

Prayer Requests

September

Friday, September 1, 2023

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: It is parent orientation night. God, we ask you today to guide us as we meet the returning and new students' parents. Give us the wisdom, peace, and love to answer their questions. Open their minds and hearts to understand our handbook and the mission of the school. Make them feel your presence in our midst.

MEA's Hispanic Ministries' Anabaptist Biblical Institute (IBA): Pray for the strategic planning meeting of the Anabaptist Biblical Institute IBA for the next 5 years, which includes the transformation of the study programs to hybrid modality: online and face-to-face. The first meeting will take place over Labor Day weekend in San Antonio, Texas.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: Rockway welcomes its newest families to the school with our annual Kick Start Welcome today! This is a time for new-to-Rockway students and their parents to meet teachers, staff, and each other before school starts on Tuesday. We pray for calm and courage for these families as they start their Rockway experience.

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Pray for the seniors as they go on their senior trip to Chicago, that they would be safe, have fun, and make lasting memories.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College's Student Life staff as they prepare to host and coordinate Family Weekend Sept. 8-10.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as Bluffton University's fall 2023 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and better the world together.

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for the staff of the AMBS Library as they help connect students with the many print and electronic resources that the library offers, both in person and at a distance. Give thanks for the accessibility of these theological resources!

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

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As we welcome 6th graders to Hillcrest Academy for the first time this year, pray they all experience a joyful learning environment where all are known and loved.

Monday, September 4, 2023

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our elementary students to make long lasting friendships. May they be gentle, understanding and forgiving.

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

New Holland (Pa.) Early Learning Center: Please pray for New Holland Early Learning Center, for new and returning students and staff. We pray for a safe and successful year full of new adventures and times of learning. Please join us in praying that both the teachers and staff can model to the children learning about the love of Christ.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for seniors as they begin their last year of school. Pray that each will appreciate and invest in this season of life.

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for Hesston College's student-athletes as they begin their fall season. Pray that our volleyball, cross country, golf, and men's and women's soccer teams stay safe, generate a deep sense of team camaraderie, and grow their leadership abilities both on and off the court.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

It's the first day of school at Rockway! Please pray for our students, staff, faculty and their families as we embark on a new school year. May we be open to the teachings of our Chapel theme this year: *Do Justice. Love Kindness. Walk Humbly.* Micah 6:8

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

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.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We welcome our Elementary Families to our annual Back to School Night tomorrow. We pray for the fellowship that takes place during this event

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for a smooth, meaningful, and Christ-centered high school retreat Sept 6-7.

Thursday, September 7, 2023

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 Campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the caregivers of our students as they attend Elementary Back to School Night tonight.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Parent Orientation is tonight. Please pray for a positive time for all as parents learn about the upcoming school year, meet their child's teachers, and see their classrooms.

Friday, September 8, 2023

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Pa.: Let us pray for the teachers guiding and educating our children this school year. May they be filled with wisdom, patience, and kindness as they help our students grow in knowledge and character. May they be merciful and mighty as we prayed at our faculty and staff conference.

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

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Please join us in prayer over our Teachers Orientation. As we are preparing for another year, God, please help all of us to go through our orientation, help us to understand your purpose, feel your protection, and welcome your wisdom for the upcoming year. Let us understand all the materials and the tools we will go through this week. Keep all of us safe and healthy. Use us, God, to shape each student in Your image.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: 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.

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: 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.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray that our new admin team would remain focused, productive, and cohesive.

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Bethel College graduate Dr. Caleb Stephens will be on campus to present his film, *Eat, Protest, Lift*, this evening, and a convocation lecture tomorrow – pray for open ears and minds.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network:

Thank God for the wondrous gifts of physical and spiritual care grandmothers and grandfathers share lovingly and generously. May God supply special blessings of strength and courage for the grandparents who have been given the task of raising their grandchildren.

Monday, September 11, 2023

Bluffton (Ohio) 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.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: The first day of school for us is September 11. On this special day, we ask God to fill every teacher's heart with your wisdom and love as we start another school year. God, give them the grace to help students who struggle, the courage to share your word, and strength when they feel weak. Their faithfulness impacts generations to come, so bless them, God, with all the tools and knowledge they need.

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Pa.: Let us ask God to bless the students of Eastern Mennonite K-12 with curious minds, compassionate hearts, and a strong desire to learn. May they be open to new ideas, respectful of others, and eager to impact their community positively.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please keep Hesston College's Title IX Implementation Team in your prayers as they work to enhance and improve student safety across campus. Pray that their work continues to better equip our employees to offer robust support to students.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray a prayer of blessing for the family lunchtime for 1st and 2nd grade families. Give thanks for the food, and for those who prepare it.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Please pray for students and their families as they settle into the school schedule, specifically for students as they adjust to new teachers and classroom experiences.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

Shalom's middle school will do a 3-day retreat, Sept. 13 -15. Pray that students will develop stronger connections with each other and with teachers.

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Prayers for the caregivers of our students as they attend Middle School Back to School Night.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We request prayers for our Secondary Back to School Night as we welcome the parents of our 6-12th grade students. May God be with our teachers as they share information about their respective subjects and classes.

Friday, September 15, 2023

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Pray for our Homecoming happening at the end of the month. We pray it will be a safe event for Alumni to attend and have a great time of fellowship.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Pa.: Let us pray for the parents and families of our students as they support and encourage their children throughout the school year. May they find strength, joy, and peace in their relationships with each other and with God.

