



**Mennonite
Education
Agency**

The education agency of
Mennonite Church USA

Daily Prayers

December 2022

Thursday, December 1

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for Bluffton's winter athletes competing in basketball, indoor track and field swimming, and diving. May they be safe and healthy while strengthening their teamwork and leadership skills.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We welcome the start of the Christmas season as we sing our praises to our Newborn King! Prayers for our K-5 students as they proclaim Jesus' birth in our elementary concert.

Friday, December 2

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH: Please pray for a successful stormwater drainage, retention, and paving project that will begin in early December.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Please pray for the musicians and their families as the Dock Early Childhood – Grade 8 Campus holds their annual Benefit Concert.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that God will help adults engage young children in the joy, hope, peace, and wonder of God's extravagant love, as together they share with others the gift of music, freshly baked cookies, personal artwork, an original story with a warm hug this Christmas season.

Saturday, December 3

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH: Please pray for our second-ever "Christmas in the Woods" concert today, for our guests, singers, and musicians, and for great weather.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Pray for the Middle School Service Learning group at Dock as they participate in the local Christmas Parade and spread the word.

Sunday, December 4

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for Bluffton students as they complete their last week of regular classes for the fall semester, begin finals and return home for Christmas. May their minds be sharp and their travels safe.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA: Please pray that our Christmas events at various times throughout the month will be encouraging for those who participate and a good reflection of Christmas.

Monday, December 5

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA): Pray for the tutors of MEA's Anabaptist Bible Institute (*Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* – IBA). May God continue to grant them wisdom, patience, and energy as they teach the classes and give their time for this ministry. We are grateful for their service. Pray for the coming year and may they continue to be essential instruments for IBA and the Hispanic church as we build God's kingdom.

Tuesday, December 6

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt. Joy, PA: Please pray for our staff and families to experience God's hope, love, joy, and peace during the Advent season.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

ON: Our community is grateful for a fall that has allowed us to return to in-person events and we pray for endurance and strength as we continue our busy school schedule. This fall has also been challenging for some faculty and staff as they cope with the loss of loved ones, and we ask for prayer for their families as they celebrate the lives of those lost. As our school prepares for tonight's first in-person Christmas Concert since 2019, we pray for our students and music teachers who are working hard to celebrate the birth of Christ through song.

Wednesday, December 7

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt. Joy, PA:

Tomorrow is the All-School Christmas Music Program when students will share the gift of music with our school community as we celebrate the birth and life of our Savior!

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray that more families in Philadelphia will engage The City School as a great option for their children to receive quality Christian education.

Thursday, December 8

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Pray for the Early Childhood Program at Dock as they invite the parents and grandparents in tomorrow to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: Join in prayer as we celebrate with our secondary students their expression of welcoming the Baby Jesus. May the music shared be honoring to the Prince of Peace!

Friday, December 9

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Semester One courses end today at AMBS. Give thanks along with students and faculty members for the learning, personal and spiritual growth, and community building that have taken place in these online, hybrid, and campus courses.

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN: Pray that Bethany students will be granted health and the ability to perform their best after the many weeks of practice for our all-school Christmas Gala, "Hope in the Wind."

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:

Eastern Mennonite Elementary students will share their Christmas program with students in grades 6-12 during Chapel today. Thank God for a learning community that encourages and supports one another, and older students who mentor younger students.

Saturday, December 10

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for the students, faculty, staff, and community members who are coming together tomorrow to perform "Messiah" at Bluffton University. May those in attendance witness the love of God through the beautiful scripture, lyrics, and music performed at this annual event.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Please join us in praying for healing for families in our community who have experienced loss or are facing medical challenges.

Sunday, December 11

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Please pray for Dock High School students as they travel to Washington DC December 11 – 13 on their Social Issues trip.

Monday, December 12

Freeman (SD) Academy: Please pray for our school's leaders as we discern staffing needs and fill positions.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts this week. Please pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm, and that students, faculty, and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.

Tuesday, December 13

Hinkletown Mennonite School: Join us in giving thanks for the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA: Please pray that Shalom faculty, staff, and students will find meaningful opportunities to serve at Christmas.

