

# Prayer Requests June 2023

#### Thursday, June 1

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Pray for faculty and staff as they prepare for the next school year. Pray that their summer is filled with learning and rejuvenation and is also life-giving.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Thank God for adults who give leadership to Summer Bible School experiences for children and families. Pray that the study of God's word will convey God's love and create a desire to extend that love in everyday ways to everyone they meet.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** We celebrate our graduating class as they participate in our Commencement. Join us in praying that the Lord God will lift them up as they take the next steps in their journeys.

#### Friday, June 2

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for Bethel College faculty and students, and the staff in the registrar's office, on the final day of May Term.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please pray for our summer sports camps for youth; Baseball/Softball (May 31-June 2), Basketball (June 13-15), and Tennis (June 19-22).

# Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

**Pa.:** Pray for our seniors as they graduate today. Pray that each one will hear God's call as they make decisions for life beyond Shalom.

#### Saturday, June 3

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Pray for our incoming students who are preparing to enter college during orientations this month. May they find their vocations, develop lasting friendships, and strengthen their faith.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Pray for those students who are graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School today. Give thanks for their journey this far and pray that they will be open to God's leading as they face changes and decisions for the next steps in life.

#### Sunday, June 4

**Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron, Pa.:** Please pray for our school-age summer camp as we being a new program this year.

#### Monday, June 5

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for students taking AMBS Intensive Term courses this month — both at a distance and on campus: The Religious Other in the Bible; Preaching; and Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose. May God's Spirit guide their learning.

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.:** Pray for area youth attending Bethany Christian Schools' Bright Time summer camp—that they make new friends and have fun as they learn.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Pray for our two summer high school "mini term sessions"; Backpacking (June 5-11) and Marine Biology (June 6-12).

#### Tuesday, June 6

#### **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg,**

**Va.:** Students and adults from Eastern Mennonite High School are "finding hope in people and places" as they explore land and water use across the US this month. Tonight they visit prolific author Wendell Berry in Kentucky. Pray for their travels as they camp, hike, raft, listen, and learn. Follow along at easternmennonite.org/discovery, Instagram and Facebook @emsdiscovery.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Pray for our May term students as they travel back from Japan, where they took part in a transformational crosscultural course. Pray that the connections, learnings, and experiences will positively impact students and employees for years to come.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** We come together today for our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration as we honor our students who have completed their middle school years. May they feel God's blessing as they enter into summer.

### Wednesday, June 7

# Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ont.: Students, faculty, and staff of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate are looking forward to their upcoming production of FROZEN JR., the first all-school musical production since 2017. Rockway has a very intense production week coming up, with six performances over four days, running June 7 - 10. Please pray for the health and stamina of all those involved.

# **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, PA:** Pray for us as we make decisions about an expansion project.

#### Thursday, June 8

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind:** Pray for Bethany Christian Schools teachers, staff, and students to have a fun and safe summer break.

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for the staff of Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts and the Newton Community Theater as they prepare for a performance of *The Sound of Music* in July.

#### Friday, June 9

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for our recent graduates who are entering the workforce, starting graduate school, or beginning a year or more of service. May they serve the world with their vocations.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** Praise God! We celebrate our last day for the 2022-23 school year! Please pray that the love of Christ will fill and refresh our students, faculty, and staff as we enter into the summer break.

# Saturday, June 10

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Incoming high school seniors can start applying to Bluffton this month. Pray for these students as they explore vocations, visit campus, and ponder the benefits of a Mennonite education.

#### Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

We give God the glory for any success we have experienced this past school year. We also give thanks for the weeks of summer as people have time to connect with family, take vacations and change pace during the summer months. Especially pray for teachers as they rest and refocus on the opportunities that will come in August when a new school year begins!

#### Sunday, June 11

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS Church Leadership Center employees as they plan lifelong learning offerings for the coming academic year to equip participants for leadership and nurture their faith.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Grades 9-12 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for our graduating seniors. Pray that they will finish the school year well, and bless their decisionmaking for after high school.

#### Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

Pray for the school board as they reorganize with members who are completing their term of service along with several new persons joining the board in July. Pray for wisdom and discernment as the board navigates decisions, approves policies, and provides needed support to live out God's vision at HMS.

#### Monday, June 12

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for our faculty and staff as they prepare for the 2023-24 academic year. May they fulfill Bluffton's mission to prepare students of all backgrounds for "life as well as for vocation... and for the purposes of God's universal kingdom."

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Grades 9-12 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for our spring sports: for student-athletes, coaches, managers, and fans. Pray that our school will show the love of Jesus in all we do.

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for Goshen College athletes, specifically baseball, softball and track & field, whose seasons come to a close this month.

#### Tuesday, June 13

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Pray that our teachers and staff find rest and rejuvenation. May they enjoy the long days and warm sun!

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Early Childhood to Grade 9 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for those involved in end-of-school-year concerts. Pray for good health and stamina.

#### Wednesday, June 14

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Pray for the alumni gatherings taking place across the country over the next few weeks. Pray for safe travels and that the time together in fellowship is meaningful and informative.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Today is our annual Giving Day. We pray for open hearts, for generosity, and that God will provide for our school through the gifts of our alumni and friends.

