

## Prayer Requests

April

### Monday, April 1

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:** During this spring break week, please pray that seminary students and faculty will be refreshed and energized to return to their shared biblical and theological work.

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Fall semester registration is now underway. Please pray for Bluffton University students as they receive the support and resources to discover who they are and how they will make a difference in the world.

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** We give thanks for the Easter season and pray for grace, comfort, strength, and renewal.

### Tuesday, April 2

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:** Give thanks for AMBS's theological library and pray for Karl Stutzman, MLS, Director of Library Services; Kajsja Herrstrom, MDiv, MSLIS, Resource Access Librarian; and student assistants as they support the scholarship of students and faculty with both print and electronic resources.

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.:** Pray as we take spring break that students and staff have a restful and fun-filled break.

Please also pray for the Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival this weekend at Goshen College.

### Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Rockway has announced Josh Hill as our new Principal. Mr. Hill is our current Vice-Principal, which means that we are currently looking for a new VP for the 2024-2025 school year. The job posting closes on April 5. We ask for prayers for those on the search committee as well as those who apply.

### Wednesday, April 3

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Central's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class will be serving alongside the Open Arms Hispanic Ministries of Orrville for a service learning experience today.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, track and field, disc golf, and golf teams, athletes, and coaches as their seasons start to wrap up with postseason competition on the horizon. 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.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** We pray for our students and teachers as they begin the last quarter of this school year. We ask for God's continued presence as we wind down the year.

### Thursday, April 4

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.:** Please continue praying 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.

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Today is Family Visit Day! Please join us in praying for an enjoyable event for all.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:** Please pray for our parent conferences, that parents and teachers would have clear communication.

Please also pray for our chorale and chaperones as they travel to the choir festival in Goshen, Ind. Pray that they would see God's work in their lives.

### Friday, April 5

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Please pray for the Bethel College Board of Directors as they gather for spring meetings this weekend.

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please pray for safe travel and good health, strong voices and an enjoyable experience as our Concert Choir travels to Goshen, Ind. to participate in this year's Mennonite School Council Choir Festival at Goshen College, hosted by Bethany Christian Schools.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Please pray for our Touring Choir as they travel to Goshen, Ind., for the Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival.

### Saturday, April 6

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Please pray that students will have perseverance as they focus on their studies and coursework.

**Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School:** Campus Chorale from Lancaster Mennonite High School will be traveling to Goshen, Ind., for the Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival on April 5-7. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also, pray that students will enjoy connecting with students from the other schools and that those performing and attending the concert will experience God's presence.

### Saturday, April 6

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** We pray that God will make our students outstanding leaders and imitators of Christ's character, and to be secure in their faith.

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please pray for groups traveling this month, including to Goshen, Ind., for the choir festival.

**Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.:** We have multiple groups traveling throughout the country during the month of April. Please pray for traveling mercies!

### Sunday, April 7

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Pray for Bethel College student musicians during a busy month that sees four senior recitals, one junior recital, orchestra and Wind Ensemble concerts, Masterworks, and a Voice Studio recital.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:** We are in the midst of forming a strategic plan. Pray for clarity as we form goals.

### Monday, April 8

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:** Please pray for participants in two noncredit online short courses that are beginning this week: *Biblical Interpretation Across the Two Testaments* and *Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication*. May God's Spirit guide their learning and growth.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for the Dock community as we return from Spring Break. Pray for healthy students upon returning to the campus and for the energy needed to finish the fourth quarter strong.

### Tuesday, April 9

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for our Spring Fund Drive postcard writing, fundraising campaign; that it would be a meaningful and fruitful time for our students to connect with our alumni community.

### Wednesday, April 10

**Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Today is the ground-breaking ceremony for the Gathering Space. This structure will be attached to our elementary school and will add indoor/outdoor places to gather for our k-12 students.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** We celebrate our extended family members by hosting our Grandparents on campus today. May they see the light of Jesus in their grandchildren as they fellowship with us.

### Thursday, April 11

#### **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:**

Please pray for the Rockway students, faculty, and staff involved in our grade 9-12 production of *Sherlock's Best* happening on April 11-13.

#### **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:**

We have a task force together to discuss our students' mental health. Pray for wisdom as this group considers the needs of our students.

### Friday, April 12

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please pray for our youngest strings players and singers as they perform at the Elementary School Spring Concert today.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for the Hesston College students who are in the process of completing an internship. May they gain valuable skills that will assist them in their future careers while navigating the Lord's path for them.

### Saturday, April 13

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for a happy and safe visit today for all admitted students.

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** We ask for prayers for our Board Retreat. May we continue to listen to God's voice as we work with our visioning and strategic planning.

### Sunday, April 14

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's music students, faculty, staff, and community members as they present the Masterworks Spring Choral Concert today featuring Maurice Duruflé's "Requiem."

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

### Monday, April 15

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Thank God for Bethel College's gifted alumni, as poet Keith Ratzlaff receives the Distinguished Achievement Award today.