Wednesday, December 14

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH: Our high school and middle school students will be completing their second quarter with midterms or final exams tomorrow. We pray for their endurance and clarity of mind as they finish their exams and projects.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA: Pray for teachers as they meet the demands of lesson planning, engage students in the learning process, and assess students to see how much they have grown.

Thursday, December 15

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Please pray for high school students as they perform in the Dock High School Christmas Concert.

Friday, December 16

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray that our relationships with our neighbors will make a gospel impact in the city of Philadelphia.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Pray for God's hand in leading our leadership teams to face the challenges before us.

Saturday, December 17

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for wisdom and clarity as the operating board and administration lead the school forward; and pray for the faculty, that they will feel confident and have a sense of unity and support.

Sunday, December 18

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA: Please pray for our campus community, for a spirit of open hearts as we enter the Advent season.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Please pray for faculty and staff as they nurture our children and shape their hearts and minds

Monday, December 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Give thanks for the Fall 2022 issue of Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology on "Spirituality and Aging" and the October 2022 Anabaptist Witness issue on "Mission and Health." May God's Spirit work through these publications to foster healing and growth both within and beyond the church.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: We are thankful for our alumni and how they continue to support our school and be part of our community through events like Alumni Night (December 20) and Midnight Madness (Christmas Night).

Tuesday, December 20

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: As we enter into our Christmas break, we pray for safe travels, for rest and relaxation, and for the celebration of the birth of our Savior.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray for our teachers, for their spiritual, mental, and physical health.

Wednesday, December 21

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Please pray for 4th grade students at Dock as they perform their annual musical, and for the Elementary band and orchestra members as they share their musical gifts.

Mennonite Education Agency: In this season that emphasizes great joy, may we remember to make space for those who are grieving. Please pray for those who mark the Longest Night, that they will feel God's love and comfort.

Thursday, December 22

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN: Pray that the faculty, staff, and students have a restful and peaceful Christmas break.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:

Please pray for safety for those traveling over Christmas break.

Friday, December 23

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Please pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty, and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also, please pray that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.

Saturday, December 24

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: As we are told in Jeremiah 29:7, we work and pray for Shalom for the city of Philadelphia – overall and comprehensively!

Sunday, December 25

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all people!" Luke 2:14

Monday, December 26

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Please pray for AMBS's Development Team members as they connect with people to support AMBS's mission of educating and preparing Christian leaders. Give thanks for donors who generously respond to this call.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for our student athletes playing basketball. During the winter season, as they practice, compete, and travel, pray for the health and safety of our teams and coaches, for spectators coming onto our campus, and for our fans; that all will be well.

Tuesday, December 27

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA): The Hispanic Ministries continuing education course in pastoral care, "Faith Community Therapists," has been in great demand and will be offered again in February 2023. Please pray that God will grant wisdom to professors Oscar Dominguez from Mexico and Manuel García from Colombia. Also pray for the students, that they will apply what they have learned in their communities. This course is offered by the Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (*Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano* – SeBAH) of MEA.

Wednesday, December 28

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt. Joy, PA: Please pray for our leadership team as they discern God's leading for the upcoming school year.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our new leadership team as we work to further God's kingdom.

Thursday, December 29

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Please remember the students and coaches involved in the winter sports teams at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for good health and safety as they compete and give them the courage to treat teammates and opponents alike with respect and dignity.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Join us in praying that the churches in the city will engage with the ministry of our school.

Friday, December 30

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: The Pastors & Leaders 2023 gathering — "Reimagining Ministry" — will explore how participants think about their ministry in this time of collective trauma, and give ideas and practices to nurture resilience, compassion, and hope by learning from Jesus' ministry. Please pray that God's Spirit would guide preparations for this Feb. 13–16 event.

Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi Village, AZ: Please pray for the Hopi people and for the students, faculty, staff, and volunteers at Peace Academic Center.

Saturday, December 31

Lezha (Albania) Academy Center: Please pray that God will call the right people to fill key positions at the school.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Join us in prayers of thanksgiving for students who have come to know the Lord through our school!

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, primary and secondary schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries' Anabaptist Seminary (SeBAH) and Bible Institute (IBA). 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 or 574-343-1310. www.MennoniteEducation.org