



**Mennonite
Education
Agency**

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Daily Prayers

October 1-31, 2022

Saturday, October 1

Freeman (SD) Academy: We have several non-teaching staff positions that need to be filled. Please pray that God will send the right people to serve.

Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, AZ:

Please pray for the students and staff at Peace Academic Center. Pray, too, for additional long-term volunteers, that their hearts would be touched and they would hear the call to serve.

Sunday, October 2

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:

It's "MCC week" at Eastern Mennonite School where students learn about the organization, collect coins for Ukraine relief, and knit comforters. Many then participate in the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:

1 Chronicles 16:34 says, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; the LORD's steadfast love endures forever!" We are thankful for the positive start to the new school year as students build new friendships and deepen their relationship with the Lord.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: We give thanks for a healthy and safe start to the school year.

Monday, October 3

Bluffton (OH) University: This week, students who went on cross-cultural experiences over the summer months will share during Forum. Pray for the health and safety of all Bluffton students during their cross-cultural experiences and that the experience helps them develop an ethic of justice, service and peacemaking.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We are thankful for our excellent teachers, for the dedication and time they give to our students. We ask for prayers today as they process information during our fall inservice.

Tuesday, October 4

Goshen (IN) College: As Fall Break takes students and faculty into a brief respite, join us in sending prayers for peace and wellness and finding spaces of rest and nourishment.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

ON: This year, our chapel theme is *Compassion: drawing the circle wide*. Rockway students, faculty and staff are looking forward to our annual Spiritual Emphasis Week, Oct .4-6, which will be taking a deeper look at our chapel theme. Our guest speaker, Sara Erb, Faith Formation Pastor at Steinmann Mennonite Church, is preparing a 3-part chapel series called "Very Good" and other *Compassionate Truths* for our students and leading an evening session for our parents.

Wednesday, October 5

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:

Today is the Dock Middle School family lunch. Pray for health and safety as families return to campus for larger group events.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:

Join in prayer today as current chapter members and alumni gather to reflect on 100 years of Y-Serve and the Young People's Christian Association (YPCA). The chapel service will be streamed on EMU's Facebook Live page.

Thursday, October 6

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:

Tonight is Dock Early Childhood – Grade 8 Family Fun Night. Pray for each family and the teachers as well as they fellowship together and enjoy the fall weather the Lord has placed before us.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 6 and 7 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.

Friday, October 7

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:

Pray for safe travels and rich connections as alumni and the EMU community gather for EMU's Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:

Please pray for Hinklefest, October 7-8, which is a major auction fundraiser for the school. We are excited to build community as we raise needed dollars to operate the HMS.

Saturday, October 8

Hesston (KS) College: Please pray for the Hesston College facilities team, as several long-tenured employees retire and new employees are welcomed in.

UMEI High School, Leamington, ON: Today is Homecoming at UMEI. After several years of our alumni not being able to gather, please pray that the event would be great!

Sunday, October 9

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Join Bethel College in giving thanks for Jalane Schmidt and William "Bill" Schmidt, receiving the Outstanding Alumnus and Distinguished Achievement awards, respectively, this evening, and for Young Alumnus awardee Ashley Klein, who speaks in convocation tomorrow.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: On this Pastor Appreciation Day, thank God for clergy who find ways to support families with young children. Pray that adults will offer opportunities for young children to learn to know pastors as friends, perhaps inviting them for classroom visits.

Monday, October 10

Goshen (IN) College: Today, the Goshen College community celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day, exploring our past, present, and future together on this good earth.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Give thanks for all the administrative assistants, maintenance, custodial, and food service staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they continue to spend many hours working to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty and staff.

Tuesday, October 11

Bluffton (OH) University: This week first-year students at Bluffton head to the Great Smoky Mountains for the Great Adventure. Please pray for them as they contemplate the big questions in life such as "Who am I?" and "What values do I live by?"

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN: Pray for Bethany Christian Schools parents and teachers meeting in conferences (Oct. 11-12) as they together work at the task of educating youth and nurturing them in faith.

Wednesday, October 12

Freeman (SD) Academy: Please pray for the leadership of Freeman Academy as they focus on organizational health and build a more robust development program..

MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Bible Institute): Pray for the new IBA students of the virtual Study Center from Miami, FL, Newton, KS, and Philadelphia, PA, who are taking the course, "Peace and Justice in Jesus' Teachings." Pray for the tutors: Teresa Perez-Soto, Andres Mendoza, and Josue Gonzalez. May God give them wisdom and guidance as they lead the weekly meetings. Pray that the course help them grow spiritually and encourage them to continue to learn more about God's word and be God's instruments to spread and expand God's kingdom.

MEA's Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH – Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary)

Seminary): Pray for the students and instructors of the six-week continuing education course, "Faith Community Therapists," that begins September 17. This is an online course with participants from the USA and other countries.

Thursday, October 13

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Pray for God's power and presence with Dr. Fania Davis, who will give the Peace Lecture this evening for the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College in its 50th season of lectures.

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH: Please pray that the lessons from last month's Spiritual Emphasis Week will persist in our minds and hearts.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:

Please pray for important collaboration with families during parent-teacher conferences October 13-14.

