

Tuesday, October 1

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College alumni and families as they reconnect during Homecoming Weekend.

Wednesday, October 2

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University as we celebrate 125 years this weekend, Oct. 4-6, at our Homecoming. May we continue our mission to prepare students for life as well as vocation.

Thursday, October 3

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for our Dock Homecoming and Family Weekend as alumni and families come together on campus. Please pray that many families will attend our Fall Admissions Open House on Saturday.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.:

We give thanks for the families of students and their partnership with our school. Parent-teacher conferences are tomorrow.

Friday, October 4

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Va.: Pray for compassion and understanding during the President's Town Hall meeting today.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Tomorrow is Homecoming at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a good time of celebration, fun, and catching up with former classmates. Give thanks for the many lives enriched by years spent at Lancaster Mennonite.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We are excited to offer new classes for our students and pray that these offerings challenge our high schoolers. We also pray for our teachers as they create a curriculum that meets the needs of our students in these classes.

Saturday, October 5

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for 50 years of outstanding social work education, and pray for Sarah Augustine as she gives the 50th-anniversary lecture this afternoon.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Va.: Pray for our prospective students, admissions team, and the whole campus community during the first Roar Session of the year.

Sunday, October 6

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, students who went on cross-cultural experiences over the spring and summer months will share during Forum. Pray for the health and safety of all Bluffton students during their cross-cultural experiences and that the experience helps them develop an ethic of justice, service, and peacemaking.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for students at Hesston College, especially first-year students, as they prepare for midterm exams. Pray that they may have confidence in the face of possible test anxieties and that the knowledge they have gained stays fresh in their minds.

Monday, October 7

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We bless our new Cross Country team as they compete in their first league meet. May they reflect the love of others as they compete.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

Please pray for Shalom's major fundraising campaign, Race for Education, Oct. 7-11.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for a relentless focus on being disciples of Christ this year.

Tuesday, October 8

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Associate Professor Drew Strait, PhD, is giving a lecture this evening on "How to Challenge Christian Nationalism: Building Peace in an Age of Extremism." Please pray that both in-person and livestream participants would gain practical tools for countering political idolatry, radicalization, and violent extremism.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for Dock high school students as they are inducted during our National Honor Society Induction ceremony tomorrow.

Wednesday, October 9

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for our senior students and their chaperones as they travel to Washington DC for senior trip, Oct. 9-11.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.: Parent Teacher Conferences are October 10-11. Please pray for times of excellent communication and partnership between teachers and parents which will support a year of great learning and growth for our students.

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Pray for parent-teacher conferences taking place on Oct. 10-11 at Lancaster Mennonite School. These are important times for parents and teachers to talk together to ensure students are receiving the education and care that they need.

Thursday, October 10

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for the workers as they dedicate themselves to the construction of our gathering space at Eastern Mennonite Elementary School.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Today, we pray as the Goshen College community celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day, exploring our past, present, and future together on this good earth.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.: Pray for Hinkletown Mennonite School as they welcome the community to the 44th ... [continued ↗](#)

HinkleFEST & Benefit Auction. Pray for fun and safety with the kids activities on both days, energy for the volunteers and steering committee team, and a welcoming experience for those who come out for all of the events. Pray that the funds raised through this event will help to meet the needs of Christ-centered education at HMS.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We ask for prayers for our Board of Operations as we meet to discuss the strategic direction for our school.

Friday, October 11

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for safe travels, friendly fellowship, and good weather this weekend as we welcome back our alumni and friends for Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We celebrate our Homecoming! We ask for safe travels to those who are returning to reunite with old friends and relive memories.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: Rockway families will kick-off their long weekend by coming in extra early today for our "Thankful for Grandparents" Family Breakfast. Please pray for grandparents, and those who are like grandparents, in our students' lives, that they may be mentors and supporters for our youth.

Saturday, October 12

Bethel College, Newton, Kan.: Cornerstone Day at Bethel College marks its founding date in 1887 and a special annual giving event. We give thanks for faithful alumni and friends.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the safety and success of everyone on our campus.

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our students and faculty as they enjoy a much-needed Fall Break, October 12-15. Pray for safe travels, fun, and rest for all of them during this important break in their schedules.

Sunday, October 13

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Today is Clergy Appreciation Day. Join us in praying that pastors the world over will interpret Christ's love to young children promoting peace through supporting healthy family relationships, emphasizing high-quality education and care for all children, and protecting them from exploitation, violence, and discrimination.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day in Canada, and our school, like all others, will be closed for the holiday. Some of our students and faculty will be participating in the annual Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest parade again this year. Our school float "THINK" promotes environmental awareness, asking the viewer to really **think** about the single-use plastics in their everyday lives. We pray that we may be environmental stewards of our earth, given to us by creator God.

Monday, October 14

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our first elementary teacher collaboration day of the school year is today. Please pray for our teachers as they work on important future plans, especially incorporating our newest teachers on that team.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for safe travels for our team attending the Biblical Worldview Conference, Oct. 14 – 18.

Tuesday, October 15

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for the Dock teachers and families as they join for parent-teacher conferences today and on Oct. 19. Help us to see what is best for each student. Guide us as we plan for each student's academic career. Lead us to be good listeners.

Goshen (Ind.) College: Pray for Goshen College students as they enjoy a much-needed fall break, Oct. 14-18.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray that our decisions will be made with wisdom and discernment.

