



The education agency of  
Mennonite Church USA

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# *Prayers for Faith and Learning*

WEEK OF AUGUST 1–3

## **Thursday, August 1 – Hesston (Kansas) College**

- Pray for eight Japanese high school students who are experiencing a new culture on a two-week study tour at Hesston College.

## **Friday, August 2 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School**

- Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.

## **Saturday, August 3 – Quakertown Christian School, Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

- August is a busy month of preparation at Quakertown Christian School. Please pray for the school's leadership team, teachers and staff in all decision-making and planning.

WEEK OF AUGUST 4–10

## **Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, August 4 – All Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) schools**

- In this time when academic skills seem to be favored, pray that young children may encounter caring adults who also attend to the spiritual, social, emotional and physical development of the early years.

## **Monday, August 5 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana**

- Pray for students who are beginning online coursework for a new semester this week; may God grant them space, time and the ability to focus on their seminary studies.

## **Tuesday, August 6 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana**

- Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' students and faculty as school begins August 6 and for families of prospective students as they make last-minute decisions regarding Christian education. Pray that students may experience God's nudge during the learning process, such that they grow in their understanding of and commitment to Christ and develop their gifts for Christian service.

## **Monday, August 26 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia**

- Pray for new students who will be joining the EMU community from 30+ states, 50+ countries, and 60+ faith traditions. May they all find home and a nurturing place to grow and learn.

## **Tuesday, August 27 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia**

- We ask prayers and blessings as 2000+ students, faculty, and staff begin classes today. May the year be filled with unexpected delights, extraordinary discoveries, new and deepened friendships and pleasure in a community of learning and growth.

## **Wednesday, August 28 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana**

- The AMBS Intercultural Competence and Undoing Racism team is hosting intercultural competence trainings at AMBS for seminary employees (Aug. 27–28) and Elkhart County business and community leaders (Aug. 28); please pray for Spirit-led transformation for all involved.

## **Thursday, August 29 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

- Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as the fall 2019 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and better the world together.

## **Friday, August 30 – Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona**

- Pray for vision and inspiration for faculty, staff and administrators at Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) as they partner with Mennonite Education Agency and Mennonite Church USA to build and strengthen their programs this fall. Pray that new and returning students are challenged and enriched by their studies.

## **Saturday, August 31 – All MEA Schools**

- Pray for all who support and invest in Anabaptist/Mennonite education. As another school year begins, give thanks for all who are generous with their time, energy, prayers and finances to make quality education grounded in Anabaptist faith available and accessible to so many.

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Thank you for joining us in these prayers for faith and learning.

### **Wednesday, August 7 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

- Please pray for our adult degree-completion and graduate students who will soon begin their leadership studies. May they embrace the lessons so they can make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations and in the well-being of their communities.

### **Thursday, August 8 – Hesston (Kansas) College**

- Pray for Hesston College's team of student Resident Assistants as they begin orientation and learn how to be good, compassionate and patient leaders for their fellow students.

### **Friday, August 9 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana**

- Pray for Bethany Christian High School students on August 9 as they participate in grade-level activities during Day Away and work at developing friendships with new students.

### **Saturday, August 10 – Goshen (Indiana) College**

- Pray for Goshen College students who are returning from Study-Service Term in Peru, as they process their experiences and re-adjust to life back in the U.S.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 11–17

### **Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, August 11 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana**

- AMBS's noncredit Anabaptist Short Courses are online and last six weeks each. Give thanks for varied options for theological education and pray for those who are taking the courses to deepen their understanding of Anabaptist history, thought and witness.

### **Monday, August 12 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

- Please pray for our students who begin returning to campus this week. Many of these students are in positions of leadership including hall directors, resident advisers and student-athletes. May they embrace Bluffton's mission of responsible citizenship and service to all peoples for God's universal kingdom.

### **Tuesday, August 13 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia**

- Pray for EMU faculty and staff as they gather for faculty staff conferences. May they return to campus refreshed and inspired to teach and transform the lives of all students.

### **Wednesday, August 14 – Goshen (Indiana) College**

- Pray for Goshen College student-athletes as they begin a new season.

### **Thursday, August 15 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana**

- Pray for God's Spirit to guide the hiring processes for several open positions at the seminary.

### **Friday, August 16 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas**

- As the 2019-20 year begins, pray for Bethel College faculty, especially new faculty in communication arts, health and physical education, piano pedagogy and psychology.

### **Saturday, August 17 – Hesston (Kansas) College**

- Pray for the Hesston College community during Opening Weekend. May new students feel at home, and may parents have peace of mind as they separate from their young adult students.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 18–24

### **Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, August 18 – Hesston (Kansas) College**

- Pray for students, faculty and staff at Hesston College as they anticipate the first day of the new academic year tomorrow. May they be energized, challenged and inspired by their work and studies.

### **Monday, August 19 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas**

- Pray for Bethel College student life staff as Thresher Days (orientation activities for all new first-year and transfer students) take place, and returning students come back to campus.

### **Tuesday, August 20 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School**

- Remember Lancaster Mennonite students and faculty as they begin the new school year on August 20. Pray for wisdom and strength for faculty as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day. Pray that anxious new students are welcomed and feel a sense of calm, and that returning students are excited and prepared for a good year.

### **Wednesday, August 21 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas**

- As Bethel College men's and women's soccer teams meet Hesston in friendly matches this evening in Thresher Stadium, pray for the health and safety of all college-student athletes and their coaches.

### **Thursday, August 22 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia**

- Pray for Eastern Mennonite Seminary students who are preparing for a wide range of ministry settings in the low-residency portion of their online courses. May they experience a rich community of learning where passion for their unique ministry is fulfilled.

### **Friday, August 23 – Bluffton (Ohio) University**

- Please pray for our first-year students who are moving onto campus this week. May they embrace Bluffton's Enduring Values of Community, Discovery, Respect and Service as they strive to discover their greater purpose in the world.

### **Saturday, August 24 – Goshen (Indiana) College**

- Pray for new and returning students as they arrive to the Goshen College campus and as classes begin.

## WEEK OF AUGUST 25–31

### **Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, August 25 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School**

- The theme for Lancaster Mennonite School this year is "Be Transformed" (Romans 12:2). Pray that faculty and students are challenged to be transformed by values such as peacebuilding, service, restorative justice and care for the powerless, in order to bring healing and hope to our world.