

Saturday, Feb. 1

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: As EMU hosts its first Admitted Student Day of 2025, pray for safety for the visiting prospective students and their families, that they may encounter friendly faces all around. Pray that they form connections and get any questions they have answered.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for Hesston College alumni, as they gather for their virtual class reunions this morning. Pray they have a meaningful time reconnecting with their classmates and friends, as well as reminiscing on their Hesston experiences.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario: 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 final semester of high school. May they feel God's love around them, as they make the most of their final months before starting their post-secondary journeys.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray and give thanks for oboe player and senior Peter Buller, the third Bethel College student in a row to win an annual young soloists' competition with the Newton Mid-Kansas Symphony Orchestra, as he plays with the NMKSO this afternoon.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for the developing Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) program at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Pray that the program engages constructive dialogue and that applicants to the program grow

in their understanding of peacemaking and social change.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students, athletes, faculty and staff, as they navigate the semester.

Monday, Feb. 3

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for Invite AMBS, a program in which AMBS faculty members interact with congregations and organizations concerning topics such as nonviolent communication, confessional Bible study, intercultural competence, trauma-informed caregiving, Christian nationalism political idolatry and more.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for God's leading in the decision-making for the hiring of Dock Mennonite Academy's new superintendent and director of advancement for the 2025-26 school year.

Parent & Preschool Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Pray with the Parent & Preschool Center, as they open enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. Pray that God will bring the right students to the preschool and that families would see the benefit of a Christ-centered, loving, early childhood environment for their children.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Today, Dr. John Fea, distinguished professor of history, Messiah University, is providing Bluffton's annual Keeney Peace Lecture. Please pray for the campus community, as they listen to the presentation and may we be filled with peace.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata,

Pennsylvania: 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.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for a successful winter visit day and open house at Hillcrest Academy, that they would both be well attended and that families and their students would choose to be a part of our school community.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Kraybill teachers and administrators are attending the Mennonite Educators Conference, Feb. 6-8. Please pray for times of learning, insight and connection during this important event.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Due to the expansion currently underway at Shalom Christian Academy, our annual Dutchfest will be held off campus. This is the first time it has been away from campus. Please pray that this would be a smooth transition.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Chris Miertschin, Bethel College's director of bands and brass musician, as he gives his first faculty recital this evening.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Faculty and administration at Lancaster Mennonite School will be traveling for the 2025 Mennonite Educators Conference in Leesburg, Virginia, Feb. 6-8. Pray for a good time of learning and interaction with teachers and administrators from Mennonite Schools Council schools. Pray also for safe travels for everyone.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

Please pray for the Quakertown Christian School's faculty traveling to the Mennonite Educators Conference. May they be blessed by the speakers and other participants. Prayers for those who will remain on campus, as they work together in professional development to strengthen our enrollment process.

Friday, Feb. 7

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for all the Mennonite educators traveling to the Mennonite Educators Conference. Pray for safe travels and guide their conversations, as they hear about what other schools are doing to grow students in their academics and faith. May they see God in the work they do both there and back at their schools.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers, as they worship and perform at several churches this weekend in Topeka, Kansas, at Southern Hills Mennonite Church, and in Kansas City, Kansas, at Rainbow Mennonite Church.

Saturday, Feb. 8

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

Please pray for Central Christian School's international students, as they have now spent several months away from their families, as well as for our international enrollment efforts over the next several months.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Black History Month at Rockway is a time of learning and growing in our understandings of the experiences that Black Canadians have faced. Please pray for our students, staff and faculty, as we spend time learning more about historical events involving Black communities that have often been overlooked, and as we grow deeper in our understanding about anti-Black racism in our community.

Sunday, Feb. 9

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for participants in "Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture," a six-week AMBS online short course, taught by Laura Brenneman-Fullwood and David Cramer. May the Spirit guide their learning and growth.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This year, the Bluffton University campus community is focused on the civic engagement theme: "Faith and Memory in Challenging Times." As we remember stories of Bluffton University and its Mennonite heritage,

please pray that we consider how these memories of faithfulness help us face the challenges of our time with resilience and hope.

Monday, Feb. 10

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the new *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* (IBA) study center at *Del Cordero Church* in Brownsville, Texas. Pray for the new students, as they begin their first course, "Introduction to the Bible." Pray for wisdom and patience for the tutors, Rigoberto and Sonia Negron, as they teach the class. Pray that this ministry be one of many blessings for their congregation and community.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: As Quakertown Christian School's basketball teams enter into the week of playoffs, we ask for God to watch over our players, as well as the other teams. May we be a model of Christ's love in sport, as well as in fellowship, and an example to those who come and cheer us on.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for those new families attending the early childhood and kindergarten open houses at the Dock EC8 campus. May we help guide them to see if Dock is the right place for them and their children. May we share the spirit of Jesus with them, as they decide where to send their students for school.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy's annual chili supper fundraiser meal, that we could host the meal well and that it will be a successful fundraiser that people feel good about participating in.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray that today's two-hour-delay teacher in-service time will be productive, as CCS continues growth in its school curriculum

