Mennonite Education Agency An agency of Mennonite Church USA

Prayer Requests

Thursday, February 1

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for our Dock Faculty In-Service on February 1-2. Please help us to be open to new ideas yet remain true to our Anabaptist values.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We are thankful to the families who have re-enrolled their students. We are grateful for the families that trust our ministry to educate their children.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

The start of February means Rockway students begin their second semester. Please pray for all our students - that they may find joy in their successes and build strength of character when they persevere through challenges. We also pray for our soon-to-be graduates who are starting their last semester of high school. May they feel God's love around them as they savour their final months before starting their post-secondary journeys.

Friday, February 2

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for congregations, conferences, and regional churches that partner with AMBS to make theological education affordable and accessible for students across the church through the seminary's matching grant program.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for students as they take their winter benchmark assessments. We thank God in advance for what they have learned so far this year and pray that God will continue to open their minds and hearts to more and more flourishing, in Jesus' name.

UMEI Christian High School, Leamington, Ont.: Please pray for a strong start to a new semester.

Saturday, February 3

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Dr. Christina Liu as she gives her first faculty recital (piano) since coming to Bethel College, this afternoon.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for Hesston College alumni as they gather for their virtual class reunions this afternoon. Pray they have a meaningful time reconnecting with classmates as well as reminiscing on their Hesston Experience.

Sunday, February 4

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS Admissions Team members as they connect with prospective students who are exploring options for biblical and theological graduate study and discerning where God might be calling them.

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: 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.

Monday, February 5

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for a successful Prospective Family Night tonight; that the event will be well attended and that families and their students will choose to be a part of our school community.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Kraybill has a new Garden Club this year. Pray for our parent leader and all students who will participate in this excellent opportunity, that students will enjoy the time in the school garden and learn more about the world that God has created.

Tuesday, February 6

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Bluffton University students who recently completed semester-long, cross-cultural experiences in Chicago, Greece, Argentina, and Japan will share about their experiences during Forum today. Please pray for health, safety, and insight for all Bluffton students studying near and far.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for our staff as we embark upon professional development to enrich our biblical worldview.

Wednesday, February 7

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray that our two-hour delay teacher in-service time today will be productive as CCS moves towards reaccreditation.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for the Hesston College basketball teams, athletes, and coaches as they begin to wrap up their seasons. Pray they end the season well, having made wonderful memories and gained life-giving experiences.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata: Families are visiting HMS today as they plan for school next year. Pray that families will experience God's peace as they make decisions about enrollment.

Thursday, February 8

Dock Mennonite Academy's EC - Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for our Early Childhood and Kindergarten Open House today. May God help guide us in sharing our offerings to those new to the community and those thinking about joining us. May we share the light of Jesus with these families even if they decide we aren't a fit for them.

Eastern Mennonite School, HarEastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: We ask for prayers for faculty, staff, and students to endure the cold winter months.

Friday, February 9

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: This month, Laura Brenneman-Fullwood and David Cramer are teaching Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture, an AMBS online short course. May the course make a difference in students' lives.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Thank God for the dedication of alumni, students, and staff who make phone calls, and for generous donors, during Bethel College's annual Alumni Phonathon.

Saturday, February 10

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for all Dock Winter Sports athletes and coaches.

Mennonite Education Agency's Instituto Bíblico

Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the IBA students at Study Center at *Seguidores de Cristo* Church, Sarasota, Fla., who are taking the course "Study of the Letter to the Romans." Pray for the tutor, Juan Jose Rivera. May God give him wisdom and guidance as he leads the classes. Pray that the course helps students grow spiritually and encourages them to continue to learn more about God's word. May they be God's instruments to spread and expand God's kingdom.

Sunday, February 11

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This year, the Bluffton University campus community is focused on the Civic Engagement theme "Exploring the Continuum of Emotional Wellness." As mental health conditions increase around the world, please pray for the emotional well-being and support of Bluffton's faculty, staff, and students.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Pray for the administration, faculty, and staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they begin to prepare for the 2024-25 school year. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they consider innovative curriculum and future needs of students.

Monday, February 12

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for head coach Joseph Gogus, coaching staff, and Bethel College cheer and dance teams as they prepare to host the Bethel Invitational.

Dock Mennonite Academy's EC - Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for all those involved in "Shrek, Jr." as they practice for the Middle School musical in early March

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We pray for our student-athletes as our middle and high school basketball teams begin league playoffs. We pray for God's glory to be exhibited through our play and sportspersonship.

Tuesday, February 13

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

New Holland (Pa.) Early Learning Center: Please pray for the wellness of the children and staff during the winter months and for the spread of Influenza, Covid, and RSV to be reduced.

Wednesday, February 14

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our international students as they have now spent several months away from their families. Also pray for our international enrollment efforts over the next several months.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Dock students as they prepare for Arts Day at the High School campus today.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that adults working with young children will be drawn deeper into God's love. Pray that God will strengthen them to live in love each day so they guide children with compassionate understanding, generosity, joy, imagination, patience, and courage.

