Thurs., Oct. 24 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
• Pray student-athletes at EMU as they balance their studies with athletic practice and competition.

Fri., Oct. 25 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana
• Give thanks for AMBS’s 2,500+ alumni (those who have completed 12 or more credit hours of study) and for the ways in which they are applying their seminary learnings and making a difference across the world.

Sat., Oct. 26 – Mennonite Education Agency
• Pray for students and teachers in pre-K through 12 classrooms using Encounter: An Anabaptist Faith Formation Curriculum produced by the Mennonite Schools Council of MEA. May this resource guide students and teachers to encounter God, the biblical story and each other in new ways.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 27-31

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, Oct. 27 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana
• Give thanks for AMBS’s Business Office employees — Ron Ringenberg, M.B.A., M.S., and Suzanne Huffman, B.A. — who work behind the scenes to keep the seminary running year round.

Mon., Oct. 28 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas
• Pray for Alain Epp Weaver as he delivers the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College, reflecting in a missiological context on the work of Mennonite Central Committee over the past century.

Tues., Oct. 29 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana
• Give thanks for the technology that is increasingly allowing students from around the world to access via the internet AMBS’s programs for theological and ministerial education.

Wed., Oct. 30 – Mennonite Education Agency
• Pray for Mennonite Education Agency staff and board as they work to broaden access to education grounded in Anabaptist values.

Thurs., Oct. 31 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
• Join with the EMU campus community in praise to God for alumni, family and friends who support our mission and live a life of active faith in the world.

OCTOBER 2019

Prayers for Faith and Learning

WEEK OF OCTOBER 1–5

Tues., Oct. 1 – Bluffton (Ohio) University
• Documentary filmmaker Conrad Weaver will share two presentations today including a screening of “Heroin’s Grip” about the opioid epidemic on Bluffton’s campus. Please pray for those dealing with the disease of addiction, their families, first responders, law enforcement and medical professionals. Please pray that we might better understand addiction and grow in our ability to provide support and resources to those in need.

Wed., Oct. 2 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas
• Pray for director John McCabe-Juhnke and student actors and crew preparing A Shayna Maidel by Barbara Lebow for this year’s Fall Festival at Bethel College.

Thurs., Oct. 3 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia
• Pray for the MCC Virginia Relief Sale coming up this weekend in Harrisonburg. We are grateful for students who volunteer for service through EMU campus organizations or their church community.

Fri., Oct. 4 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School
• October 4 and 5 is Homecoming and Fall Festival weekend at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.

Sat., Oct. 5 – Goshen (Indiana) College
• Pray for Goshen College alumni and families as they reconnect during Homecoming Weekend.
WEEK OF OCTOBER 6–12

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, October 6 – Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, Arizona

- Pray for teachers, administrators, staff and students at Peace Academic Center (formerly Hopi Mission School) as they re-open and continue to build programs and capacity. Give thanks especially for the pre-K and kindergarten students who began classes this fall.

Monday, October 7 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- As the campus community and wider community gather to learn more about one another at tonight’s Hesston College Cultures Fair, pray that they would see and understand one another in new ways.

Tuesday, October 8 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Give thanks for AMBS’s Teaching Faculty members, who care deeply about their students’ academic, personal and spiritual formation and well being. Pray for them as they mentor and guide students in knowing, being and doing.

Wednesday, October 9 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College’s board of directors this week as they gather for their fall meeting. Pray for guidance and wisdom in their work of discernment and decision-making.

Thursday, October 10 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 10 and 11 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.

Friday, October 11 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College students as they travel to various spots for a few days of relaxation during fall break.

Saturday, October 12 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Please pray for Bluffton’s students, faculty staff, alumni, supporters and extended families as we come together to celebrate Homecoming this Saturday. May we keep alive the saying “it’s all about relationships” as we live out our vocations, whether near or far from campus.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 13-19

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, October 13 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- October 14-18 is Commitment Week at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Pray for chapel speakers Rashard Allen and Hunter Hess, as they encourage and inspire students and faculty to live as Christ lived in whatever situations they encounter.

Monday, October 14 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for the Goshen College community today as we celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day, exploring our past, present and future together on this good earth.

Tuesday, October 15 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Please pray for Bluffton’s campus community as we come together today to reflect on “Christian Faith and Academic Life” a panel discussion during Tuesday’s Forum. Pray that we as a campus community continue to develop and support each student’s faith journey during their college years and beyond.

Wednesday, October 16 – All Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) schools

- Pray that we may use today World Food Day as an impetus to eat mindfully. Reduce food waste at our own tables. Revitalize those who are food insecure by sharing our abundance. Replace candy consumption with harvest treats especially at Halloween time.

Thursday, October 17 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for AMBS board members as they meet Oct. 17-18 — that God’s Spirit would guide them in listening well and wisely as they give direction to the ongoing work of the seminary.

Friday, October 18 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College students during midterm break; for safe travels, rest and relaxation.

Saturday, October 19 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for the actors and all those behind the scenes as they perform Romeo and Juliet at Lancaster Mennonite High School October 17-20. Pray for calmness, confidence and enjoyment as their many weeks of preparation result in successful performances.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-26

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, October 20 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Please pray for our social work alumni and students during Bluffton’s 75th year of offering this major on campus. Please pray for Megan Gonyer ’10, who is moderating a Forum on social work this week, and pray for the health, safety and care of all social workers and their clients.

Monday, October 21 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Please pray for the Bluffton students who are studying off campus this semester, in locations ranging from Guatemala to Chicago to Washington, D.C. May they have transformative experiences that shape their lives going forward. Please pray for the students who are selecting their cross-cultural experiences for the spring and May-term semesters.

Tuesday, October 22 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for health and safety for Bethel College students on fall break, especially those traveling home or for athletic contests.

Wednesday, October 23 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College Development staff as they engage alumni and donors who help support the work of Hesston College and its students.