Wednesday, October 16

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Goshen, Ind.: Give thanks for AMBS's Maintenance and Campus Security employees and for their consistent and careful behind-the-scenes work in keeping the campus clean, safe, beautiful, and welcoming.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week first-year students at Bluffton are in the Great Smoky Mountains for the Great Adventure. Please pray for them as they come together to contemplate the big questions in life such as "Who am I?" and "What values do I live by?"

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: We give thanks for a good start to the school year.

Thursday, October 17

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for our elementary students as they embark on their first field trip of the year to Nickajack Farms tomorrow.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We pray for safe travels and meaningful connections over EMS homecoming, Oct.18-19.

Friday, October 18

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: We are excited for our first high school choral and instrumental concert debuting tonight.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ont.:

Tonight, our annual Connections Homecoming Night welcomes alumni, current families, current and former faculty/staff, and friends of Rockway back 'home'. Two traditions not to be missed are the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser and the Alumni Sports Challenge. We look forward to welcoming our alumni home and ask for a prayer of blessing over our time of connection together.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: Grandparents' Day will be celebrated on Oct. 18 and 21 at Shalom. Please pray for a joyful time together.

Saturday, October 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Give thanks for AMBS's faculty members, who care deeply about their students' academic, personal, and spiritual formation and well-being. Please pray for them as they mentor and guide students in knowing, being, and doing.

Sunday, October 20

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.: Pray for the students, employees, and community members who are rehearsing "The Lightning Thief" musical and that they do it all for God's glory.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.: We had Spiritual Emphasis Week in September. Please pray for the fruit from that time for students to grow in Christ.

Monday, October 21

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University's theatre students as they begin preparing for the fall play "26 Pebbles," Nov. 14-17.

Tuesday, October 22

Lancaster (Pa.) Mennonite School: Give thanks for all the administrative assistants, maintenance, custodial, and food service staff at Lancaster Mennonite School as they continue to spend many hours working to provide a safe environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

Wednesday, October 23

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Please pray for AMBS board members as they meet Oct. 24-26 — that God's Spirit would guide them in listening well and wisely as they give direction to the ongoing work of the seminary.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Pray for the Dock students and their families as we participate in our Race for Education Event. Keep us safe as we run and walk around the track. Guide us to interact with new friends and families as we make our way around the track. Lead us to model Jesus to others as we participate in events like this.

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Hesston (Kan.) College: Please pray for our board, administration, and faculty/staff representatives as they gather on campus this week for the fall Hesston College Board of Directors meetings taking place October 24-26. Pray for wisdom, guidance, and vision for each person involved in these important meetings.

Thursday, October 24

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.: Join the AMBS learning community, board members, donors, and friends in celebrating and giving thanks for the successful conclusion of AMBS's Forming Leaders Together campaign, which is funding emerging and existing Anabaptist leadership education programs in Canada, the U.S., and around the world for the next 10 years.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Tena Alonzo and Mollie Heiden, who will present on dementia care at Bethel College's 2nd biennial Senses & Aging Symposium this evening.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pa.:

Today is our annual Race for Education. We pray for a wonderful day of exercise and fellowship and that the funds raised would be a benefit to God's work at Kraybill.

Friday, October 25

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our annual Community Service Day (CSD) is today, where all of our students, faculty, staff, and families serve across our community. Please pray for safety, connections, and servant hearts.

Quakertown (Pa.) Christian School: We give God the glory as we finish our first marking period.

Saturday, October 26

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va.: We send our prayers for the safety of our athletes during their practices and games this fall.

Western Christian School, Salem, Ore.: Please pray for peace in our school community: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." Colossians 3:15

Sunday, October 27

Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.: Pray for Dr. Eric Schmaltz of Northwestern Oklahoma State University as he gives the annual Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, students celebrate Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Pray for them as they contemplate Ephesians 6 and the theme "Put on the Armor of God" during special Forum, Chapel, and campus events.

Monday, October 28

Hesston (Kan.) College: Pray for our many wonderful international students as they adjust to a new culture and as they assimilate to college life and all this brings them. This year, Hesston College has 64 international students from 30 different countries. Pray that each of them can have a wonderful educational, relational, and spiritual experience here at Hesston College.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pa.:

We are thankful for God's provision for faculty positions being filled.

Tuesday, October 29

Central Christian School, Kidron. Ohio: Pray as we welcome more than 70 pastors who will visit our campus on our annual Pastors Appreciation Day.

Wednesday, October 30

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.:

Tonight is the first EXPO of the year for Dock Discover students. The 7th and 8th grades have worked hard and are ready to share with the community. Be with our students as they present their projects. Help Dock students find the strength and confidence they need to present well. Continue to walk with our Discover students throughout the remainder of the school year, as new projects are presented to them.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pa.:

Pray for the grandparents and students of Hinkletown Mennonite School as they meet today for Grandparents Day. May these relationships be nurtured as grandparents interact with students in the classrooms.

Thursday, October 31

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pa.: Please pray for all new Dock students that they are feeling at home on both campuses and making friends/starting well.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: In this election season, please pray that we may open our eyes to the inherent dignity and worth of every child. May we consider the problems facing children and families such as poverty, gun violence, lack of healthcare and quality education. Take action by voting to nurture, protect, and seek respectful justice including love, security, and equal opportunities to access God's hope for all young children.

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