

Monday, January 1

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's Adult and Graduate students who are resuming classes this week. May advanced education make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations, and in the well-being of their communities.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: QCS prays for God's blessing of peace for each of you as we begin this New Year!

Tuesday, January 2

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the entire Dock community as we return to the classroom. Some will have traveled far, and others will have remained close to home. Help us to remember the real reason for Christmas break and to continue guiding us in Jesus' light.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Please pray for a smooth transition for students, teachers, and staff as we return to school from Christmas break today.

Wednesday, January 3

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for continued health for students and staff during the cold month of January.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: We are so excited that all CCS students will participate in a mini-term experience January 3-5. Pray for safe travels, strong friendships, unique experiences, and long-term memories.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our faculty and staff along with our students as we start a new semester. May students return from the holiday break relaxed and with renewed focus.

Thursday, January 4

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Today is Head of School Klementina Shahini's birthday. Pray that she will have another awesome birthday and God will continue to give her strength and health to continue to work for God's Kingdom.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: As our students return to the classroom we pray for each one of them. Join us in prayer that they can work to achieve the great things God has planned for them.

Friday, January 5

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for a fruitful start to the new semester.

Saturday, January 6

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: The Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School today and on January 13. Remember the tournament participants and also the family and friends of Glen Lapp (1987 LM alum) as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.

Sunday, January 7

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for students in AMBS's Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program as they meet for a week of in-person coursework. May the program bear fruit in their lives and ministries.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Bethel College students as they return to campus for the start of spring semester classes.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for chapels to be meaningful for student faith formation and community building on both Dock campuses.

Monday, January 8

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for faculty as they come back to campus and gather together to plan for this upcoming semester. May they positively impact and make a difference in the lives of the students at Hesston College.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate students will be returning to the classroom today after a much-deserved Christmas break. They will have several weeks before they write their semester one exams at the end of the month. Please pray for our grade 9-12 students, that they may feel calm as they review and prepare with their teachers, feel courage and strength as they study on their own, and have a sense of perseverance as they write their exams.

Tuesday, January 9

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our middle school as they explore an aviation unit that engages in learning about flight, constructing "delta dart" airplanes, and visiting a local business that specializes in supplying aircraft parts across the globe.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: The first semester ends January 12 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this semester.

Wednesday, January 10

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as the spring 2024 semester begins this week. May students return safely to Bluffton University, and may their minds be open to the new ideas, experiences, and connections developed by their education.

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 school, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Dock's kindergarteners and their families as they join us for lunch. Bless the hands that will prepare the meal. Remind us to be thankful for these types of activities.

Thursday, January 11

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for students, faculty, and staff as they start the spring semester. May the semester be filled with meaningful learning, lasting friendships, and transformational experiences.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We ask for God's guidance during our first-of-the-year Board meeting. We are thankful for our volunteer Board members who value the mission of QCS.

Friday, January 12

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood (EC) to Grade 8 school, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for guidance for Dock's EC teachers as they meet with the littlest of our students' parents and guardians. May everyone's ears be open to hear the needs of our littlest cherubs.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that churches and schools will offer support for families with young children during these stressful times. May they consider making available "Building Faith" at www.BuildingFaithFamily.com written by Talashia Keim Yoder and Tamra Keim. Each month a Bible story is explored with suggestions for faith practices, an extra segment of activities for young children, additional resources, and more.

Saturday, January 13

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for those participating in events across the country to honor the racial and economic justice work and peace witness of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. May seeds be sown to bring about changes to unjust power systems and structures.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for wisdom and clarity as the school board and administration make decisions to look toward the future. May God guide our path.

Sunday, January 14

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: At Guri i Themelit church we will have student recognition for the first and second grades. Parents will be part of the program. We are praying that this day will be the beginning of their new life with Jesus in their life.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray for parents, teachers, and all who interact with young children. May these adults provide the understanding and tools needed for children to learn cooperation and peacemaking in God's all-inclusive family.

Monday, January 15

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for, and committing to act in honor of, the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Pray for Ms. Willen. Today is her first day as a Principal of Lezha Academic Center. Pray for a great transition as she meets with students, teachers, and parents and adjusts to a new culture of living and education.

Tuesday, January 16

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Bluffton University will host our annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Forum today with Pastor Steve Terry sharing the message, "The Impact of a Positive Attitude." Please pray for justice, equity, peace, and love on campus and across the world.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for a successful Middle School and High School family visit day today.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the work of the Title IX Implementation Group at Hesston College as they carry on their work. Pray for continued positive momentum in their work and that they will have a meaningful impact on our campus and all those who have been a part of the Hesston College community.

Wednesday, January 17

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the students competing in the spelling bee today.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Our annual book fair is January 16-19. Please pray for opportunities for connection as teachers, students, and families spend time together at this event.

