

Monday, January 27 – Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, Virginia

- Please pray for discernment for families attending Warwick River Christian School's Open House today.

Tuesday, January 28 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Bluffton University students, who spent the fall semester in Washington, D.C., Nashville, Guatemala and France last semester, will share about the impact of their cross-cultural experience during this week's Forum. Please pray for these students as well as the students who are immersing themselves in new cultures this semester.

Wednesday, January 29 – Mennonite Education Agency

- Pray for the MEA conference planning committee as they prepare for the Mennonite Educators Conference, "Unleashing Curiosity, Igniting Hope," coming up on Feb. 6-8, 2020 in Leesburg, Virginia.

Thursday, January 30 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for student athletes at EMU as they learn to balance studies, practices, games and good sportsmanship.

Friday, January 31 – Freeman (South Dakota) Academy

- We ask you to pray for the farming families and our rural community as we begin the new year.

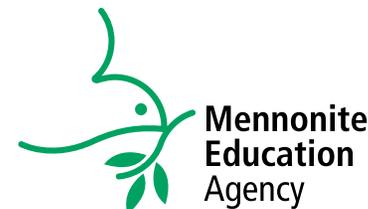
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JANUARY 2020

Prayers for Faith and Learning

WEEK OF JANUARY 1–4

Wednesday, January 1 – Freeman (South Dakota) Academy

- Please join us in praying for students, faculty and staff traveling home after the holiday break.

Thursday, January 2 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for students and leaders, Laura Yoder and Peyton Erb, as they travel within Guatemala and Colombia with EMU's cross-cultural program this semester.

Friday, January 3 – Lezha Academic Center, Albania

- We are thankful for our almighty God's for protection and care during the November 2019 earthquake in Albania.

Saturday, January 4 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- The Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on January 4 and 11. Remember the tournament participants and the family and friends of Glen Lapp as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.

WEEK OF JANUARY 5–11

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, January 5 – Lezha Academic Center, Albania

- Please pray for healing for all who lost their loved ones and homes during the major earthquake that struck Albania in November. Approximately 51 people died and 3,000 were injured.

Monday, January 6 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for helpful, open discussions at the January parenting seminars at each Lancaster Mennonite campus where mental health professionals, educators, pastors and parents will discuss and wrestle with questions about how we cultivate a climate of mental health and holistic growth for our students so they can flourish in a competitive world.

Tuesday, January 7 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as the spring 2020 semester begins. May they have safe travels back to Bluffton University, and may their minds be open to the new ideas, experiences and connections.

Wednesday, January 8 – Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School

- Pray for peace and unity for our staff, students and families in the new year.

Thursday, January 9 – Goshen (Indiana) College and Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Please pray for students who will be traveling to Ecuador and Tanzania this semester for Goshen College's study-service term.
- Pray for health and safety for Bethel College students and faculty – Mark Jantzen, Francisca Méndez-Harclerode, Ada Schmidt-Tieszen and visiting Professor Sergio Lopez – in interterm travel courses in eastern Europe and Mexico.

Friday, January 10 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Please pray for teachers and students during our final week of the second quarter.

Saturday, January 11 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for the family and friends of Russ Neufeld (Hesston College staff) as they "Run the Neuf" (3rd annual) on the Bethel College campus today in Neufeld's memory and honor.

WEEK OF JANUARY 12-18

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, January 12 – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Join us in praying for the church leaders attending School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary this week, as they explore the theme, "Shalom in the Streets."

Monday, January 13 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Please pray that students starting the spring semester at EMU have hearts and minds prepared to learn and grow.

Tuesday, January 14 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- The Bluffton University community will explore health care from a faith perspective during the first Forum of the year. Pray for our speaker, Ronda Lehman of Mercy Health, and pray for our students who are entering health care-related fields.

Wednesday, January 15 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for the students in the Bethel College senior capstone course, Basic Issues of Faith and Life, as they take oral exams and work on "credo" papers.

Thursday, January 16 – Lezha Academic Center, Albania

- As Albania recovers from the November 2019 earthquake, pray for its people to understand that only God is their everything – and the one that can love and protect them even in the worst time.

Friday, January 17 – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana

- Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

Saturday, January 18 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College students, faculty and staff as they adjust to a new routine at the start of the spring semester.

WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, January 19 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- This week, Bluffton University is celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Please pray for Dr. LaShonda Gurley, director for the Center for Career and Vocation, as she shares the MLK Day Forum "Walking the Talk" on implicit bias. Please pray for the campus community, as we continue implementing strategies for addressing bias in everyday life.

Monday, January 20 – Goshen (Indiana) College and Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with campus-wide discussions, events, speakers and workshops.
- Pray for the planners of and participants in Bethel College's Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities, especially for Michelle Vann, Ph.D., the speaker for the evening program.

Tuesday, January 21 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for students new to Hesston College this semester that they would find a welcoming, supportive community.

Wednesday, January 22 – Mennonite Education Agency

- We are thankful and offer praise for the spirit of collaboration demonstrated by our schools that has helped create strong partnerships at all levels, providing more robust and flexible educational opportunities for students from elementary to graduate school.

Thursday, January 23 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- A Winter Open House is scheduled at each of the Lancaster Mennonite School campuses today. Please be in prayer for prospective families.

Friday, January 24 – Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

- Dock Mennonite Academy is hosting an Early Childhood & Kindergarten Admissions Open House today. Please pray for parents as they make this important decision.

Saturday, January 25 – Goshen (Indiana) College and Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Today, prospective students at Goshen College gather to celebrate Scholars Day. Pray for safe travels and productive visits for all who participate.
- Pray for staff, board members and volunteers of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum, during their annual Celebrate Kansas Day! event today.

WEEK OF JANUARY 26-31

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, January 26 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for the Hesston College community as they live, learn and work together in harmony, bridging differences that may otherwise divide.