of “When Talking is Tough: Respectful Conversations in a Divided Nation” speak to students, faculty and staff.

Thursday, April 4 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- During this spring break week, pray that seminary students and faculty would be refreshed and energized to return to their shared biblical and theological work.

Friday, April 5 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Today is Donor Appreciation Day at Goshen College, so we give thanks for the generosity that helps students achieve a college education.

Saturday, April 6 — Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Pray for Bluffton University’s Jazz Ensemble and Gospel Choir members as they give their concert in Yoder Recital Hall tonight.

WEEK OF APRIL 7–13

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, April 7 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College students, faculty and staff as they anticipate and prepare for the busyness that accompanies the final few weeks of the school year.

Monday, April 8 — Bethel College, North Newton Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College music students Eli Brockway, Callie Ross, Neil Smucker and Kaho Yanagidaira, preparing for and giving junior and senior recitals this month.

Tuesday, April 9 — Bluffton (Ohio) University

- As senior Jena O'Brien provides rhetorical analysis of Larry Nassar and Michigan State for Forum today, please pray for those who have been the victims of sexual assault.

Wednesday, April 10 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College students who are returning from Study-Service Term in Indonesia and Peru, as they travel and re-adjust to life.

Thursday, April 11 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for how God has worked through Sara Wenger Shenk, Ed.D., during her nine years as AMBS President. Sara, who is retiring June 30, will be honored at a special dinner during the AMBS Board meeting April 11-13.

Friday, April 12 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Lancaster Mennonite High School will be hosting the Mennonite Schools Council Choral Festival. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also pray that students can relax and perform to the best of their ability and enjoy their interactions with musicians from other Mennonite schools.

Saturday, April 13 — Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana

- Pray for students of Mennonite high schools participating in the MSC Choir Festivals this weekend.

WEEK OF APRIL 14–20

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, April 14 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Give thanks for the generous gifts over the years to establish the Peace Lecture fund at Bethel College's peacebuilding institute, KIPCOR, making possible this afternoon's screening of the film *This Little Light* on the Bethel campus.

Monday, April 15 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for those who are considering signing up for Journey. The distance-friendly nondegree leadership development program focuses on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring, gifts development and leadership skills.

Tuesday, April 16 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College as it searches for the right people to fill open faculty and staff positions. Pray that candidates would have the passion and focus to lead students within a Christ-centered community.

Wednesday, April 17 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for AMBS's theological library and pray for Karl Stutzman, M.L.S., Director of Library Services; Brandon Board, Information Services Librarian; and student assistants as they support the scholarship of students and faculty with more than 300,000 print and electronic resources.

Thursday, April 18 — Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for EMU's Academic and Creative Festival, devoted to academic rigor, creative expression through the arts, and the application of knowledge to solve problems. We ask blessings for our students as they use their knowledge to improve lives and learning.

Friday, April 19 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Easter break as they celebrate Christ's resurrection. Pray that they return, renewed and ready to finish strong for this academic year.

Saturday, April 20 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for the Spirit's guidance for members of the AMBS Presidential Search Committee as they discern whom to call as the seminary's next leader.

WEEK OF APRIL 21–27

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, April 21 — *Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)*

- Pray for the IBA students at the Study Center in *Iglesia Luz del Evangelio*, Dallas, Texas, and their tutor Juan Limones as they meet weekly for an introduction to the Old Testament. May these studies be a source for spiritual growth for students and this leadership training a blessing for congregations and communities.

Monday, April 22 — Mennonite Early Childhood Network

- April is the Month of the Young Child, and on Earth Day today, let us pray, *God, help us to engage children in caring for the earth teaching them to protect endangered species like bees, birds, fish and rainforests from extinction.*

Tuesday, April 23 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- As Goshen College students tackle their final exams this week, pray for strength, focus and energy for them.