

Monday, Dec. 24 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Give thanks for local host families who welcome Hesston College international students into their homes for Christmas break.

Tuesday, Dec. 25 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for the Goshen College family during Christmas break as they travel, reconnect with friends and family and celebrate the season.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 — Mennonite Education Agency

- Give thanks for the good work of MEA in all levels of education, PK – graduate school, across the country and around the world.

Thursday, Dec. 27 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for safe travel for the Bethel College men's basketball team and coaches, participating in a tournament in Houston.

Friday, Dec. 28 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for Malinda E. Berry, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, as she helps students deepen their understanding of Anabaptist peace theologies and prepares them to assist people in reflecting theologically on ethical issues.

Saturday, Dec. 29 — Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)

- Pray for the IBA volunteer tutors who've committed to training leaders of Hispanic/Latino churches across the country in 2019. May God grant them wisdom, patience and lots of energy as they serve with IBA.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 30-31

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Dec. 30 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Thank God for the faculty and staff who have put numerous hours and lots of energy in creating a healthy community for students to learn and grow. Pray that they may find renewed energy during Christmas break.

Monday, Dec. 31 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for members of AMBS's Development Team. Give thanks for their year-round work of making connections with people to support AMBS's ministry of preparing Christian leaders, and for donors who have generously responded to this call.

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WEEK OF DECEMBER 1

Saturday, Dec. 1 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Praise God for the faithful service of the Bethel College Women's Association — they will host a fundraiser and seasonal celebration as part of Newton's Five Places of Christmas today.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 2–8

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Dec. 2 — Mennonite Early Childhood Network

- Pray that God will help our rich nation consider the risks of bombarding children with messages that create "wants." Pray that adults will engage children in the joy of giving by together sharing love and time with others.

Monday, Dec. 3 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for LMS campuses presenting Christmas concerts this week. May all students be calm and perform to the best of their ability. May students, faculty and those attending the concerts feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.

Tuesday, Dec. 4 — Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)

- Pray with thanksgiving for the 40 IBA volunteer tutors that had been serving at 41 study centers in 2018. May God bless them for offering their time to train new leaders for the Hispanic/Latino churches of Mennonite Church USA.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 — All students

- As we enter the holiday season and distractions begin arise, may student retain focus, energy and determination to finish the semester well.

Thursday, Dec. 6 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for the student members of Bethel College's Steel Drum Band and their director, Brad Shores, as they complete a semester of practice with tonight's Christmas concert.

Friday, Dec. 7 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for GC students who are participating in the annual Festival of Carols this week.

Saturday, Dec. 8 — *Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)*

- Pray for two students who are graduating with an IBA Certificate tomorrow at *Jesus el Buen Pastor Church*, Muscatine, Iowa. May they continue to be a blessing to the church through their respective leadership roles in their local congregations, and may they be an inspiration for others to follow in serving the church.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-15

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Dec. 9 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for the light of Christ that has come into the world as students, faculty, staff and friends observe the 33rd annual Lighting of the Green this evening.

Monday, Dec. 10 — Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College students as they prepare for the end of the semester, final exams and traveling home at the end of this week. Give thanks for a productive and successful semester.

Tuesday, Dec. 11 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College students who are taking their final exams.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for LMS campuses presenting Christmas concerts this week. May all students be calm and perform to the best of their ability. May students, faculty and those attending the concerts feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ

Thursday, Dec. 13 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College students and faculty during a stressful time of taking/giving exams and writing/grading papers, and for safe travel and good health as the semester winds down.

Friday, Dec. 14 — Bethany Christian School, Goshen, Indiana

- Pray for Bethany Christian High School musicians as they share their gifts in music with the community in their annual Christmas concert.

Saturday, Dec. 15 — All educators and administrators

- Pray for stamina during this busy season for all educators and school administrators.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Dec. 16 — Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College basketball players as they compete this month.

Monday, Dec. 17 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for those who are considering deepening their faith and strengthening their leadership skills through Journey, AMBS's distance-friendly nondegree leadership development program. May they sense the Spirit's leading in their discernment process.

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for seminary students who are concluding the semester and reflecting on learnings from their coursework, and give thanks for how God is using their studies to equip them for ministry!

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for AMBS's commitment to care for God's creation, which is demonstrated through the seminary's Environmental Sustainability Leadership concentration, course offerings on creation care issues, energy-efficient buildings, 60kW solar array, and native plants on campus, for example.

Thursday, Dec. 20 — Bethany Christian School, Goshen, Indiana

- Pray for Bethany Christian High School students as they take semester final exams — that they may be rested, relaxed and prepared to do their best.

Friday, Dec. 21 — Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- On the winter solstice, "the longest night" in the Western Hemisphere, pray for those students at Bethel College, and all MEA schools, who are unable to be with their families and feel lonely during the holidays.

Saturday, Dec. 22 — Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray that all LMS students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a meaningful time with family and friends for all. May those who feel loss at this time of year find support and comfort from others.

WEEK OF DECEMBER 23-29

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Dec. 23 — *Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH)*

- Pray for fruitful teaching and learning during the first trimester of 2019 at SeBAH. Pray for SeBAH supporters and the many Hispanic/Latino churches that have benefited from SeBAH's ministry. Pray that God brings all the funds needed for this fiscal year's teaching program.