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario: Rockway turns 80 on February 15. We have a full day of festivities planned for Friday, February 14, a day when we will gather to celebrate

the school we love with the people we love and honor the vision and forethought of our founders, who envisioned a school that would teach the Anabaptist values of peacebuilding and social justice, instill a sense of community among its students and prepare them to be difference-makers in the world. We pray for the safety of our alumni, friends and families, who will be travelling to join us in our celebrations.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College's new women's flag football head coach Felicia Teeter and the members of the team, as they prepare for the pre-season tournament Feb. 22, and the start of the 2025 season.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Central Christian School will be welcoming numerous students in grades 5-12 for our visitation day tomorrow.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Pastors Day is today. Please pray for meaningful times of connection for pastors and students, as we welcome this important group of people to spend a morning at Kraybill.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Quakertown Christian School asks for God's presence during our board of directors meeting. May we feel God's presence, as we listen to the direction we are called to follow.

Friday, Feb. 14

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Central Christian School's high school "Varsity Singers" ensemble will be delivering "Singing Valentines" today. Please pray for their good health, strong voices, warm spirits and safe travels.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers, as they perform during the Mennonite Disaster Service's 75th anniversary celebration, which is taking place at Ridgepoint Church, in Wichita, Kansas.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata,

Pennsylvania: 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 campfire cookouts, to kite construction and Bible journaling. Pray that students and teachers will grow and learn new things and see God in new ways through these interests.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College student musicians, as they perform at the 65th annual Concerto-Aria concert.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: Today, EMU is hosting its second annual High School Music Competition, bringing together talented students in grades 9-12 from the surrounding areas. Pray that they glorify God with their music-making and perform at the best of their abilities.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for high school students, as they go through the registration process for next school year.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Praise for steel going up for Shalom Christian Academy's new structure.

Monday, Feb. 17

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for leaders, presenters and participants at AMBS's Pastors & Leaders 2025 conference, as they explore the theme, "Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back, Living Forward." May the event give them insights and tools to take back to their congregations.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: On this President's Day, pray that God may grant President Trump increased awareness that poverty, racism and militarism tend to deprive young children of their right to be secure, healthy and educated, inhibiting their ability to reach their potential.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Candidates for president of Bluffton University's 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.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for the Goshen College students who are tackling faith-related, socially relevant contemporary issues in the C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest today.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: This week, February 18-21, is Spiritual Emphasis Week for our middle school students. Please pray for speaker Becky Hess, 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, Feb. 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: 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.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for our pastors and students, as local pastors join us on our high school campus for Pastors' Day.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College baseball, softball, flag football, golf, indoor track and powerlifting teams, as they begin their respective seasons. Pray for all athletes and coaches, as they train, practice, team build and compete. Pray for safety for all, as they travel and play and to help each athlete strive for excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Friday, Feb. 21

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for members of Bethel College's Diversity Council, as they plan for, organize and lead the annual Black Excellence Celebration this evening.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Today is the International Food Festival, which brings together students, faculty and community members from different types of backgrounds, as they break bread together and share the foods of their native cultures. Pray for forged connections, deeper understandings of the differences that make us special, and for the broader world to follow in this example of unity-building.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: This weekend begins the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship (ICPF) 2025 Conference, which is being hosted at EMU this year. Pray for safety for all the attendees visiting from Mennonite, Brethren and Quaker colleges across the U.S. and Canada. Pray that they learn and grow in conversation with one another, as they examine issues of peace and justice.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Know Jesus event taking place at Hesston College this weekend. Know Jesus is an overnight retreat for 6th-8th graders that will help youth learn more about their Anabaptist roots, through worship, service and interactive activities. Pray that youth will grow in their relationships with Jesus, as they learn about the Anabaptist faith tradition.

Sunday, Feb. 23

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for the 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.

Monday, Feb. 24

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: May today's all-school parent-teacher conferences create opportunities for greater partnership with our teachers, parents and students

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy's student athletes who are playing basketball. As they practice, compete and travel

through the winter season, pray for the continued health and safety of the teams and coaches, spectators coming onto campus, and fans.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for AMBS admissions team members, as they connect with prospective students, who are exploring options for biblical and theological graduate studies and discerning where God might be calling them

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario:

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's all-school musical, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, is coming to the Rockway stage February 26-March 1. Please pray for the wellbeing of our grade 7-12 students in the cast and crew, as well as the faculty and staff who are working alongside them. We wish them all the best in their production!

Thursday, Feb. 27

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:

Pray for Dock's Pillar & Partner Appreciation event. Thank you to those who support the school. May participants enjoy their fellowship time together, as well as watching the high school musical, Oklahoma.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Remember the students involved in the Lancaster Mennonite High musical, Little Women, February 27-March 2. Pray that everyone — the actors and those behind the scenes — will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.

Friday, Feb. 28

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for members of Bethel College's and Kansas State University's Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation teams participating in a virtual Racial Healing Circle® today.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for the cast, crew and directors of Dock Mennonite Academy's high school musical, Oklahoma. Pray that all involved will remain healthy for each of their four performances and that all performances will be well-attended.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

During these long days of winter, we pray for all teachers and staff, knowing that, often, they arrive at the building when it's still dark outside, and leave when it is dark. Give them the strength to see the fruits of their labor within the students. We thank you, our teachers, for all you do!

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