

Sunday, September 1

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students, faculty, and staff as Bluffton University's fall 2024 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities, and better the world together.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our new students as many of them are experiencing the joys and challenges of being away from home for the first time in their lives. Pray they adjust well to life away from home, parents, and friends and that their new relationships are meaningful and fulfilling.

Monday, September 2

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our students as they return to classes and recommit themselves to their studies.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Everyone at Lancaster Mennonite School is settling into the new school year. Pray that this will be a year of growing and learning for students. Pray that faculty will have the wisdom, strength, calmness, and patience so they can show Christ's love to their students as they teach and guide them.

Tuesday, September 3

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for graduate students and faculty members as they begin a new academic year together — both in person and at a distance. May their collaborative learning processes be filled with fruitful, Spirit-led connections and insights.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

It's the first day of school at Rockway! Please pray for our students, staff, faculty, and their families as we embark on a new school year. May we be open to the teachings of our Chapel theme this year, Beauty in the Ordinary, where we will explore how biblical stories that feature the ordinary and every day (not the perfect), connect us to God.

Wednesday, September 4

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the students taking PSAT test today.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Pray for the Hinkletown Mennonite School fourth graders and new students who will receive their school Bible at our annual Bible Presentation Assembly. The Bibles serve as the textbook for the Bible class and celebrate the Word of God rooting in students' minds.

Thursday, September 5

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our senior class as they serve in Western Pennsylvania for their service learning trip on September 4-6.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: September 6 is our Open House. Pray that everybody who attends will feel God's presence, love, and care for God's people.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: As we honor our partners we give thanks for their dedicated giving to our ministry. May they feel the blessings that we feel.

Friday, September 6

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for participants in the Journey Missional Leadership Development Program as they gather with program leaders, mentors, and peers for a weekend of worship, learning, and community-building.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Today, September 6, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the opening of Kraybill Mennonite School. As current and past teachers, staff, administrators, and students meet together, please pray for meaningful times of connection, fellowship, and shared gratitude for God's faithfulness at Kraybill.

Saturday, September 7

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the successful sing-through of the Voices Together hymnal, September 6-8. The event is raising funds for the Chamber Singers tour through Europe in May.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for the health and safety of our Ravens fall student athletes, as they practice, travel, and compete.

Sunday, September 8

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's student-athletes as we continue our Virtue-Driven Athletics program and athletic competition begins.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Pray for strength and peace for our teachers during the busy month of September.

Monday, September 9

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for members of the Bethel College community who have been touched in some way by suicide during the annual awareness walk and vigil this evening.

Lezha (Albania) Academic Center: September 9 is the first day of school. Pray that God will allow students, teachers, and parents to experience God's blessings and open their eyes to new challenges and exciting opportunities that the 2024-2025 school year will bring for each of them.

Tuesday, September 10

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for participants in AMBS's noncredit Online Short Courses in 2024-25 as they deepen their understanding of Anabaptist history, thought, witness, and practice and consider how they may be called to apply their learnings.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Remember the students and coaches involved in the fall sports teams at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for good health and safety as they compete and give them the courage to treat teammates and opponents alike with respect and dignity.

Wednesday, September 11

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our 5th and 6th grade students as they travel to the Nuhop Center for Experiential Learning for an exciting outdoor education experience, September 11-13.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Pray for Hinkletown Mennonite School high school students who are off-campus on their fall trip. Pray that this may be a time of fellowship and relationship-building for students and faculty.

Thursday, September 12

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: As we welcome our elementary families to our Back to School Night, we give thanks that they have chosen QCS.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

September continues to be a busy month at Rockway. Today, we welcome our new and returning families during our Family Welcome Night. This is an evening where Rockway families meet other families, and parents meet their students' teachers. We pray for connection and community as we build relationships this year.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

We have quite a few new teachers onboarding this year. Pray they would adjust well and feel the community of fellowship.

Friday, September 13

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:

We pray for a successful Fan the Flame Fall Auction today.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for wisdom and clarity as the Hillcrest Academy administration makes decisions, continuing to uphold the school's mission.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for The City School's leadership as we transition to Interim Head of School, Krista Weider.

