

Prayer Requests

October

Sunday, October 1

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, students who went on cross-cultural experiences over the spring and 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.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

Thank the Lord for Christian teachers who love the Lord and are passing faith values to students. Pray for faculty as they plan their lessons, daily teach students, serve as role models, and leave a legacy through Christian education!

Monday, October 2

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:

Give thanks for AMBS's Maintenance and Campus Security employees and for their consistent and careful behind-the-scenes work in keeping the campus clean, safe, beautiful, and welcoming.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We are thankful for our faculty who continue to work on their own learning as they inspire our students. We pray for understanding and ah-ha moments during our professional development session today.

Tuesday, October 3

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:

Please pray for our seniors as they travel on their class trip on Oct. 4 – 6.

Freeman (S.D.) Academy: Please pray for our Cultivate 120 fundraising campaign, which coincides with our 120th anniversary.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Give thanks for being fully staffed with great additions to the TCS community!

Wednesday, October 4

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Parent Teacher Conferences are on October 5 and 6. Please pray for times of excellent communication and partnership between teachers and parents which will support a year of great learning and growth for our students.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Thank God for adults who have responded to the call to nurture children in early childhood settings. Pray that God may grant them insight, patience, endurance, gentleness, and understanding as they reflect the love of God. May adults create an environment in which peaceful living, guided by the Prince of Peace, may thrive in spite of conflicts, differences and while learning self-control.

Thursday, October 5

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College alumni and families as they return to campus and reconnect during Homecoming Weekend.

MEA Hispanic Ministries' Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (*Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano – SeBAH*):

Prayer for Professor Patricia Urueña and the students of the Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary (SeBAH) who will begin a new trimester in October and will be taking the course: Theory & Practice of Pastoral Leadership. May God bless them in this new course and enjoy fellowship.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Thanksgiving at Rockway will be busy this year! Our families will kick off their long weekend by coming in extra early on Friday, October 6 for our "Thankful for Grandparents" Family Breakfast. We pray for grandparents and those who are like grandparents, in our students' lives, that they may be mentors and supporters for our youth.

Friday, October 6

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the formation of new friendships and relationships among the students and staff. May they find comfort, support, and encouragement in one another, and may they be able to build lasting connections that will enrich their lives.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for students at Hesston College as they prepare for midterm exams. Pray that they may have confidence in the face of test anxieties and that the knowledge they have gained stays fresh in their minds.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: October 7 is the Homecoming and Fall Festival at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun, and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for strength for the inevitable spiritual attacks we will face. Ephesians 6:10-18!

Saturday, October 7

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Director of Theater Damon Klassen, in his first semester in a new position at Bethel College, and the cast and crew of the fall musical, to be presented Oct. 13-15.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please join us in prayer for new students to our community. We have a conservative goal of 420 students. We are praying for 440 students this year.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Join us in prayer for unity within our school community: families, faculty, and the administration team.

Sunday, October 8

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our first elementary teacher collaboration day of the school year is tomorrow, October 9. Please pray for our teachers as they work on important future plans.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Tomorrow, October 9, we have a Staff Development day, with a focus on self-assessment of the Cognia Standards for this year's reaccreditation process. Pray for teachers, staff, and administration as we reflect on our strengths and areas for growth.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchner, Ont.: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day in Canada, and our school, like all other Canadian schools, will be closed for the holiday. But some of our students and faculty will be participating in the annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest parade. Our school float "THINK" promotes environmental awareness, asking the viewer to really think about the single-use plastics in their everyday lives. We pray that we may be environmental stewards of our earth, given to us by creator God.

Monday, October 9

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

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Jeff Wright and Amanda Yoder from Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, who will be on the Early Childhood – Grade 8 campus this week leading Spiritual Life Week.

