

Prayers for Mennonite Education

July 2021

Daily prayers for July 1 – 31, 2021

1. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:**

Give thanks for Bethel College staff and administrators, and pray for a time of rest and renewal during some extra vacation days campus-wide around the July 4 holiday.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount

Joy, PA: Please pray for new Principal Janice Greenleaf, who begins leading the school today.

2. **Eastern Mennonite University,**

Harrisonburg, VA: Pray for safety and health for the 17 people, including EMU students, Isaac Alderfer, Isaac Andreas, Micah Buckwalter, Vanessa Gardner, Thomas Guadalupe-Johnson, Anna Paetkau, Caleb Schrock-Hurst (seminary) plus Tyler Goss (staff and alumnus), riding across the country to gather stories of the impact of climate change.

3. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical**

Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Pray for our newly admitted international students as they prepare for student visa appointments with U.S. Consulate or Embassy offices in their home countries, and that they would be granted visas to study at AMBS.

Bethel College, North Newton, KS:

Pray for Bethel College staff representing Bethel at MennoCon 2021 in Cincinnati this week.

4. **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:**

Pray that families may be instruments of peace and love as they travel this summer. Peace can be made possible through playing games together, singing, reading/storytelling while traveling. Love can be experienced as they explore the beauty of God's creation and care for it in loving, respectful ways.

5. **MEA's Hispanic seminary, *Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH):***

Pray for Marco Güete, Director of MEA's Hispanic Ministries, who will be leading the workshop "Healing and Moving Toward Transformation as a Church: Understanding the Trauma of a Pandemic (COVID-19)" at MennoCon21. Pray for safety, safe travel and for God's wisdom upon Marco as he leads this workshop. Pray that this workshop be a source of many blessings for the participants.

6. **Bluffton (OH) University:**

Please pray for the young athletes on Bluffton's campus during the summer months attending day camps, basketball shootouts and training sessions. May they stay healthy and active and grow as team members and friends.

Freeman (SD) Academy:

Please pray for safe travels and good health as events reopen and people start to venture out again this summer. Blessings to you all.

7. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University's virtual and in-person participants at the MC USA Convention. Pray for their safe travels, spiritual growth and ability to share what they've learned with student, faculty, staff and community members.

8. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College's coaches and their staff as they travel to participate in camps across the country.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA: Please pray for the students participating in the "Edible Classroom" summer camp, that they would enjoy the beauty and bounty of our garden space called "Sow Grateful."

9. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** LMS will have Summer Open Houses this month. Pray that families considering enrolling their children at LMS will find answers to their questions and concerns as they speak with administration and faculty.

10. **New Holland (PA) Early Learning Center:** Please pray for the Discovery Club, our summer program, which serves children from Kindergarten to 6th grade. This summer they're planning to visit the Lancaster AME Church and learn about the underground railroad. They will visit the Spanish Mennonite Church/Council in New Holland and learn about their ministry with people from other countries, and do a walking tour of the City of Lancaster to learn about ministries with women, people of color, refugees and others.

11. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare for the 2021-22 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for life and for vocation...for the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA: Pray for teachers who are recovering from an unusually stressful school year over the summer.

12. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** As faculty, staff and students transition into a summer routine, pray that they will notice God at work in the world around them over the summer so that their faith is built up.

Hesston (KS) College: Please pray for Hesston College theatre department as it holds summer camps for young people with an interest in performance.

13. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for the participants in !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth and their program leaders as they share a 17-day group experience of worship, service, study and relationship-building.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We pray for our summer work crew and the time they put in with their various projects, all so we will be able to return in the fall.

14. **MEA's Hispanic bible institute, Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA):** Pray for the three IBA students in Miami FL, Encuentro de Renovacion Church who recently graduated and completed the IBA program. May they be blessings in their local congregations as they continue to be active leaders. Pray that the IBA program continues to be a blessing for the Hispanic churches in USA as it trains leaders who work to expand God's kingdom.
15. **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** Pray for families who are deciding whether our school community would be a good fit for their family.
16. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** May the 14 students in EMU's Washington Community Scholars Center experience course work on race and urban studies and internships that give them a passion to change the world.
17. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for new students who will be coming to Bethel College from far away, and for Bethel's Host Family Program, that there will be "matches" made to benefit all.
18. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for students who are on campus as they draw to a close Maple Scholars and Hickory Scholars summer research programs.
19. **Bluffton (OH) University:** This month, two groups of Bluffton students will be traveling to either Arizona or Guatemala during cross-cultural experiences. Pray these students open their hearts to new ways of living and learning while sharing kindness with everyone they meet.
20. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for God's work through the scholarship of AMBS faculty and students and the Institute of Mennonite Studies! In 2020–21, they were involved in producing or presenting 8 books; 10 journals; 32 articles and essays; 18 academic presentations and lectureships; and numerous book reviews, blogs and public presentations/workshops.
21. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray for safety for maintenance and construction workers at LMS as building renovations continue this summer in preparation for unifying three campuses for the 2022-23 school year.
22. **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:** Pray that adults will be intentional about the summer activities and experiences we provide for children, knowing they continue to learn through observing and experiencing life. May we share their joy in simple pleasures, their curiosity in exploring and their thrill of discovery.
23. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for Jim and Kathy Yoder and the students from EMU who are exploring and learning about the Navajo Nation on cross-cultural this summer.
24. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for the seven Bethel College students who have summer research grants as they conduct studies, gather data and begin to organize their findings.

25. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for continued discernment as Hesston College prepares its plan for safely reopening campus in the fall.
26. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We continue to pray for our new families, our returning families, and those families that are still searching and considering joining our community. May they all have a time of rejuvenation this summer!
27. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** EMS will welcome new teachers for health & PE, mathematics, social studies, and Bible. Pray for the people who will fill those positions as they prepare to join the community.
28. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our adult students who will begin their classes next week. May they discover new avenues of growth personally, professionally and spiritually and use their talents and gifts to benefit their communities.
29. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Please join us in a prayer of celebration for a successful year! We adjusted to the guidelines presented and were able to meet mask-to-mask for the entire year. While we did have a few cases, those people all fully recovered and did not impact the greater school body.
30. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for educators at Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College as they host summer workshops and activities.
31. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please pray for the Class of 2020 as they leave Central and begin new adventures; for families considering a Central Christian education for their children; for the new CCS Board of Trustees as they begin their important work; for the workers in the renovation process, for safety and efficacy; for a safe return of important and cherished school traditions and events in the fall.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. These prayer requests were gathered from across all levels of Mennonite education, from early childhood programs through grade 12 schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools and seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries' seminary and Bible institute. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education. Thank you for joining us in prayer for the schools. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org. Phone: 574-343-1310 • Toll-free: 1-866-866-2872 • www.MennoniteEducation.org