Saturday, September 14

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for AMBS's Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program! Please pray for students in the distance-friendly competency-based program as they strengthen their capacity to lead effectively.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for our Capital Campaign and the construction being done during the school year.

Sunday, September 15

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Dr. David Gushee and college and church planners of a forum on democracy and Christianity being held at Bethel College this afternoon.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for Corporation of Churches as members meet for our annual meeting today.

Monday, September 16

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our first-year students as they focus on the question "Who am I?" in their first-year seminar class, Becoming a Scholar. May they reflect on the varied paths their futures hold at Bluffton and beyond.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Pray for students and their families as they settle into the school schedule, specifically for students as they adjust to new teachers and classroom experiences.

Tuesday, September 17

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our elementary students to make long-lasting friendships. May they be gentle, understanding, and forgiving.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Give thanks for the food service director and staff at Lancaster Mennonite School. They work tirelessly every day to provide tasty, nutritious and safe lunches. Pray for good health and safety for each person who helps prepare and serve the lunches.

Wednesday, September 18

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: It's Service Day at Bethel College. Pray for the students, coaches, staff, and faculty who are building relationships and serving the college and community through service.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray that returning students would welcome new students and find their place of leadership.

Thursday, September 19

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for safety for our students as they participate in fall sports.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We are thankful for our secondary students and families who have been with us as we grow.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for new students as they adjust to Shalom. Pray they would find a peer group.

Friday, September 20

Hesston (Kan.) College: Our mission here at Hesston College states we "educate and nurture each student within a Christ-centered community, integrating thought, life, and faith for service to others in the church and the world." During this school year, pray that all of the employees at the college live into this mission and strive to make this a daily goal and purpose of our work here.

Saturday, September 21

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As we add middle school grades (6-8) to Hillcrest Academy for the first time this year, pray they all middle school students experience a joyful learning environment where all are known and loved.

Sunday, September 22

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Pray for early childhood educators as they work together to purposefully, respectfully, and patiently personify God's love to each child.

Monday, September 23

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our entire student body, faculty, and staff will be challenged to dive deeper into God's Word during our Spiritual Emphasis Week.

The City School, Philadelphia, Pa.: Please pray for all the families connected to the school that they will flourish and be in good health.

Tuesday, September 24

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's adult students who are balancing family responsibilities, career obligations and their studies. We pray that advanced education will make a difference in their lives and in the well-being of their communities.

West Fallowfield Christian School, Atglen, Pa.:

Please pray that we will feel God's presence and hear God's direction and plan for our work here. As we add a new high school, we seek prayer to discern that perfect plan!

Wednesday, September 25

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray that our high school students embrace the opportunity to show Christ's love to our new middle schoolers.

Thursday, September 26

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for our students, faculty, and staff as they connect with downtown Harrisonburg, Virginia, businesses at the third annual Royals Go Downtown event.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our alumni weekend, Homecoming 2024, taking place September 26 to 29. Pray for safe travels for alumni, memorable reminiscing with classmates, and lifetime friendships to be refreshed and renewed.

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Friday, September 27

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our community in the ongoing search for the next president of Hesston College. Pray the next leader for Hesston College is found and they are the right person for this important and transformative time in the history of the college community.

Saturday, September 28

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for our EMS family as school settles into the beginnings of the school year.

Sunday, September 29

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Thank God for the gift of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum and for Dr. Mark Jantzen's presentation at today's annual meeting.

Peace Academic Center (PAC), Kykotsmovi, Ariz.: Please pray that we will start the school year off in a positive way as we focus our attention on our students. Pray for the staff, that they will enjoy their work and reach all who come through the doors of PAC.

Monday, September 30

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for God's work in the lives of AMBS students (in both graduate and Lifelong Learning programs) — calling them to ministry and theological study and providing a community in which they can learn, grow, and be mentored.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Pray for the spiritual life of our Shalom community as it is tested in various ways.