# Mennonite Education Agency An agency of Mennonite Church USA

# **Prayer Requests** March

## Friday, March 1

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Christina Swarns, executive director of Innocence Project, as she gives the 50th-anniversary Peace Lecture for the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at Bethel College.

## Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We

are praying for success and a full house for the high school musical Fiddler on the Roof on March 1-2 at 7pm and March 3 at 3pm.

# Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

Please pray for students as they prepare for the middle school drama performances on March 1 & 2, as well as spring sports and service activities in March. We are thankful for the many opportunities our students have to develop their God-given gifts to be shared more broadly in the school community.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: We will be traveling across the state for basketball playoffs Feb 28 - March 3. Please pray for safety in travel and great fellowship (and a state title would be nice, too!).

# Saturday, March 2

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.: Please pray for Bethany Christian Schools' cast of Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical – that their performances on March 1-3 will go well and that the cast and crew remain healthy.

## **Dock Mennonite Academy's EC to Grade 8**

campus, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Dock's middle school students as they perform Shrek Jr. on March 1-3. Pray for the students to remain healthy during their performances and help the students overcome any fears they might have when facing an audience. ...more for March 2  $\rightarrow$ 

# Saturday, March 2

Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for Hesston College as we gather for our spring community day celebration. Pray for the health and safety of our athletes, theatre performers, little lark participants, and the community, and that we may have a warm, sunny day filled with fun and bonding for all.

## Sunday, March 3

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, **Ind.:** Please pray for participants in Ministry Integrity Circles, an AMBS program in which pastors going through significant transitions meet with peers and experienced consultants for guided conversation and reflection.

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for Goshen College students in Voices of the Earth as they return from their Choir Tour today.

# Monday, March 4

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College faculty and students as they return to campus from spring break today.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: Today through March 8 is Teacher's Appreciation Week. May God's spirit of wisdom fill the teachers with all the tools and values they need to share their knowledge with patience and love and to bring the truth of God's love to the eager minds of their students.

# Tuesday, March 5

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Please join us in prayer for a restful and rejuvenating spring break for students, faculty, and staff.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: Please pray that our welcome continues to be extended to the families that seek us, tour us, and choose us.

## Wednesday, March 6

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.:** Please pray for students at Bethany Christian Schools during the third Interterm of the year: that they will have safe travels, develop and strengthen their relationships with peers and teachers, and be enriched as they study and serve.

**Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:** Pray for Maria Chase (Director of Advancement), that the Lord would bless advancement opportunities as we carry out the vision of the school which is "to have students learning and living God's purposes."

# Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

Please pray for our spring drama, March 7-9.

# Thursday, March 7

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please pray for good health, strong voices, and warm spirits for our Spring Musical "Annie" March 8-10.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Pray for Spring Sports on both Dock campuses as coaches and athletes prepare for the spring season. Please keep them safe throughout practices and games.

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:** As we complete our second trimester and meet with parents for conferences on March 7-8, please pray for excellent partnerships between school and home, which provide a strong foundation for student learning and growth. Our middle school will be participating in student-led conferences. Our prayer is that this will provide impactful opportunities for student reflection on past and future learning.

**Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School:** Parent-teacher conferences are being held on March 7 and 8 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for parents and faculty as they meet for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability.

## Friday, March 8

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for all those attending Goshen College's Conference on Religion and Science on March 8-10.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for Hesston College students who are traveling for spring break. May the Lord bless them and keep them safe as they journey away from campus and as they return to Hesston.

# Saturday, March 9

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for head coach David Bertholf and the Bethel College women's golf team in their inaugural season of play.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Central Christian's Annual Auction is today, March 9. This important community event is also a very important fundraising endeavor.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers as they begin their spring concert tour. May they bring joy to the audience with their beautiful voices and make lasting memories.

# Sunday, March 10

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for Bethel College students and faculty on spring break March 11-15, especially the Concert Choir and others who will be traveling during that time.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: March 11-15 is "World Changers Week" at Lancaster Mennonite School. During this week, students will engage in acts of service for our community. Serving others is one of the ways to express the core values of seeking Jesus wholeheartedly and living compassionately. Pray that this event will give students a chance to care, serve, and give as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world.

## Monday, March 11

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Please join us in prayer for the safety of our school community during Spring break March 11-15.

## Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

March 11 - 15 is March Break in Ontario - a time for schools to shut down and take a break, and Rockway is no exception. Please pray for the safety of our students, staff, faculty, and their families as they enjoy their time off at home or as they travel. We pray that March Break allows for rest and rejuvenation.

## **Tuesday, March 12**

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for Bluffton University seniors as the end of their final semester approaches including our art, graphic design, and pre-art therapy majors whose work is being highlighted in the Grace Albrecht Gallery through March 22.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray over our school, for unity within our community.

#### Wednesday, March 13

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for congregations and mentors who are supporting participants in Journey, AMBS's distance-friendly undergraduate-level leadership development program. May God use these relationships and settings to deepen participants' faith and equip them for ministry.

**Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray for all the team leaders of Guri i Themelit church and Lezha Academic Center who are involved in the Roma Project: for strength, wisdom, joy, love, and divine opportunities.

## Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

Pastors' Day is March 13. We have been working at making this meaningful for pastors and not just being a "showcase." Pray for a day of blessing for them and that our partnership continues to strengthen.

