



Wednesday, March 1

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pennsylvania: It is rewarding to be a teacher, but it can be busy and stressful at times. Please pray for faculty as they experience the demands of teaching and meet the needs of students.

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Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray for the world's shell-shocked children who are innocent victims of violence and disaster, being deprived of food, clothing, shelter, and education. Pray that we may find ways to reach these suffering children, allowing God's love to penetrate their trauma and bring hope, comfort, and assurance.

Thursday, March 2

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana:

Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' musical cast of Elephant and Piggie's "We're in a Play," that their performance will go well, and the cast and crew remain healthy.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: This month our board is making decisions concerning facility expansion. Pray for discernment and wisdom.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Please pray for the health and well-being of our devoted teachers.

Friday, March 3

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for the Bethel College Concert Choir and director, Dr. Henry Waters, as they depart for their first spring break tour since 2019 (Waters' first with the choir) and concerts in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for all of those involved in Dock's middle school musical, *The Wizard of Oz.* Pray for those in front of the curtain, those behind the scenes, and those traveling to watch the production.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for students and faculty as they reach the midterm point in the semester. Pray they can finish the last quarter of the 2022-23 school year strong, engaging with the content they are learning and growing in the community at Hesston.

Saturday, March 4

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for prospective AMBS graduate students who are applying for scholarships and for administrators who are discerning how to award funds. Give thanks for donors who help make seminary study possible!

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Please pray for administrators as they continue to face staffing and enrollment challenges.

Sunday, March 5

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA), MEA's Hispanic Anabaptist Bible Institute: Pray for the two IBA students who will be graduating today at the Iglesia Menonita Seguidores de Cristo, Sarasota, Florida, Study Center. May they continue to be a blessing for their congregation and community, and an inspiration to others to follow and serve the church.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Please pray for our students during these long days until Spring break. Pray for focus and engagement.

Monday, March 6

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

Today is Kindergarten Discovery Day at Central. Pray that our community will be welcoming to the numerous potential Kindergarten students and their families.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian

School: Please pray for our Strategic Planning Committee as we work on our vision for the students, faculty, and families of QCS.

Tuesday, March 7

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for health and safety for Bethel College's women's softball team and coaches, as the busy spring season gets underway with several tournaments and lots of travel.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University students and staff who are traveling to Eastern Kentucky to volunteer with Mennonite Disaster Services this week and pray for the families they are assisting whose homes were destroyed by flooding.

Wednesday, March 8

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana:

Pray for students at Bethany Christian Schools during the third Interterm of the year and the senior class trip: that they will have safe travels, develop and strengthen their relationships with peers and teachers, and be enriched as they study and serve.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt. Joy,

Pennsylvania: As we complete our second trimester and meet with parents for conferences on March 9-10, please pray for excellent partnerships between school and home, which will provide a strong foundation for student learning and growth. For the first time, our middle school will be participating in student-led conferences. Our prayer is that this will provide impactful opportunities for student reflection on past and future learning.

Thursday, March 9

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Parent-teacher conferences are being held on March 9 and 10 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for parents and faculty as they meet for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Please pray for our drama team as they present our spring production, "Fiddler on the Roof" on March 9 - 11.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian

School: We celebrate the members of our Operating Board. We are grateful for the gifts and talents that they share as they provide leadership for our school.

Friday, March 10

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for good health, strong voices, and warm spirits for our Spring Musical "Quilters" performing March 10-12.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for our women's flag football team as they compete for the first time today in a round-robin tournament at home. Pray for a safe season and that they will come together as a team to learn and grow in this new sport for Hesston and many other colleges.

Saturday, March 11

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University seniors as the end of their final semester approaches including our art and graphic design majors whose work will be highlighted in the Grace Albrecht Gallery through March 25.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

Central Christian's Annual Auction is today. This community event is also an important fundraising endeavor.

Sunday, March 12

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: March 13 - 17 is our March Break and a time for Rockway to shut down and take a break. Please pray for the safety of our students, staff, faculty, and their families as they enjoy their time off together at home or wherever they may travel and that the break allows for rest and rejuvenation for the remainder of the school year.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Please pray for new teachers interested in our school.

Monday, March 13

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks with Bethel College for the gifts and global reach of its distinguished alumni, as Dr. Janine Wedel speaks today out of long experience with and study of Ukraine and Russia.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff during this spring break week. Pray they have a safe week if they are traveling and a week of rest and rejuvenation to finish the last part of the year.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon:

This is Spiritual Renewal Week at Western Christian School. Please pray for our speakers as well as our students that they will be open to learning and growing spiritually.

Tuesday, March 14

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for AMBS's 2,500 + alumni, who are living out their faith and applying their seminary learnings in contexts around the world. Please pray for Alumni Director Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv, as she works to connect alumni to each other and to AMBS resources in creative ways.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our juniors and seniors as they travel to Washington DC over spring break. May they have traveling mercy and may the trip be both meaningful and fruitful.

Wednesday, March 15

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian

School: We welcome our Pastors as they worship with us and spend time in our classrooms. May they feel God's presence during their time here on campus.