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Colegio Americas Unidad, Cali, Colombia: Please pray for the financial provision for the support of the Americas United School, and the success of the activities planned by the administrative board to raise funds to keep the school open. The school serves a low-income community with a high-quality education through which the kingdom of God is established. We emphasize peace and conflict resolution while training social promoters and business managers.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Everyone at Lancaster Mennonite School is settling into the new school year. Pray that this will be a year of growing and learning for students. Pray 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.

MEA's Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (SeBAH): Pray for Carlos Martinez Garcia, Instructor for the SeBAH Continuing Education course "The Bible's Journey into the Spanish Language". The course will be offered virtually and in Spanish for six weeks – Sep. 16 – Oct. 21, 2023. Pray for God's wisdom for Carlos as he teaches this course. Pray that the course to be a source of blessing and learning to the participants.

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for the Corporation of Churches as members meet for our annual meeting today.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Thank God for The Peace Table, a Herald Press storybook Bible. May it be used with children in family settings, in the church, and in classrooms seeking peace paths while pursuing peace around the world.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray that our new and returning students and families will feel welcome and experience the love of Christ at WCS.

Monday, September 18, 2023

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for international students at Hesston College as they prepare for the annual Cultures Fair, held on September 21. Pray that they will create memories and have fun as they showcase their culture through food, dance, art, and other creative activities. Pray that those in attendance learn more about our amazing students from around the world.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Our leadership team has its first meeting of the year today. We are so thankful for the teachers who work with the administration to plan for and reflect upon the school year. Please pray for a productive and effective year of collaboration for our team.

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our fifth and sixth grade students as they travel to the Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning for an exciting outdoor education experience Sept. 18-20.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Pa.: Let us ask God to protect our school community from harm and danger, both physical and spiritual. May we be alert, wise, and courageous in facing any challenges that may come our way, and may we show grace and mercy to those who need it most.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College students, faculty, coaches, and staff as they join in the college's annual Service Day, that they will experience a deepening of relationships and the value of service.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: Let us ask for prayer for our upcoming fundraiser online auction, Fan the Flame, which is September 20-25, 2023. We are raising funds to equip our kitchen and sewing lab for our family and consumer science classroom.

Thursday, September 21, 2023

Dock Mennonite Academy - Early Childhood to Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the middle school teachers and students who are participating in community-building activities today at Camp Menolan.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: September 21 is Parent Engagement Night at Lancaster Mennonite School when parents and caregivers are encouraged to learn what a day in the life of their students is like. Parents will walk through their students' daily schedules, meet their teachers, and hear class overviews and updates. Pray for a meaningful time of interaction for all.

Friday, September 22, 2023

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray that Hesston College's Homecoming can be a meaningful time of celebration and connection as alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends gather.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Our chorale is in retreat Sept. 22 - 23. Pray that this experience prepares them as they join together musically for the year.

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Dock Mennonite Academy - Grade 9 - 12 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the athletes in fall sports and actors and other participants in the fall drama.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and recognize the heritage, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: The HMS community has been steadily growing enrollment numbers the past number of years. We are processing the question of moving the high school to a local church facility. Please pray for the school board as they continue to discern these questions and anticipate making a decision this fall.

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Bluffton (Ohio) 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 well-being of their communities.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Spiritual Emphasis Week is Sept. 25-29. Please pray that our entire student body, faculty, and staff will be engaged and challenged by Pastor Dion Frasier.

Monday, September 25, 2023

Freeman (S.D.) Academy: We are one month into a new school year. Please pray for our new staff and new students, and our new enrollment and recruitment initiatives. Please also lift prayers for our \$900,000 fundraising drive, the first drive of that size attempted here in recent memory.

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, Pa.: Please pray for the new school year and for God's hand of protection. We would especially appreciate prayers for our new high school program. We are opening with grades 9 & 10 this year!

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Praise God for the gift of music and ensemble singing as Dr. Henry Waters directs the second "Sing My Soul" high school choral festival at Bethel College today.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for Hesston College's theatre students as they showcase their gifts and hard work on their opening night of Steel Magnolias.

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for the sixth Rooted and Grounded Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, to be held Sept. 28–30 at AMBS and online. May this event help participants combine active engagement and deeply rooted hope in caring for God's creation.

Dock Mennonite Academy - Grade 9 - 12 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: We request prayers for the start of the year for teachers, administration, and students. During this busy and exciting time, we pray that new friendships would bloom, community would grow, and that teachers, students, and families would feel a sense of belonging in our Christ-centered community.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: Please pray for our Donor Breakfast as we celebrate those who support our ministry at QCS both financially and prayerfully.

Friday, September 29, 2023

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for participants in AMBS's noncredit Online Short Courses in 2023–24 as they deepen their understanding of Anabaptist history, thought, and witness and consider how they may be called to apply their learnings.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Pa.: Let us pray for the administrators, staff, board members, and volunteers of Eastern Mennonite as they lead and serve our school community with integrity, compassion, and humility. May they be guided by God's wisdom and grace and be empowered to make wise decisions that benefit all community members.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. Thank you for joining us in prayer for the schools. 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 programs. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen Mennonite Church USA through education. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org or 574.343.1310. www.MennoniteEducation.org

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for AMBS's new Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program! Please pray for students in the competency-based program as they grow in effective Anabaptist leadership.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Pray for strength and peace for our teachers during these busy weeks of the new school year.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: The HMS theme this new school year is God's Got the Whole World in His Hands. The theme is based out of Psalm 24: 1-2 "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." Please pray for us as we live out this theme.