#### Thursday, March 14

**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.

# **Dock Mennonite Academy's 9-12 campus:** Pray for Dock's HS students as they perform Matilda on March 14-16. Pray for the directors, cast, and crew to remain healthy during their performances that weekend.

## Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate asks for prayers for their Admin Team as they start planning (e.g. timetabling, scheduling) and making decisions for the 2024-2025 school year.

#### Friday, March 15

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for the health and safety of all our spring student athletes, their coaches, and fans. As we compete in soccer, track & field, and golf, may we be an example of grace and sportsmanship to the community around us.

## Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

It is the end of the second marking period which can be a stressful time for teachers and students. Pray for a sense of peace and that all would be diligent and feel a sense of accomplishment as they wrap up the marking period.

## Saturday, March 16

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please pray for our ongoing enrollment and fundraising efforts.

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for a safe and happy Admitted Student Day today, March 16.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: Prayers for our teachers to find renewed passion during this winter month for teaching our students to walk in the way of Jesus.

# Sunday, March 17

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for César Garcia, general secretary of Mennonite World Conference, and Sandra Baez, pastor and MWC executive assistant, as they give the Hartzler Bible Lectures at Bethel College today and tomorrow.

Mennonite Early Childhood Center: Pray for

children who experience neglect, abuse, poverty, hunger, fear, loneliness, and lack of purpose in life. As did St. Patrick, pray that they will encounter God's love. May adults be ambassadors of God's everlasting love for all children.

## Monday, March 18

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** This week is spring semester's Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Please pray for our speaker, 2019 graduate Lindsay Horn. Please pray for our students as they contemplate the theme "Even when we are not... God is" and the scripture Mark 5:25-34.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Sherah-Leigh (Zehr) Gerber will be guiding our school through a journey of "Spiritual Habits for a Life of Faith during our Spiritual Renewal Week March 18-22.

Central's eighth grade class will be serving alongside the Lighthouse Ministries of Canton for a service learning trip March 18-22.

## **Tuesday, March 19**

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for prospective AMBS graduate students who are applying for scholarships and for administrators who are discerning how to award funds. Give thanks for donors who help make seminary study possible!

**Dock Mennonite Academy's EC to Grade 8 campus:** Today, March 19th, pray for all of Dock's EC8 families as they come together for our Spring Evening Service Event. Be with all participants as they try new things and model the works of Jesus.

#### Wednesday, March 20

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for Dock's Discover students as they present their EXPO magazines focusing on "How can words push us apart or bring us together?" Pray that students will share this message with those in need of hearing this.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, track and field, disc golf, and golf teams, athletes, and coaches as their seasons get into full swing. Pray they perform their best and find success on and off the field while avoiding injury. May they bring glory to God with their talents, hard work, and determination.

## Thursday, March 21

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for Damon Klassen and students in the cast and crew of Rancho Mirage by Steven Dietz, on the Bethel College stage March 22-24.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** Please pray for candidates to join our mission as we ask God to lead them to our doorstep and fill our open roles.

## Friday, March 22

**Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron, Pa.:** Please pray for our special activities around Peace Week.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for creativity, confidence, and endurance for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy spring dramatic production on March 22 and 23.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Today, March 22, Kraybill will have an open house, including games for families and tours and information for prospective students and their families. Please pray for fellowship and fun for our current community, as well as opportunities for the families of potential students to feel welcome and enjoy an introduction to our school.

# Saturday, March 23

#### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart,

**Ind.:** Please pray that church leaders across the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological education and formation would connect with AMBS's distance-friendly offerings.

#### Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We

are thankful for our Senior parents who have supported their students over the years. Today is the Senior Parent Reception.

#### Sunday, March 24

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for Goshen College senior artists and musicians as they display their hard work through exhibits and recitals near the end of the month.

**Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray for wisdom and ideas for finding sponsors for the school project building.

#### Monday, March 25

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Pray for AMBS Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies students as they prepare for work and scholarship in theology and transformative peacebuilding.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Spring break comes at a beautiful time (March 25-April 1) and we pray for safe travels for our baseball team on their trip to Florida and rest for all of our families.

#### **Tuesday, March 26**

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Today, March 26, Sarah Augustine, executive director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, is providing Bluffton's annual Keeney Peace Lecture, "So We and Our Children May Live." Please pray for the campus community as we consider and learn about ecological solutions beyond the economic and cultural systems responsible for our current climate crisis

#### Wednesday, March 27

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Pray for Middle School students on March 27 and 28 at Lancaster Mennonite as they perform Peter Pan. 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:** Please pray for new ideas as we explore our fundraisers and funding streams.

#### Thursday, March 28

**Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron,** 

**Pa.:** In April we will be holding our big annual event, the Friendship Concert and Art Show. We could ask for prayer for the planning and success of both events.

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Please pray for Family Visit Day, today.

#### Friday, March 29

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Heading into the Easter Holiday, we pray for God's grace, comfort, strength, and renewal.

## Saturday, March 30

**Mennonite Early Childhood Center:** Jesus loved to hear children's songs of praise (Matthew 21:16) May we help children develop a repertoire of music that blends spontaneous praise with everyday living accompanied by occasions to offer their praise.

#### Sunday, March 31

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Please pray for a renewing Easter recess for students, faculty, and staff. **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