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

Please pray for the safety of our school community during e-term April 15-19. This is where our 6-12 students encounter experiential learning and travel either locally or across state lines.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for our FFA students as they travel to the State FFA Convention in Des Moines, Iowa.

### Tuesday, April 16

**Dock Mennonite Academy's Early Childhood – Grade 8 campus, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for Dock's EC8 campus Open House. May God lead those who will be a good fit for our community to this event. Guide us as we grow and share the word of Jesus with others.

#### **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:**

Today, grade 7-12 Rockway students will host their annual Visual Arts Exhibition. Rockway administration will also be holding a Grade 7-12 Information Night. We ask for prayers for our students as they embrace vulnerability in sharing their artistic works during the student exhibition, and for the families attending our information night.

### Wednesday, April 17

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

The Fore the Flames golf tournament registration is open. Please pray that this event on May 3 will be fun and successful.

#### **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:**

Please pray for success for students as they practice for the spring musical production and the spring athletics season continues.

### Thursday, April 18

#### **Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:**

Please pray for our Senior Choir, their director Jeff Enns, and the other chaperones involved, as they travel to Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 18-22, to participate in the Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools (CAMS) Choral Festival.

#### **UMEI Christian High School, Leamington, Ont.:**

Our choir is traveling to Winnipeg to participate in the Canadian Association of Mennonite Schools (CAMS) Music Festival April 18-22. Please pray for safe travels and a meaningful time of music and fellowship for the students.

### Friday, April 19

**Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Ind.:** Please pray for a successful Junior Class Fish Fry.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for Hesston College students who submitted works for the annual juried art exhibit. May the Lord bless them during this competition and encourage them to continue fostering their creativity.

### Saturday, April 20

**Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School:** May we feel God during our Spring Dinner and Concert fundraiser. We pray a blessing on our partners who are attending this event and give thanks for their support of our ministry.

### Sunday, April 21

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please pray for our Cultivate 120 fundraising campaign. Pray that the campaign will enable us to match our mission and goals to our budget.

#### **Rockway Mennonite College, Kitchener, Ont.:**

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week in Canada. Rockway recognizes and is grateful for the incredible volunteers who have blessed us with their service at our events this year. We pray that the spirit of community continues to live in the hearts of those who volunteer and we lift a prayer of thanks for their generosity.

### Monday, April 22

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** This is the last week of regular classes at Bluffton University for the spring semester. Please pray for our students whether they start new jobs, move home for the summer, or gain additional knowledge through internships, cross-cultural experiences, and graduate studies.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for a successful Dock Spring Golf Classic fundraiser and for clear weather for golfers.

**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.

### Tuesday, April 23

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for the hands that will be preparing the food for our quarterly Family Breakfast. May families enjoy each other's company and hear how God is at work in our community.

### Wednesday, April 24

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.:** Please pray for the safety of students, faculty, staff, and community members as they venture outdoors to enjoy the warmer weather.

### Thursday, April 25

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please lift up a special prayer for our new enrollment efforts.

#### **Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:**

Hinkletown Mennonite School Senior Capstone Presentations are being held today. Nine graduating students will share their reflections on their education, their spiritual growth, and their vocational and life goals as they enter the next season of their lives. Pray that these students will live and learn God's purposes for them as they move into this transition in their lives.

### Friday, April 26

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:** Please pray for the 20 candidates who are graduating from AMBS this weekend as they celebrate their accomplishments and discern next steps. Give thanks with each of them for God's call on their lives and for their formative experiences at seminary.

**Goshen (Ind.) College:** Pray for all Goshen College students, faculty, and staff involved with Commencement Weekend on April 27-28.

**Hesston (Kan.) College:** Please pray for all of those involved in the "Pen to Paper to Performance" playwriting festival at Hesston College. May the Lord bless the playwrights as they channel their creativity into a beautiful work of art. May the Lord also bless the members of the Hesston College theatre department as they work hard to produce and perform these unique works.

### Saturday, April 27

**Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School:** Please pray for the Lancaster Mennonite School community as it holds its spring celebration on April 27. This time of celebration includes a BBQ, auction, bake sale, and fun activities for children.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:** The Senior Appreciation Banquet is today. Please pray that seniors would feel honored at the banquet as another milestone on their journey.

**Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.:** Please say a special prayer over the Junior/Senior Gala tonight.

### Sunday, April 28

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:** Please pray for the start of spring sports, seniors finalizing plans for next year, meaningful chapels, and classroom learnings.

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.:** Praise God for the gift of music and communal singing as Bethel College and community vocalists and instrumentalists, directed by Dr. Henry Waters, present the Masterworks concert (Britten and Vaughn Williams) this afternoon.

### Monday, April 29

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Bluffton University's Commencement is May 4. Please pray for our students as they transition from inquisitive learners to compassionate professionals who faithfully serve both their communities and the world.

**Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.:** Please pray for wisdom in hiring for some key positions in our school.

### Tuesday, April 30

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.:** Please pray for God's Spirit to guide the hiring processes for several open positions at the seminary.

**Freeman (S.D.) Academy:** Please pray for blessings as we seek to hire new staff.

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