Thursday, March 16

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Pray for seniors at Lancaster Mennonite School who will be giving their formal senior presentations on March 16 and 21. These are 20-minute presentations with family, teachers, classmates, and friends from school, work, church, and others who have had a meaningful impact on them. The goal is for students to reflect on their life so far, appreciate those who have nurtured them, and anticipate their future.

Friday, March 17

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mt. Joy,

Pennsylvania: Kraybill will have an open house today, including games for families and food trucks for dinner. Please pray for connection and fun for our current community, as well as opportunities for the families of potential students to feel welcome and enjoy an introduction to our school.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: In these tough economic times, it is easy to join the leprechauns and focus on the pot of gold forgetting the rainbow. Children keep us focused on the importance of the rainbow. Thank God for children who remind us to keep our eyes on the promise of God's presence now and in the future.

Mennonite Education Agency: Please pray for the Board of Directors virtual meeting today.

Saturday, March 18

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray that church leaders across the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological education and formation would connect with AMBS's online distance education offerings.

Sunday, March 19

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: For many, March means the start of something fresh and/or new, and it's no different at a school. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate asks for prayers for their Admin Team as they start planning (e.g., timetabling, scheduling) and making decisions for the new school year.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon:

Please pray for the timely completion of our elementary school remodel project which will provide much-needed classroom space.

Monday, March 20

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week is spring semester's Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Please pray for our speaker Georgia Metz ('13), pastor of Shalom Mennonite Congregation, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and pray as students participate in her message of grace, empathy, and listening with head and heart.

Tuesday, March 21

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our loyal supporters who have included Central Christian School in their estate planning, called "Central Legacy Partners," who will meet for breakfast together today.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for the entire Dock community as we open our doors to all of our families, EC through 12th grade, and participate in Family Service Night. May we make new friends as we learn about the MCC Canning Project and feel the Holy Spirit amongst us.

Wednesday, March 22

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for the administrators, instructors, and consultants who help students deepen their faith and strengthen their theological and biblical understandings through nondegree offerings of AMBS's Church Leadership Center.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for Jonathan Swartz, director of residence life, student accountability, and restorative justice at Eastern Mennonite University, as he joins us on campus to speak at the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series about restorative justice on a college campus and in the wider world. We hope Jon will help us have the language around restorative justice, as well as a clearer idea on what it is and how to use it effectively in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Thursday, March 23

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Thank God for Eastern Mennonite
School counselors Debbie Katz and Gini Trotter,
who offer emotional and social well-being
support to students, and college/career
counselor Jodi Hertzler. Read more in a recent
newsletter at easternmennonite.org/today.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:

Pray for new donors learning about the beautiful work happening in the city.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon:

Our largest fundraiser of the year is coming up in May. Please pray for those preparing for our Benefit Auction, for all those who volunteer their time, and for the success of our auction through the generous donations of our constituents.

Friday, March 24

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Katie Schmidt, a local Bethel College graduate who has stepped in as director of Bethel's spring musical, "tick, tick ... BOOM!" by Jonathan Larson, on the Bethel stage March 24, 25 & 26.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray a blessing over our Dock 2nd grade students and their grandparents who will visit today!

Saturday, March 25

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: 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.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon:

Our largest fundraiser of the year is coming up in May. Please pray for those preparing for our Benefit Auction, for all those who volunteer their time, and for the success of our auction through the generous donations of our constituents.

Sunday, March 26

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for theologian Phuc Luu, who gives presentations as part of the Staley Lectures at Bethel College tonight and tomorrow.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the Service and Learning Term (SALT) program, which takes place every other year. Pray for safety and that the week is full of relationship-building and off-campus learning.

Monday, March 27

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

March 27-31 is "World Changers Week" at Lancaster Mennonite School. During this week, students will engage in acts of service for our community. Serving others is one of the ways to express the core values of seeking Jesus wholeheartedly and living compassionately. Pray that this event will give students a chance to care, serve and give as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world.

Tuesday, March 28

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Pray for the Bluffton University campus community on Tuesday and Wednesday this week as they explore the 2022-23 Civic Engagement theme "Please don't ghost me: Creating space for authentic conversations."

Wednesday, March 29

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for the Dock middle school students and the screening of their Myth Busters Jr. Event. Help them to be confident during the presentation at the evening EXPO event and know that they are loved by God and their Dock community.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata,

Pennsylvania: Pray for families considering enrollment in a Mennonite/Anabaptist school as they discern the exciting possibility. Pray for scholarships and the financial means to pay tuition costs for some families who are experiencing a limited income.

Thursday, March 30

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana:

Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispana (SeBAH), MEA's Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary, has entered into a historic partnership with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, to develop the first Spanish language graduate certificate in theological studies. Pray for this partnership, for the students and teachers, that the church will be strengthened.

Friday, March 31

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy spring dramatic comedy production. Pray for creativity, confidence, and endurance.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian

School: Please pray for calm nerves for our student actors as they experience opening night of our spring drama production. We are thankful for our faculty directors for the time and energy they've poured into our students.

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

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