



The education agency of
Mennonite Church USA

Daily prayer requests for April 2022

April 1 – 30, 2022

1. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Fall semester registration begins this week. Please pray for Bluffton University students as they continue their studies and advance to the next chapter of their lives.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:

Please pray for a meaningful Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) regional choir festival for those participating from Dock, Lancaster Mennonite School, and Shalom Christian Academy. The public performance is tonight at 7pm at Dock's Early Childhood – grade 8 campus.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Please pray for the Lancaster Mennonite School community as we hold spring celebrations at the New Danville (Apr. 1) and Locust Grove (Apr. 22) campuses. Each will include an auction, chicken barbecue, music and a walkthrough of the campus. These events will celebrate and honor the history of the two campuses as all Lancaster Mennonite will unify into the Lancaster campus for the 2022-23 school year.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray for Tia Gaines, wife of Head of School Joel Gaines, as she recovers from major surgery. Also pray for Joel as he cares for her.

2. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Pray** for the Bethel College Board of Directors during their spring meetings, especially new members Sandee Zerger and Eric Rhoades.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for everyone involved in the Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) regional choral festival hosted on our campus. We welcome the opportunity to have Central Christian School and Freeman Academy join us for a weekend of worship and fellowship.

MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA – Anabaptist Bible Institute): Pray for Marco Güete, Director of IBA who will be leading the workshop: "Daniel of the Bible" today, April 2, at the IBA study center in Harrisonburg, VA. Pray for safe travel for Marco and for God's wisdom and energy upon him as he teaches this weekend. Pray for the students as they participate in this workshop. May this be a source of personal learning and of many blessings for their respective congregations and communities.

3. **Bluffton (OH) University:** This week, Bluffton celebrates and lives out our Civic Engagement theme: Cultivating Modern Minimalism: Planet, People and Popular Culture. Pray for our campus community as we delve into the complexities of living in harmony with our planet, ourselves and our communities.

MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA – Anabaptist Bible Institute): Pray for the five IBA students who will be graduating today at the Harrisonburg, VA, Study Center. May they continue to be a blessing for their respective congregations and communities, and may they be an inspiration to others to serve the church.

4. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** During this spring break week, give thanks for the rhythms of work and rest in our lives. Pray that seminary students and faculty would be refreshed and energized to return to their shared biblical and theological work.

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:

Please pray for our students as they finish up the third academic quarter.

5. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray as we take spring break that students and staff will have restful and fun-filled break.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as we enter the final marking period of this school year.

6. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for AMBS's theological library and pray for Karl Stutzman, MLS, Director of Library Services; Brandon Board, MLIS, Information Services and Online Learning Librarian; and student assistants as they support the scholarship of students and faculty with both print and electronic resources.

Hesston (KS) College: Please pray for the people in Ukraine. Pray for an inbreaking of peace and justice in that country and wherever else violence erupts in the world.

7. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for the health and safety of all our spring student athletes, their coaches, and fans. As we compete in soccer, track & field, and golf, may we be an example of grace and sportsmanship to the community around us.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA: Today we celebrate and give thanks for the joy of grandparents in our lives.

8. **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** Please pray for our middle school field trips, for safe travel, for relationship building, and for the joy of being together outside of school.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: Please pray for peace of mind and nerves for our secondary students as they perform in our spring production April 8 and 9.

9. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for Eastern Mennonite School where the community is adjusting to changes in covid-mitigation protocol and mask use is optional now. Pray for respect between people with varying opinions and courtesy with each other.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Superintendent Search Committee at Lancaster Mennonite School as they begin the process of finding a superintendent to lead the school. Pray also that the person God is calling will find peace as they answer the call with anticipation and excitement as they consider the new opportunities ahead.

10. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Thank God for the gifts of Karen Robu, director of theater at Bethel College, who presents her doctoral play, *Suffering Church*, on campus tomorrow evening.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network:

Knowing that Jesus loves to hear children's songs of praise (Mt. 21:16), pray that God will enable teachers and other adults to help children acquire familiarity with music that expresses their love for Jesus. May they draw on that repertoire to blend spontaneous praise with everyday living wherever and whenever they are reminded of Jesus.

11. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Pray for Bluffton's music students, faculty, staff, and community members as they present the Masterworks Spring Choral Concert featuring Handel's "Messiah" parts 2 and 3.
- Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for our Future Farmers of America (FFA) students as they travel to the FFA Convention today. May they have traveling mercy and may the trip be both meaningful and fruitful.
12. **Goshen (IN) College:** Today, April 12, is Connect Goshen Day at Goshen College. We give thanks for the generosity of donors that helps students achieve a college education.
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** We are thankful to God that we can still gather to worship. We pray that people will be open to hear God's Word.
13. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray that tonight's prospective family night would be well attended and that families and their students would choose to be a part of our school community.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We continue to be blessed by all the families that have chosen to become members of our family through enrollment, by partnering in prayer, and by their financial gifts.
14. **Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Please pray for our students who have family in Ukraine.
- Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please pray for the Board of Trustees and their search for a new superintendent.
15. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray that students would come to a richer faith in Jesus through the Easter season and return from Easter break renewed for the final weeks of school.
- Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College senior artists and musicians as they display their hard work through exhibits and recitals.
16. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for the Bethel College Concert Choir and William Eash, director, who retires at the end of this school year, as they prepare for their Europe tour in May.
- The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for the health and stamina for our teachers and students for the remainder of the school year.
17. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite students, faculty, and staff can relax and enjoy the Easter break as they celebrate Christ's resurrection. Pray that they return renewed and ready to finish strong for this academic year.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We rejoice in the life our Risen Lord has given us all!
18. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton students as they travel home for the Easter holiday and hold in your hearts our international students, out-of-state students, and others who are unable to celebrate with their families.
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Please pray for the Roma people in our community. Pray that they will see and experience God's love and care as they live their lives while learning to read and write.
19. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please pray for new families exploring the possibility of joining the Central community.
- Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College students traveling abroad in Thailand and across Europe. Pray for safe travels and richly rewarding encounters.

20. **Kraybill Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Please pray for our Spring Elementary Program tomorrow as we celebrate the gift of music in our school.
21. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, IN:** AMBS board members are meeting April 21–23. May God’s Spirit guide their conversations and bless them with wisdom and clarity as they give direction to the seminary’s ongoing work.
- The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for strategic planning and new initiatives for the new 3-5 years.
22. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College nursing graduates as they prepare to enter the healthcare workforce.
23. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, IN:** Pray for participants in AMBS’s online short course, Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication, led by Betty Pries April 20 – May 31. May they be empowered to help congregations courageously engage their differences in ways that glorify God and bring healing and hope.
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray that Christian teachers will be able to show the love of God to Afghan refugees as they build relationships and help to meet their needs.
24. **Bluffton (OH) University:** This is the last week of regular classes before spring semester finals and Commencement. Please pray for Bluffton University students as they finish the semester, and especially pray for our graduates as they reach a new chapter in their lives.
- The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for enrollment at our Upper Campus.
25. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for David Long, Bethel College professor of visual art and design, as he gives the Ralph P. Schrag Distinguished Teaching honors presentation this morning.
- Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Please pray for safety and open hearts as our high school students participate in a week-long Service Learning Trip this week.
26. **Goshen (IN) College:** As Goshen College students tackle their final exams this week, pray for strength, focus, and energy for them.
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Please pray for wisdom and strength for all teachers and administrators in these changed and difficult times of teaching.
27. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Join us in giving thanks for the many businesses and individuals who supported our annual auction.
- Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Please pray that the gifts, passions, and relationships would grow as students and staff work toward their performance of the High School Spring play, *You Can’t Take it With You*, April 28-30.
28. **Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Hinkletown Mennonite School Senior Capstone Presentations are being held today, April 28. Six graduating students will share their reflections on their education, their spiritual growth, and their vocational and life goals as they enter the next season of their lives. Pray that these students will live and learn God’s purposes for them as they move into this transition in their lives.

29. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the School of Engineering as it recruits its first-ever cohort of juniors to pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering at Hesston College.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please continue to hold in prayer the city of Philadelphia. Pray for God's shalom to be made evident.

30. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Please pray for the EMU community – students, teachers, staff, and administrators. May they find energy for the final days of the semester.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for all Goshen College seniors who graduate this weekend, as they go forth into the world to make a difference and begin a new chapter in their lives.

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These prayer requests were gathered from across all levels of Mennonite education, from early childhood programs through grade 12 schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, 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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