Thursday, January 18

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 school, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Dock's 7th and 8th graders as they lead their second EXPO of the year. May these students have the strength and comfort they need to share their work with others in the community and continue to grow in their academics and faith.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Shalom hosts a kindergarten open house today and a preK open house on January 23. Pray for these events and for parents as they make decisions.

Friday, January 19

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for continued faculty energy and wellness through the winter months.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for success as we complete our 75th annual Christmas fund drive today.

Saturday, January 20

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS students both on campus and at a distance as they begin new courses this month. May God use their studies to help form and ground them theologically and spiritually.

Freeman (S.D.) Academy: Please pray for the mission of our school, and that the enrollment and fundraising efforts will help us match our mission to our budget.

Sunday, January 21

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for Mark Charles as he joins us at Hesston College for the Melva Kauffman Lecture Series. Pray all in attendance can hear his message on dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery and the impact it has had on the indigenous people in North America.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: We will celebrate student recognition for the third and fourth grades at Guri i Themelit church today. We are thankful for the parents who can be part of the program. Please join us in praying for the students, that this day will be the beginning of their new life with Jesus in their life.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate and Mennonite Church Eastern Canada are collaborating to create another Jr. Youth Event for students in grades 6-8 called "Lean on Me." Today, youth will enjoy a day of music, art, and robotics! Please pray for those on the planning committee as well as the sponsors and youth who will be participating.

Monday, January 22

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for the health and safety of Bethel College men's and women's basketball players and coaches during a busy month that includes travel in winter weather conditions.

Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic Ministries: Please pray for the MEA Hispanic Ministries – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Graduate Certificate in Theology program and the class is being offered in the first semester of the year 2024. Let us pray for the students and the instructor.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: We ask for continued prayer for our high school student Ethan, who is living with an aggressive form of cancer. We pray that he will be able to return to school. Please join us in prayers for healing.

Tuesday, January 23

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for the junior class as they make decisions about their senior mission trip.

West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, Pa.: Please pray for our enrollment – that families will discern the educational needs of their students.

Wednesday, January 24

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for the technology that allows AMBS to offer theological education at a distance to students across the world — in both graduate-level and Lifelong Learning programs — and for the growth and relationship-building that take place through these courses.

Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood to Grade 8 (EC8) school, Lansdale, Pa.: Please bless the hands of those who will be preparing for Dock's EC8 family breakfast. Bless those families that attend and help guide us in sharing the word of the Lord with those new to our community.

Thursday, January 25

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: A Winter Open House is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School today. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider a Jesus-centered Lancaster Mennonite education for their children.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: As we complete the first semester, QCS is thankful for the students and families who have chosen us to be a part of their students' education.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: We host a "showcase" today. Current families can see content and activities that are part of the grades ahead of them. It is an opportunity to get excited about the upcoming grades.

Friday, January 26

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for planner and first speaker Dr. Rachel Epp Buller of Bethel College as she launches a semester-long Faculty Speaker Series on "listening in our disciplines" today.

West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, Pa.:

Please pray for discernment with our new high school program.

Saturday, January 27

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Our school vision is that we want to see students "Living and Learning God's purposes." Pray that we will continue to live out that vision as we enter into 2024 and anticipate God moving among us!

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Please pray for current and potential new families, as they make important decisions regarding education for the 2024-25 school year.

Sunday, January 28

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: We so much appreciate the financial support and prayers we receive from the school community. We give thanks for the many friends of Mennonite schools and pray for a generous response to year-end appeals as we close out another calendar year.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Pray for Lezha Academic Center as they finish the first semester and start a new semester.

Monday, January 29

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our school's leadership team and administration as they work with our Board on strategic planning. ... [more for Jan. 29](#) →

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Monday, January 29

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for protection for staff and students traveling back and forth to school. We draw from a large geographical area, and January and February are our "icy" months with increased hazards on the roads.

Tuesday, January 30

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:

Please pray for participants in this evening's Seminary Preview Webinar as they consider pursuing studies through AMBS. May God provide light for their next steps.

Bluffton (Ohio) University:

Please pray for peace as the Bluffton campus community learns more about Israel and Palestine at two Forums this week. Tareq Abuhailima, Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center co-director, will share "Experiences in the Gaza Strip," and Dr. Martina Cucchiara, professor of history, will present "100 Years: Illuminating Key Moments in the Conflict Between Israel and Palestine."

Wednesday, January 31

Mennonite Education Agency's Hispanic

Ministries: Pray that the IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista – Anabaptist Biblical Institute) program continues to be a blessing to the new leaders of the Hispanic congregations in Mennonite Church USA. Pray for the 20 volunteer tutors as they start a new year and prepare to teach the IBA courses. May God fill them with wisdom and patience, and may they continue to be important instruments for this ministry.