

Mennonite Education Agency
The education agency of Mennonite Church USA

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Tuesday, April 1

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We ask for prayers for both our kindergarten visitation day, as well as our high school evening information gathering. Let the families that come hear our story and join our family.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Pray for the high school students as they serve in the community during the first week of April.

Wednesday, April 2

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for the administrators, instructors and program leaders, who help students deepen their faith and strengthen their theological and biblical understandings, through the nondegree offerings of AMBS's Church Leadership Center.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Today marks the ninth annual LovEMU Giving Day, the university's biggest fundraising event of the year. Pray that our daylong series of special events, which are open to the whole community, are complemented with nice weather and positive spirits.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College women's disc golf team, as they begin competition today in the College Disc Golf Nationals in Rock Hill, South Carolina, which runs April 2-5. Pray for safe travel to and from South Carolina and for the athletes and coaches, as they compete at nationals.

Thursday, April 3

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for our Family Service Night, as students share their service learning experiences with family members.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: During April, the month of the young child — and prompted by Earth Day, April 22 — let us pray that adults will engage children in developing habits to care for God's good earth, including the current campaign to end plastic pollution, which includes rejecting, reducing, reusing and recycling plastic materials.

Friday, April 4

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students, as the first in a series of six senior recitals takes place this evening, with a junior recital and several concerts also happening in the next few weeks.

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Pray with Freeman Academy, as they begin looking for a new head of school.

Saturday, April 5

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU will christen its brand new pickleball courts with a tournament to raise funds for the university pickleball club. Pray that the event goes smoothly, with safety and sportsmanship for all involved.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Kraybill Mennonite School's auction is May 9-10. Please pray for the many volunteers who are giving their time and energy, preparing for this special weekend.

Sunday, April 6

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers and director Russell Adrian, as they worship with and sing this morning at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Kansas. May their singing be a time of praise, worship and blessing for the Whitestone congregation.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon:

Western Christian School has its accreditation visit this week. Please pray with them that the visit goes smoothly for both the visiting team and school staff.

Monday, April 7

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

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for Bethel College alumni, as one of them, George Rogers III, receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award today and another, Carolyn Coon, receives the Distinguished Achievement Award on April 21.

Tuesday, April 8

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray as we open our doors to new families interested in learning about what Dock has to offer. Pray for those that are providing tours to these families and sharing the word of Jesus.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Pray for Shalom's chorale, as they go on tour and are part of the Mennonite Schools Council Festival. Pray for safe travels and that they may share God in great ways.

Wednesday, April 9

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Today, Bluffton University is hosting their annual Civic Engagement Day. Please pray for our presenters, as they share on the theme: "Faith and Memory During Challenging Times."

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for those preparing lunch meals for the 4th graders and their families, as they share the noon meal together.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

With thanks for our families, we celebrate our grandparents today. May our time together be engaging, as we listen and fellowship with one another.

Thursday, April 10

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our touring choir as they travel to Goshen, Indiana, and then onto Kidron, Ohio, for the Mennonite Schools choral festival hosted by Central Christian School.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: The elementary music program is today. Pray for our music teachers and students, as they prepare for an evening of music and worship.

Friday, April 11

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for safe travel and good health, strong voices and an enjoyable experience, as participating schools from the Mennonite Schools Network participate in this year's Choir Festival, hosted by Central Christian School, April 11-13.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Lancaster Mennonite High School's campus chorale will be traveling to Kidron, Ohio, for the Mennonite Schools Network Choir Festival on April 11-13. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also pray that our students will enjoy connecting with students from the other schools and that those performing and attending the concert will experience God's presence.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon: Please pray with Western Christian School for their choir, as they travel for a choir festival, April 11-13. Pray for travel mercies and a great time of fellowship.

Saturday, April 12

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: April is when Rockway begins thinking about our chapel theme for the next school year. Please pray for our administration and chapel teams, as they discern the spiritual direction for our chapel program next year.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We ask for prayers, as we embark on our first ever Bowling Fundraiser. May our partners and participants enjoy their time, as we raise money for our school. This is How We Roll!