Thursday, February 15

Dock Mennonite Academy's EC - Grade 8 (EC8) campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for our EC8 Winter Family Event today. May our event be a time of learning for families as well as a time to worship together and praise the Lord.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We ask for God's presence to surround us during our weekly Faculty Meeting. May we feel God's presence as we learn together.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

February 15 is a very special day for Rockway – it is the day of our founding! We will celebrate our 79 years with a special Founders' Day Chapel and Tea & Pastry Reception in the morning and a Soup Supper Fundraiser followed by our Alumni Sports Challenge in the evening. We pray for the safety of our alumni, friends, and families who will be traveling to join us in our celebrations.

Friday, February 16

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: We will be hosting numerous students in grades 1 through 12 for our Visitation Day today. Please pray that they will feel welcome among us.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, and golf teams, athletes, and coaches as they begin their seasons. Pray that they embrace the faith and character formation opportunities they encounter at Hesston College and become equipped to live out The Lark Way on and off the field.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Please pray for our 7th and 8th grade students as they have a "Museum Night" tonight to share learning from their Humanities classes.

Saturday, February 17

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please pray for a meaningful and safe intercultural experience for our Guatemala-Cuba group.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our annual Chili Supper fundraiser meal today – that we will host the meal well and it will be a successful fundraiser that people feel good about participating in.

Sunday, February 18

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for safety on both campuses and for student drivers during the winter months.

Mennonite Education Agency's Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH): Please pray for SeBAH students as they take the course "Spirituality and Christian Discipleship." Especially pray for the new students as they adjust and learn new ways to learn. Also, pray for Professor Luis Tapia as he teaches this course.

Monday, February 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for leaders, presenters, and participants (both in person and online) at AMBS's Pastors & Leaders 2024 conference as they focus on "Strategies for Peacemaking." May they gain insights and practical skills to help them lead with grace in settings of conflict.

Tuesday, February 20

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Candidates for the President of Bluffton University Student Senate will debate one another today during Forum. Please pray for our student leaders this week as they help guide Bluffton University into the future.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

February 20-23 is Spiritual Emphasis Week for our middle school students. Please pray for speaker Mary Jane Smith as she prepares to share and for students' hearts, that they will be open to receive what God has for them during this important time.

Wednesday, February 21

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for a successful winter Choral concert.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for healing and continued health for the staff and students of The City School.

Thursday, February 22

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite High musical, You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, February 22-25. Pray that everyone – actors and those behind the scenes – will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We ask for prayers for our high school students and parents who are participating in our evening workshop as they learn about opportunities after high school.

Friday, February 23

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for all those involved in "Matilda," as they practice for the upcoming high school musical in mid-March.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

Enrichment Clusters for grades 1-8 begin today. This much-loved HMS program gives multi-age groups of students the opportunity to explore various interest areas, from things like Farming and Puzzles, to Rube Goldberg Machines, Greenhouse Gardening, and Worship in Music & Movement. Pray that students and teachers will grow & and learn new things and see God in new ways through these interests.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray that parents and educators will monitor carefully the use of screen time for young children, heeding the advice of the American Academy of Pediatrics and others. May all remember that young children learn best through active, self-directed play.

Saturday, February 24

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for all the students currently rehearsing for the high school musical production: Fiddler on the Roof, March 1-3.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for all those participating in the Little Lark Dance Clinic at Hesston College this weekend. May they have fun together and gain new skills.

Sunday, February 25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart,

Ind.: Give thanks for the Fall 2023 issue of Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology on "Family," and the November 2023 issue of Anabaptist Witness on "New Anabaptist Communities." May God's Spirit work through these publications!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Rockway's principal, Elaine Ranney, announced in December that she will be retiring on June 30, 2024. We will miss her greatly! In the coming weeks, we will be starting the search and interview process for this very important role in the life of our school. We ask that you pray for our hiring committee - may they feel God's wisdom and guidance wash over them; for the candidates to feel the call to guide, lead and engage with our students and school community, and lastly, for Rockway's faculty and staff as we journey through this leadership transition.

Monday, February 26

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for the Bethel College nursing faculty and academic dean as they host the periodic program accreditation visit.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please

pray that our All School parent-teacher conferences today will be opportunities for greater partnership with our teachers, parents, and students.

Tuesday, February 27

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our student artists at Bluffton whose work will be featured in both senior exhibits and the annual juried student exhibit this semester. Please pray for inspiration and resilience for their artistic endeavors and aspirations.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:

Admissions season is in full swing. Applications are open for new students to join EMS for the 2024/25 school year.

Wednesday, February 28

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for all those involved in the spring musical at Hesston College in the coming days. Pray nerves are kept to a minimum, excitement fills their experience, and the audience enjoys the talents shared.

Thursday, February 29

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Today is "Grandparents and Grandfriends" Day at Lancaster Mennonite. This is always a special day when the LM community thanks grandparents and special friends for all the love and support they give to the children who attend Lancaster Mennonite.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. Thank you for joining us in prayer. 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 fulfill the educational mission of MC USA. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org or 574.343.1310. www.MennoniteEducation.org