Friday, October 14

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:

It's homecoming time at Eastern Mennonite School. Thank God for long-term friendships and new memories made as participants enjoy athletic events, meals, worship, and a concert.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for our Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend along with all the activities associated with it (The Steel Wheels concert, Joetown Classic 5K, Pork Supper).

Saturday, October 15

Diamond Street Early Childhood Center,

Akron, PA: Fall Fest is today. Please pray for a safe and successful event.

Goshen (IN) College: Pray for Goshen College students as they enjoy a much-needed fall break.

Sunday, October 16

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Pray for Brad Gregory of the University of Notre Dame as he gives Bethel's annual Menno Simons Lectures on campus.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that adults may use today, World Food Day, as an impetus to involve children in eating mindfully. REPURPOSE food waste at our tables. REDUCE candy consumption with harvest treats especially at Halloween time. REVITALIZE those who are food insecure by sharing our abundance. RECOVER God's vision of a just and compassionate society.

Monday, October 17

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: This is Dock Spiritual Life Emphasis Week. Pray that students would seek after the Lord and hear God's voice.

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray that our chapel services will be powerful and impactful experiences.

Tuesday, October 18

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for Bluffton's sophomore students who are beginning their field experiences for their Learning in Community class. The goal of this class is to help students find ways to make a difference in their communities, no matter their major.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Today and October 20 are Dock Early Childhood – Grade 8 Parent Teacher Conferences. Pray for listening ears for both parents and teachers that they will hear what the other is sharing.

Wednesday, October 19

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN: Please pray for the board of Bethany Christian Schools as they provide vision and oversight for the school.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA: Today is Dock Early Childhood – Grade 8 Pastors Day. Pray as we open our doors and invite in all the pastors of each of the students to our EC8 campus that together we can grow in our Christian faith.

Thursday, October 20

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA: As Fall Break takes students and faculty into a brief respite, join us in sending prayers for peace and wellness and finding spaces of rest and nourishment.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA: Please prayer for the annual Kraybill Race for Education, that it will be a meaningful and successful event.

Friday, October 21

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Please pray for AMBS board members as they meet Oct. 20–22 — that God's Spirit would guide their conversations and bless them with wisdom and clarity as they give direction to the ongoing work of the seminary.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA: Pray for guidance as we launch the planning phase of the Middle School Project in preparation for welcoming the first 6th grade class for the 2023-24 school year.

Saturday, October 22

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray over our efforts to seek unity and collaboration with other Christian schools.

Warwick River Christian Preschool & Learning Center:

We request prayers for several of our families who are going through difficult times. Please pray for these young parents with young children, who are dealing with separations, divorces, and financial hardships.

Sunday, October 23

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, IN: Please pray for AMBS's Teaching Faculty members, who prepare their students for leadership in the church and world not only by challenging them academically but also by tending to their personal and spiritual formation as followers of Jesus and beloved children of God.

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Pray for the staff of Kauffman Museum at Bethel College as they host oral historian Ina Navazelskis from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial in a special afternoon program, followed by one of the museum's annual major fundraising events.

Monday, October 24

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH: Please pray for our eleven international students, for care and endurance as they continue to acclimate and grow in our school community.

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Please pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the WCS community on a successful start to the 2022-2023 school year.

Tuesday, October 25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, IN: Give thanks for **Invite AMBS**, a program in which AMBS faculty members interact with congregations and organizations on topics such as nonviolent communication, women in the Bible, confessional Bible study, Anabaptism today, anti-racist and intercultural pastoral care, and more.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We ask for prayers of thanksgiving for our volunteer Board members who faithfully serve our school community.

Wednesday, October 26

Bluffton (OH) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's music and theatre students as they begin performing fall concerts and prepare for the fall play, Nov. 10-13.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:

Today is the Dock Race for Education. Pray for this community building event. Pray for safety for both the students who will be participating in the event and for family members who come to cheer the students on or participate with their students.

Thursday, October 27

Hesston (KS) College: Please pray for the Hesston College ministry team as they debut **Formation**, a new way to worship and learn together.

Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School: Remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite performance of *The House at Pooh Corner*, October 27-30. Pray that everyone – actors and those behind the scenes, will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.

Friday, October 28

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN: Pray for the senior class as they plan and carryout the semiannual fish fry to raise funds for their class trip. They will be going back to the traditional eat-in fish fry.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We pray for our students who have completed their first quarter of the 2022-23 school year. We ask for God's continued blessing on them as they navigate the classrooms and hallways.

Saturday, October 29

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN: Give thanks for our new employees and for how God has prepared them for their new roles: Orion Blaha (Assistant Director of Maintenance), Kajsa Herrstrom (Resource Access Librarian), and Paul Keim (Student Services Coordinator).

The City School, Philadelphia, PA: Please pray for our new teachers, that they will feel welcome and included in The City School community.

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.

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Sunday, October 30

Western Christian School, Salem, OR: Please pray for our faculty, staff, students, and parents as we work together to prepare our students to be ambassadors of Jesus in our community and around the world.

Quakertown (PA) Christian School: We give thanks for our support personnel who give of themselves every day as they support our ministry.

Monday, October 31

Bethel College, North Newton, KS: Thank God for Kristopher Hilding and the Bethel College Chamber Orchestra, giving their "Halloween concert" this evening on campus.