

Tuesday, September 24 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for a renewed faith and calling for students at Eastern Mennonite Seminary during seminary spiritual life week.

Wednesday, September 25 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- This week, Bluffton University students will report on their spring 2019 cross-cultural experiences. Please pray that the students who have already gone on these subversive experiences will remain forever transformed by the people they met and the lessons they learned. Please also pray for the students who are choosing their cross-cultural locations that they too may learn from other cultures near and far.

Thursday, September 26 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for the Hesston College community, alumni guests and others who gather on campus this week to celebrate homecoming. May time spent together produce opportunities to connect with the college and each other.

Friday, September 27 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Bethel College welcomed its largest class of first-time freshmen in 30 years this fall. Pray for these young people as they transition to college – new relationships, different responsibilities and an unfamiliar community – and for their parents and families.

Saturday, September 28 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for participants in AMBS's two yearlong Spiritual Direction Seminars led by Dan Schrock, D.Min., as they grow in confidence and competence in accompanying people on their spiritual journeys.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29–30

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, September 29 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Everyone at Lancaster Mennonite School is settling into the new school year. Pray that this will be a year of growing and learning for students. Pray that faculty will have the wisdom, strength, calmness and patience that allows them to show Christ's love to their students as they teach and guide them.

Monday, September 30 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- This week, Conrad Weaver will share the documentary "Heroin's Grip" at Bluffton University. Pray for all those caught in the web of destruction caused by drug addiction and pray that we as a campus community better understand this disease and the ways we can support people experiencing addiction, their families and social service providers.

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WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1–7

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, September 1 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- As a new semester begins this week, give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow, be mentored, and explore the passions and questions they are being drawn to.

Monday, September 2 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for staff from the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) at Bethel College and local members of the planning team putting together a Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action on and around campus.

Tuesday, September 3 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- Kathy Dickson '03 will share a forum on vocational discernment today at Bluffton University. This presentation will highlight Bluffton's Civic Engagement Theme of "Living Our Best Lives." Please pray for Bluffton University students as they discern the future and strive to strengthen community bonds and communal well-being.

Wednesday, September 4 – Warwick River Christian School

- As Warwick River Christian School begins a new year, please pray for our Financial Sustainability Committee.

Thursday, September 5 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Remember new Hesston College faculty and staff members as they settle into their roles. Pray that they would find ways to educate and nurture each student within Christ-centered community.

Friday, September 6 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for participants in Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program as they gather with program leaders, mentors and peers for a weekend of worship, learning and community-building.

Saturday, September 7 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for Bethel College student-athletes and coaches – all fall sports teams, plus tennis and softball, are in action today. Pray for safe travel and injury-free games and matches.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8–14

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, September 8 – All Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) schools

- Today on National Grandparents Day, give thanks for grandparents, both biological and surrogate, who lovingly nurture, pass on beliefs, values and distilled wisdom to the next generation. Pray that God may grant special blessings of strength and hope-filled courage to the grandparents who have the responsibility of raising grandchildren.

Monday, September 9 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Goshen College students and leaders in Ecuador this semester on Study-Service Term.

Tuesday, September 10 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for new adult students in EMU's degree completion programs as they learn to balance their studies with work, family, service and church commitments

Wednesday, September 11 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- This week, President Jane Wood will share reflections on her first year on campus and initiatives for the 2019-20 academic year. Please pray for Bluffton University as we plan for our future while remaining grounded in our mission to “prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation, for responsible citizenship, for service to all peoples and, ultimately, for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.”

Thursday, September 12 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for Indiana mayors, city leaders and community partners as they discuss the changing climate at the Indiana Climate Leadership Summit, hosted by Goshen College today.

Friday, September 13 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Remember the students and coaches involved in fall sports teams at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for good health and safety as they compete and give them courage to treat teammates and opponents alike with respect and dignity.

Saturday, September 14 – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

- Pray for participants in Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology — a six-week online short course taught by Jamie Pitts, Ph.D. May their learnings about the 16th-century Anabaptists shape how they live out their Christian faith today.

WEEK OF JULY 15–21

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, September 15 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Bethel College's annual Service Day, held on Wednesday of this week, will look at connections between poverty and violence/nonviolence, with the help of RawTools of Colorado Springs. Pray for students telling and listening to stories, asking questions and learning from those they serve.

Monday, September 16 – Bluffton (Ohio) University

- This week, Judge Sean Leuthold '88 and Judge Shane Leuthold '92 will share a Bluffton University Forum on the influence of the Stop-and-Frisk policy, in particular its impact on ethnic and racial profiling. Please pray for Bluffton University student, faculty and staff who are pursuing a just and equitable society.

Tuesday, September 17 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for first-year Goshen College students as they volunteer in the community during Community Engagement Day tomorrow.

Wednesday, September 18 – Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

- Pray for EMU students as they explore mission and services opportunities with local and global mission agencies during Mission and Service Day.

Thursday, September 19 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Pray for Hesston College as they engage in activities this week in celebration of International Peace Day on Friday. Pray that the ongoing work on campus would reflect a spirit of peace and unity.

Friday, September 20 – Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School

- Pray for the administration and board at Lancaster Mennonite School as they face joys and challenges while working with systems and policies as they continue to lead and guide faculty, staff and students.

Saturday, September 21 – Hesston (Kansas) College

- Give thanks for the donors who made possible Hesston College's new Bonnie Sowers Nursing Center, Bess Mullet Softball Field, and a renovation of Yost Center gymnasium. Their generosity speaks to support of the work of the college to educate and nurture students.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22–28

Suggested bulletin insert for Sunday, September 22 – Goshen (Indiana) College

- Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and recognize the heritage, culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people.

Monday, September 23 – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas

- Pray for William Eash, director of choral activities at Bethel College, as he leads the annual High School Choral Festival on campus today.