



**Menonite  
Education  
Agency**

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## Daily Prayers

September 1-30, 2022

### Thursday, September 1

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as Bluffton University's fall 2022 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and better the world together.

#### **Menonite Early Childhood Network:**

September is Intergenerational Awareness Month. Please pray that early childhood educators will include contacts with older adults in their programs for young children. For ideas, refer to "Explore It: A Note from Tami" in the August faith practice found at [www.BuildingFaithFamily.com](http://www.BuildingFaithFamily.com).

#### **Western Christian School, Salem, OR:**

Please pray for our staff and their preparations to meet and serve their students.

### Friday, September 2

**MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Bible Institute):** Please pray for the IBA tutors' annual retreat, who will be gathering at Hesston (KS) College September 2 – 4 for training. May this be a time of learning, fellowship, sharing, building relationships and full of many blessings. Also, pray for safe travel for both the tutors and staff.

### Saturday, September 3

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College's new coaches as they prepare their teams for competitive play.

#### **MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA - Anabaptist Bible Institute) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH - Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary):**

Pray for the three IBA students and seven SeBAH students who will be graduating today, September 3, during the IBA tutors retreat in Hesston, KS. May they continue to be a blessing for the Hispanic Menonite Church through their respective leadership roles and be an inspiration for others to follow and serve the church.

### Sunday, September 4

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University's student-athletes as we roll out our Virtue-Driven Athletics program and athletic competition begins.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for our teaching staff. We still have several positions to fill. Please pray for the mental and spiritual health of our returning and new staff.

### Monday, September 5

**Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for first-year students at Bethel College as they adapt to making new friends, creating new routines, meeting academic challenges, and learning to live away from home.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for ALL our Dock Early Childhood through 12th grade students as they start a new school year

### Tuesday, September 6

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Everyone at Lancaster Mennonite School is settling into the new school year as a PreK-12 unified campus. Pray that this will be a year of growth and learning for students and that faculty will have the wisdom, strength, calmness, and patience that allows them to show Christ's love to their students as they teach and guide them.

**West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, PA:** Please pray that God continues to send staff and families our way! (We are still in need of a middle school science teacher.) We are growing, and it is WONDERFUL! Please pray that we will trust God each step of the way with the decisions that growth presents. GOD IS GOOD all the time! We are filled with excitement and praise!

### Wednesday, September 7

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, ON:** Rockway is excited about the new Administrative Team members that came on board this summer! We have hired a new Director of Advancement, a Director of Finance and Human Resources, and a new Vice-Principal. We appreciate prayers of support for our onboarding process as well as preparation for a new school year.

### Thursday, September 8

**Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** We have 66 new students (32 new families) and 11 new teachers! Please pray for their quick inclusion into the CCS community.

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** Please pray for the collective Kraybill Mennonite School community as we gather with parents and caregivers today to celebrate the opportunities a new school year brings.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We welcome our Elementary families to our Back to School Night. Please pray for an evening full of energy and excitement over what the new year will bring.

### Friday, September 9

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Please pray for participants in [Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program](#) as they gather with program leaders, mentors and peers for a weekend of worship, learning and community-building.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for the health and safety of Hillcrest Academy fall student athletes, as they practice, travel, and compete.

### Saturday, September 10

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for Dock high school students as they participate in their Mini-Term experience.

**Western Christian School, Salem, OR:** Please pray that our administration will give prayerful support to our families, students, and staff

## Sunday, September 11

**Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Bethel College will be hosting the Kansas Music Teachers Association meetings Sept. 16 – 17. Pray for Christina Liu, professor of piano pedagogy, as she plans and organizes the event.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Pray for our new employees as God leads them on a new journey here at Dock Mennonite Academy. Also pray for returning employees as they prepare to meet the new students in their classes this year and share Jesus with each of those students and their families.

**Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Pray for new students as they transition and orient themselves to a new school setting. Pray for peace on the first day of school, that students would be resilient and make many new friends quickly.

## Monday, September 12

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** As EMU celebrates Latinx Heritage Month, we pray for resilience and hopefulness for our Latinx community at EMU, in Harrisonburg and beyond. We welcome Vice Mayor Salvador Romero for a Sept. 28 convocation, sharing about his life and work as director of equity and community engagement for the city schools.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for the health and wellbeing of our staff members, several of whom are recovering from surgery.

**Western Christian School, Salem, OR:** Please pray for our families and students who may be struggling in ways we are unaware of.

## Tuesday, September 13

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' students as they form relationships with faculty through a mentoring program, that they will grow in their academic responsibility and spiritual, social, and emotional development.

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our first-year students as they focus on the question "Who am I?" in their first-year seminar class, Becoming a Scholar. May they reflect on the varied paths their futures hold at Bluffton and beyond.

## Wednesday, September 14

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Pray for our middle school retreat, Sept. 14 - 16. This is a good opportunity for students to connect and begin to feel a sense of community.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for the start of the school year, that it will be shalom-filled and will bring a Gospel impact to the city of Philadelphia. Please pray for our strategic partnerships with churches and schools in the city.