Tuesday, October 10

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Pray for students as they participate in the first of three interterms for the year, and that our 1st-8th graders have a great wilderness experience.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for all of the pastors who will be attending Pastors' Day tomorrow at Dock's Early Childhood – Grade 8 Campus. May the pastors see how their students' faith is growing and developing while at school.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We are grateful for our Lead Teachers who make up our Education Committee. We ask that they receive God's blessing as they lead and work with their respective departments.

Wednesday, October 11

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for wisdom, patience, and good humor for Bethel College's Board of Directors during their fall meetings tomorrow and Friday.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for families of Dock's Early Childhood – Grade 8 campus as they participate in Family Fun Night tomorrow. May families connect with past friends as well as work on developing new friendships with those just joining the Dock community.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 12 and 13 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.

Thursday, October 12

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for fun and fellowship for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends during Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College students and faculty as they recharge and rest during a much-needed fall mid-term break Oct. 13-17.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: The Hillcrest Academy Homecoming & Alumni Family weekend is October 13-14; pray for the class reunions and other events taking place on campus, that they may be a blessing to those involved.

Friday, October 13

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for students' academic success and their ability to learn effectively in the classroom and on the field.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We ask for God's blessing on our Annual Chicken BBQ tomorrow. May our community come together to support our ministry and enjoy the fellowship that is provided.

Saturday, October 14

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for Hesston College students as they enjoy a mid-year respite with their fall break. Pray for safe travels for those who will be traveling home or with friends, and pray that this can be a time of rest and rejuvenation for students and faculty as they prepare to take on the end of the semester.

UMEI Christian High School, Leamington, Ont.: Our first Community Lunch Fundraiser is tomorrow, along with a student rocket launch and robotics demonstration. Please join us in prayer for a good gathering.

Sunday, October 15

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's music and theatre students as they begin performing fall concerts and prepare for the fall play "Paragon Springs," Nov. 9-12.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the high school theater program as they practice to present the drama *Midsummer Night's Dream* in November.

Freeman (S.D.) Academy: Please pray that we are able to energize our enrollment strategy and methods to grow the student body.

Monday, October 16

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our annual Community Service Day (CSD) is this Friday, October 20, where all of our students, faculty, staff, and families serve across our community. Please pray for safety, connections, and servant hearts.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for parents and teachers when they meet during parent-teacher conferences tomorrow and on Thursday at the Early Childhood – Grade 8 campus. May our eyes and ears be open as we hear about our students. May we work together to help each student grow in faith and academics.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the continued growth and thriving of our EMS school community. May the students, staff, and faculty be able to work together and build a community that is welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and feels like family.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy first-year music instructor Mikayla Tackaberry as she prepares to lead our choir and instrumental ensembles in the upcoming fall music concert on October 22.

Tuesday, October 17

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the upcoming Homecoming festivities, Oct. 20-21, which are a time for alumni, students, and staff to come together and celebrate the school's history and community.

MEA Hispanic Ministries' Anabaptist Bible Institute – Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for Hispanic Ministries Director Marco Güete, also an instructor of *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* (IBA), who will be leading the workshop: *Journey of the Bible Toward the Spanish Language* on October 21, for the students of the Study Centers in the Bronx and Brooklyn, NY. Pray for safe travels and for God's wisdom upon Marco as he teaches this weekend. Pray that the workshop will be a source of learning and of many blessings for the students, their congregations, and the community.

Wednesday, October 18

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS board members as they meet Oct. 19-21 — that God's Spirit would guide them in listening well and wisely as they give direction to the ongoing work of the seminary.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Tomorrow is our annual Race for Education. We pray for a wonderful day of exercise and fellowship and that the funds raised would be a benefit to God's work at Kraybill.

Thursday, October 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Today, AMBS is publicly launching its new *Forming Leaders Together* campaign to nurture and develop Anabaptist leaders both locally and globally. Give thanks that 83% of the \$12 million campaign goal has been reached, with contributions and commitments totaling \$9.9 million!

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: We are excited for our first high school choral and instrumental concert debuting tomorrow, October 20.

