



Prayers for Mennonite Education

November 2021

Daily prayers for November 1 – 30, 2021

1. **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:**
Pray that faith in Jesus may be radiated at intergenerational family gatherings from All Soul's Day (November 2) to Thanksgiving and beyond. May teachers and caregivers listen for memories children share of family activities centered on God. Such experiences prepare us all to comprehend life in the home to come; the family in this world and the next!

2. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the continued safety of Hesston College faculty, staff and students as they travel for work and play in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please remember our faculty and staff, and pray for strength and stamina.

3. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for the Hillcrest Academy first-year music instructors as they prepare to lead our choir and band ensembles in the upcoming fall music concert.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA: Hinkletown Mennonite School welcomes pastors from the local churches today, November 3. Pray that the pastors and churches connected to the HMS community will be encouraged, and the partnership between churches, HMS, and families will be strengthened as we nurture students in faith and Christian discipleship.

4. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our Bluffton University student actors, directors and stage managers as they share the fall play "Failure: A Love Story" Nov. 4-7. Pray for their continued creativity in developing ways to present and share their love of live theatre.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:

Remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite High performance, *Scapino*. Pray that everyone, actors and those behind the scenes, will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.

5. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:**
Though the biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium had to be postponed until 2022, give thanks that the "Voices Together" art exhibit continues as scheduled, and Jan Kraybill gives two presentations on "music in community" at Bethel College today, November 5.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We pray for our teacher-leaders who will be presenting during our November 5th in-service. May the time together bear fruit as we take the knowledge shared and put it into practice.

6. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College student musicians as they hold concerts and recitals this month.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy fall dramatic comedy production. Pray for creativity, confidence, and endurance.
7. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for congregations, conferences and regional churches that partner with AMBS to make theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church! AMBS offers grants of up to \$2,000 per academic year to match their contributions toward a graduate student's tuition costs.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Pray for Dock fall athletes and fall sports playoffs.
8. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University's campus community as we enter the next phase of our five-year strategic plan with attention on academic success, wellbeing, emotional intelligence, social justice and advocacy.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: LM has a Fall Open House scheduled tomorrow, November 9. Please be in prayer for prospective families who attend and for administration and admissions staff as they answer questions and encourage families to consider LM.
9. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Praise God for the musical gifts of Shirley Sprunger King as – after several postponements due to COVID – she gives an organ concert at Bethel College this evening, November 9.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Give thanks for our new students and families, and pray that we will onboard them effectively.
10. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for participants in AMBS's new Retirement Integrity Circles program, in which a cohort of retired pastors meets monthly with a consultant to explore questions of spirituality, calling, wellbeing and more in this season of life.

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for our Bluffton University choir, ensemble and band students as they share the joy of music through several performances this month and next. Watch over the health and safety of our community members as well as they practice for the 126th Messiah performance.
11. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We pray for meaningful Parent-Teacher Conferences on Nov. 11 and 12. May the face-to-face gatherings, as well as the virtual meetings, be a time where we can partner with our families.
12. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for directors, cast & crew of Dock's high school Fall musical, *Tuck Everlasting*.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for Goshen College theater students and faculty as they produce and perform the fall Mainstage.
13. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for EMU's board of trustees chair, Manuel Nuñez, as he leads the 23-member board. Pray for wisdom and faith during their meetings this weekend.
14. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for the audience viewing the film *A Home Called Nebraska* in the KIPCOR Film Series at Bethel College, and for the discussion that follows on compassion and care for strangers and refugees.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Please remember the Lezha Academic Center students who are participating in the National Math Competition.

15. **The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** We pray for the health of our TCS community and for protection from the pandemic.
16. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for AMBS's commitment to care for God's creation, and pray for the seminary's ongoing efforts to strengthen the ways it is expressed in AMBS's culture, academic offerings, spiritual life, campus facilities/grounds and institutional relationships.
- Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for Dock EC8 (early childhood – grade 8) parents & teachers as they meet in conferences and other settings to partner together in supporting our learners.
17. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for families and students in the Goshen, Ind., area as they consider the possibility of Christian education and take the opportunity to visit the school.
- Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for students at Bluffton University as they progress toward finals next month. Pray for their minds and hearts to grow as they finish the semester as well as for their continued health and safety when they return home for Thanksgiving.
18. **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** We are excited for the beginning of winter basketball season! Prayer for an enjoyable and healthy season for our coaches and students.
19. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray that Bethany Christian High School's cast of *The Women of Lockerbie* will be granted health and the ability to perform their best after many weeks of practice.
20. **The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** We pray for the scourge of gun violence in our city and for the many impacted by it.
21. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray for continued energy, enthusiasm and good health for faculty, staff and students at Lancaster Mennonite School as they enter the excitement of the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** As we prepare for our Thanksgiving Break, we give thanks to God for the multiple blessings that we have received this school year.
22. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** At EMU we are grateful for the ability to praise God through music in concerts, hymn sings, and worship. Many students, faculty and staff are involved in music events this month.
- Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday far away from their families.
23. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Thank God for the generosity and hospitality of Bethel College host families who give students far from home a place of welcome over the Thanksgiving holidays.
24. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for our 7-member counseling services staff as they provide support for students who struggle with mental health issues in this challenging time of year.
- Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** This year's theme is "CommUNITY: Rooted in Jesus." As we forge a path together based on Romans 15:5-6, pray that the Hillcrest Academy community of students and staff embraces what it means to love one another and be of one mind and one voice to the glory of God.

25. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Please pray for students, parents, teachers, and friends of LAC as they come together to celebrate Thanksgiving and Albanian Independence Day.
26. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for Dock high school students as they lead a new format of chapels that meet in small groups.
- The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** We give thanks for the generous spirits surrounding TCS, and we pray over our development goal of \$1.25M.
27. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** "Faith at Work" is the theme for K-12 chapel and gathering time this year at Eastern Mennonite School. Thank God for guest speakers who bring varied stories that generate conversation, questions, and faith formation.
- Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Give thanks for the Moms in Prayer groups that meet faithfully every week to pray for Lancaster Mennonite School.
28. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for a new issue of Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology on "Reading the Bible as if our lives depend on it" — in honor of AMBS Professor Emerita Mary Schertz. May readers gain practices of reading Scripture that help them encounter God in new ways.
29. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students who are returning from Study-Service Term in Ecuador.
30. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College's human resources department as they work to hire faculty and staff that will grow the mission and vision of the college.

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' Anabaptist seminary and Bible institute. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education.

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