## Thursday, September 15

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Please pray for participants in Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible, a six-week online short course, as they reflect on how the texts they are studying together contribute to a robust and biblically based practice of peace and justice today.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Our Middle and High School faculty welcome families for our Secondary Back to School Night. Blessings to the families that have chosen our middle and high school for their children's education.

### Friday, September 16

#### **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:**

Pray specifically for our Dock high school senior students as they participate in Senior Kingdom Living Experience this month and discern their next steps after graduation in 2023.

#### **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:**

Please pray for our seniors as they prepare for a mission trip next month.

### Saturday, September 17

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:**

Give thanks for AMBS's new Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program, which is designed for mid-career pastors and leaders from diverse Christian faith traditions. Please pray for those who will be involved in the program, which will launch in January 2023.

#### **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:**

"Community" is the theme for Chapel (grades 6-12) and Gathering (K-5th) this year at Eastern Mennonite School. More than 15 area pastors have already committed to speak, in addition to other guests. Pray that students will gain appreciation for – and be challenged to actively join – their school, church, and other communities.

### Sunday, September 18

#### **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:**

PRAISE GOD, the first progression of our building renovation is completed! We give thanks and praise to God that it was fully funded by an incredibly generous and supportive community of donors, without any debt!

**Western Christian School, Salem, OR:** Pray for our school board as they work tirelessly to serve God and our community.

### Monday, September 19

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for current and former Hesston College professors and staff as they prepare to teach classes to lifelong learners via [Bluestem U.](https://www.bluestem.edu)

#### **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:**

Please pray that we enjoy a year together practicing compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience with each other and to our wider community and world.

### Tuesday, September 20

#### **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:**

Remember the students and coaches involved in the fall 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.

#### **New Holland (PA) Early Learning Center:**

Please continue to pray for the New Holland Early Learning Center. Along with continuing to be very short on staff, we have had enough Covid cases that we made the decision to close 3 classrooms temporarily last month. Please pray for the health of all our students and staff. Also pray that this loss of tuition will not impact operations.

### Wednesday, September 21

#### **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:**

Pray for safety and positive interactions for Bethel College students, faculty and staff participating in the annual fall Service Day today.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for wisdom and clarity as the Hillcrest Academy administration makes decisions, continuing to uphold the school's mission.

### Thursday, September 22

**Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College athletes, especially tennis, soccer, volleyball, and cross-country teams who begin their seasons this fall.

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College juniors and seniors as they blaze new trails in updated student housing and brand-new baccalaureate-level classes.

### Friday, September 23

**Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Pray for the transportation department and our bus drivers as we begin the new school year. We pray for safety for everyone as many miles are traveled annually and that it would be a meaningful year for our drivers as they build positive student relationships as they serve.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Shalom has several new people in leadership roles this year. Pray for each as they begin the school year.

### Saturday, September 24

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN:** Pray for our Alumni Reunion / our first ever Homecoming event happening today, Sept. 24. We pray it will be a safe and joyful event for Alumni to attend and have a great time of fellowship.

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for our new EMU community members -- students, faculty, and staff -- that they find belonging and support as they settle into and navigate new routines with their classes, internships, workdays, and activities for fall semester 2022. May their fresh spirit breathe new life and rebirth into this new season at EMU.

### Sunday, September 25

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students (in both graduate and Lifelong Learning programs) — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow, and be mentored.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Please pray for increased enrollment at each of our campuses.

### Monday, September 26

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's adult students who are balancing family responsibilities, career obligations and their studies. We pray that advanced education will make a difference in their lives and in the wellbeing of their communities.

**Western Christian School, Salem, OR:** Pray for the transition of new team members and families joining the WCS community

### Tuesday, September 27

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Pray that the Lancaster Mennonite School community will continue to live with and find new ways to celebrate the theme for this year; <sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:12 & 14 (NIV)

**Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College student-athletes and coaches, with a cross-country meet, soccer games and football game on campus today, and tennis teams playing in fall championships.

### Wednesday, September 28

**Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for first-year Goshen College students as they volunteer in the community during Community Engagement Day today.

Please pray for:

- Academia Menonita Betania, Coamo, Puerto Rico
- Colegio Americas Unidas, Cali, Colombia

### Thursday, September 29

Please pray for:

- Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron, PA
- Freeman (SD) Academy
- Lezha (Albania) Academic Center
- Parent and Preschool Center, Lancaster, PA
- Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, AZ
- UMEI High School, Leamington, ON
- Warwick River Christian Preschool & Learning Center, Newport News, VA

### Friday, September 30

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We welcome the start of our Homecoming Weekend with our Annual Chicken BBQ. We pray for good weather and safety for our athletes as they represent our school in their games this weekend.

### Western Christian School, Salem, OR:

Please pray for God's hands on our building projects, that they will be completed safely and in a timely manner, and that roadblocks will fall away.

**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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