#### **Thursday, June 15**

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Students who will be in PreK and kindergarten next year will have the opportunity this month to visit their classrooms and interact with teachers and other students. Please pray that this will be a wonderful experience and introduction to the school for students and their parents.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

**Ont.:** June 15 marks a very special time for the younger students at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, as it is Grade 8 Graduation Day! We pray for our students, and their families, as they prepare for this very important and special day.

#### Friday, June 16

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for our staff as schedules for next year are being prepared.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: We look forward to the summer and the rest it brings to our faculty and staff. May they enjoy their time out of the classroom in order to return in the fall, refreshed and renewed.

#### Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Please pray for our students and staff, that the summer months will bring opportunities for connection with family and friends and time in God's beautiful creation.

#### Saturday, June 17

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Thank God for fathers, grandfathers, and other father figures through whose lives and words children of all ages have learned to know the love of the heavenly Father. Join us in praying for guidance to reach out to children who have a strained relationship with their father, whose father is absent, or who never knew a father.

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for the Goshen College students taking summer classes.

Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Anabaptist Seminary (SeBAH – Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispana): Pray for the 12 prospective students and faculty of the SeBAH-Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) Master of Theology Certificate in Spanish that will begin in the fall of this year 2023. Give thanks for the partnership between SeBAH and AMBS, and may it be a model for the future.

#### Sunday, June 18

#### **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg,**

**Va.:** The "Discovery" group of students and adults from EMS are visiting Mountain View Mennonite Church, Kalispell, Mont., today. Pray that meaningful connections will be made between the congregation and the school group.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: We give thanks for a very successful auction fundraiser. We appreciate the prayers offered in that regard!

#### Monday, June 19

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for students' safety over the summer.

Mennonite Education Agency: On this Juneteenth, we pray a special blessing over those who are descended from enslaved people. We celebrate freedom and equality while we mourn the proliferation of white supremacy and violence rooted in racism. We renew our commitment to being actively anti-racist, and we pray that all God's people will hear this call.

#### **Tuesday, June 20**

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Bless our school Leadership team of administrators with wisdom, integrity, a sense of humor, and balance. May their summer work be productive and their times of rest be plentiful. Bless their professional development Leadership Team retreat June 20-21.

**Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.:** Please pray that our elementary school building/remodeling project is completed by the end of summer. The classroom space is urgently needed.

#### Wednesday, June 21

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please pray for our administrators as they discern how to manage staffing challenges and budget work.

Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Anabaptist Seminary (SeBAH – Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispana): Pray for the new SEBAH students who will start classes in the July 2023 trimester.

#### Thursday, June 22

#### Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg,

**Va.:** The "Discovery" group of students and adults from EMS are visiting Lombard (III.) Mennonite Church today and will learn about land conservation and climate change. Please pray for open hearts and minds.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Pray for the students who are preparing to come to Hesston College for the first time this fall. Pray that they may enjoy their summer and thoughtfully prepare for this next chapter of life.

#### Friday, June 23

# **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg,**

**Va.:** The "Discovery" group of students and adults from EMS are visiting Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College. They will learn about land and animal conservation and climate change. Please pray that the group will absorb what they hear and commit to caring for God's creation.

#### **New Holland (Pa.) Early Learning Center:**

Please pray for New Holland Early Learning Center as we explore the possibility of expanding and making changes to the Center. We have a waiting list of over 100 Children. Pray for God's guidance in each decision that we make during this journey.

#### Saturday, June 24

#### Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

**Ont.:** Rockway Mennonite Collegiate celebrates Grade 12 Graduation on today. We pray for our students, and their families, as they prepare for this very important and special day.

#### **UMEI Christian High School, Leamington,**

**Ont.:** Please pray for our graduating class as they celebrate today.

#### Sunday, June 25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for those who are considering signing up for Journey. The distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program focuses on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring, gifts development, and leadership skills.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As our academic school year comes to an end, we look forward to our summer outdoor baseball and softball seasons. We pray for the health and safety of all our student-athletes and our coaches.

#### Monday, June 26

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Thank God for the hard work and organizational skills of Eric Reid, who coordinates summer programs at Bethel College, in a month packed full of basketball, football, tennis and volleyball camps.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Please pray and give thanks to God for the people who are so kindly supporting the scholarship program of MEA's Hispanic Ministries with their donations.

#### **Tuesday, June 27**

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for the Bethel College staff and faculty members taking part in the 2023 Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation summer training.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray that students will still be exposed to Jesus over the summer months

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for Goshen College's Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center as they host "Microgreens Made Easy."

#### Wednesday, June 28

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for students who are planning to begin graduate studies this fall — and especially that visas would be granted for international students to study in person at AMBS.

#### **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:**

Pray for administrators and board members as plans are made for next year, for guidance, wisdom, and discernment.

**Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School:** Pray for the administration and staff of Lancaster Mennonite School as they work through the summer months. Pray that the more relaxed pace will inspire continued creative planning and preparation for the 2023-24 school year.

#### Thursday, June 29

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for seminary professors 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.

**Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School:** Pray for a safe, relaxing, and refreshing summer break for Lancaster Mennonite School faculty and students.

#### Friday, June 30

Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Bible Institute (IBA – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista): Please pray for the students and new IBA study centers that will open in Cicero, Ill., and in Houston and Brownsville, Texas.

## **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,**

**Pa.:** Please pray that students and teachers will have time to rest and refresh in the summer months.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for God's guidance in planning and goal-setting as we look to a new school year.

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