Thursday, October 19 (cont.)

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:

Please pray for a rejuvenating fall break for students.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Tomorrow is Connections Homecoming Night, an annual event when our alumni return and our entire school community comes together for our Spaghetti Supper Student Fundraiser and Alumni Sports Challenge. We look forward to welcoming our alumni 'home' and ask for a prayer of blessing over our time together.

Friday, October 20

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for the Goshen College Board of Directors as they meet and do the important work of advancing the college's mission on Oct. 20-21.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College theatre students and faculty as they travel to the Kansas City area and participate in learning from theatrical shows and events.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

Shalom celebrates and honors grandparents of elementary students on Oct. 20 and 23. Join us in prayer for these gatherings.

Saturday, October 21

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Pray for elementary through high school chapels. Pray that the Word of God would be taught as students continue developing a personal relationship with Christ. Give thanks for those responsible for planning and coordinating the chapels at our Mennonite schools.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: As our Board gathers for our annual retreat we ask for God's guidance as we lead QCS. We pray to listen and discern what we hear so that our students can be blessed.

Sunday, October 22

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Please pray that our students, teachers, and staff have a great fall break, Oct. 23-27.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, students celebrate Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Pray for them as they contemplate John 15:5 and the theme "Be Rooted" during special Forum, Chapel, and campus events.

Monday, October 23

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for the staff of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as they prepare for their annual fundraising event, the Living Endowment Dinner, also a soft launch for a brand-new exhibit.

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.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for our new Upper School principal.

Tuesday, October 24

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please join us in prayer for the Race for Education event at Dock's Early Childhood – Grade 8 campus tomorrow. May we see God's work and beauty as we walk around the track.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for safety and enlightenment for our students and leaders on cross-cultural trips this semester.

Mennonite Education Agency: Please pray for our Board of Directors and staff as we gather for a time of strategic planning on Friday and Saturday this week. Ask for God's guidance as we seek to serve the education needs of Mennonite Church USA.

Wednesday, October 25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for participants in AMBS's yearlong Spiritual Direction Seminars led by Dan Schrock, DMin, as they grow in confidence and competence in accompanying people on their spiritual journeys.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for a healthy community and safe campuses in an ever growing dangerous city.

Thursday, October 26

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for our board, administration, and faculty/staff representatives as they gather on campus for the fall Hesston College Board of Directors meeting. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and meaningful discernment.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for Shalom's 9th grade girls who go on annual retreat Oct. 27 – 28. Pray that they will strengthen relationships.

Friday, October 27

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Shalom Christian Academy seniors will be on their mission trip to Puerto Rico from Oct. 27 – Nov. 3. Please pray that this will be a meaningful time of service together.

UMEI Christian High School, Leamington, Ont.: Praise God for a great start to the new school year!

Saturday, October 28

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS's Teaching Faculty members, who prepare their students for leadership in the church and world by challenging them academically as well as tending to their personal and spiritual formation as followers of Jesus and beloved children of God.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray that God will grant us grace as we navigate big changes in our systems and structures.

Sunday, October 29

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Pray for Bethany Christian Schools' parents and teachers meeting in conferences tomorrow and Tuesday as they work together at the task of educating youth and nurturing their faith.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Dr. Aileen Friesen from the University of Winnipeg as she delivers the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College tonight and tomorrow.

Monday, October 30

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Tomorrow is the annual Pastors Appreciation Day at Central. Pray with us for a meaningful experience as we welcome more than 60 pastors to our campus.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for students to form meaningful relationships and feel connected at the start of this 23-24 year.

Tuesday, October 31

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: This year's theme is KINDNESS taken from Ephesians 4:32. Pray that the Hillcrest Academy community of students and staff embraces what it means to be kind and forgive others regardless of how they treat you.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for our upcoming fundraiser event with Hall of Fame football player Brian Dawkins. Pray that the event will be a meaningful time of spreading light throughout our community.

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