Sunday, April 13

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Join the Bethel College community in praying for people and situations locally, nationally and globally during this semester's 24 Hours of Prayer.

Monday, April 14

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please continue to pray for Bluffton University, under the leadership of interim president Alex Sider. May President Sider's work continue "to prepare students of all backgrounds for life as well as vocation ... and ultimately for the purposes of God's universal kingdom."

Tuesday, April 15

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Our youngest strings players and singers will perform at the elementary school Spring Concert on today.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Tonight is a busy night at Rockway! Our grade 7-12 visual arts students will host their annual Exhibition of Student Art, while at the same time, Rockway administration will hold a grade 7-12 information night for prospective families. We are excited for our students to showcase their work to our school community and for prospective families to enjoy the work of our students, as they consider Rockway for their child.

Wednesday, April 16

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for Dock's touring choir, as they visit various churches this spring.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: EMU holds its annual Academic and Creative Excellence (ACE) Festival, a campus-wide conference that showcases academic and artistic achievements. Pray that our keynote speaker finds his way to campus safely and that all of our students engage in spirited conversation and learning.

Thursday, April 17

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Easter break is April 17-21. Please pray for meaningful opportunities for students, families, teachers and staff to reflect on Christ's sacrifice at the cross and the miracle of ihs resurrection.

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Please pray with Freeman Academy, as they discern how to move forward as a school in the face of significant enrollment and financial challenges.

Friday, April 18

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

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Praise God for the performance of The Sound of Music. Our students were able to share their talents and work with a small stage for a large production.

Saturday, April 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for students who are pursuing theological studies at AMBS — whether through graduate-level programs or continuing education offerings. Give thanks for how God is equipping them for ministry.

Sunday, April 20

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Damon Klassen and Jocelyn Wilkinson, Bethel College theater staff, and Bethel students, as they prepare the spring play, "The Bookstore" by Adam Szymkowicz, to be performed April 25-27.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: A spring open house is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School on April 26. Please be in prayer for prospective families, as they consider a Jesus-

centered LM education for their children.

Monday, April 21

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 are starting new jobs, moving home for the summer or gaining additional knowledge through internships, cross-cultural experiences and graduate studies.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray that Dock Mennonite Academy's spring athletes wrap up their seasons well, with healthy bodies and good attitudes.

Tuesday, April 22

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for all of the students who, starting today, have their art displayed in the Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit in the Regehr-Friesen Art Gallery at Hesston College.

Wednesday, April 23

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for the CCS faculty who teach English, as they continue the journey of curricula alignment across all grades of our school, preparing and challenging our students to grow as writers.

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.

Thursday, April 24

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for AMBS board members, as they meet April 24–26. May God's Spirit guide their conversations and bless them with wisdom and clarity, as they give direction to the seminary's ongoing work.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for Dock's seniors, as they

Pennsylvania: Pray for Dock's seniors, as they finalize their plans for next year.

Friday, April 25

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students presenting the results of their research in many forms at the annual URICA Symposium today.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: The Concerto/Aria Concert, featuring the talents of the EMU orchestra and three student soloists on piano and violin, will be held tonight. Pray for the student-musicians to have focus, confidence and peace, as they perform.

Saturday, April 26

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Please pray for the Lancaster Mennonite School community, as it holds its spring celebration today. This time of celebration includes a BBQ, auction, bake sale and fun activities for children.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

Please pray for our board and leadership team, as we spend the day in prayer, discussion and strategic planning. May this day bring wisdom to those who lead our school.

Sunday, April 27

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers and director Russell Adrian, as they worship with and sing during the morning worship service at Buhler Mennonite Church, in Buhler, Kansas. May their singing bring a wonderful time of worship for all present.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: This week, April 27-May 3, is National Volunteer Week in Canada. Rockway recognizes, and is grateful for, the incredible volunteers who have blessed us with their volunteer services 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 up a prayer of thanks for their generosity.

Monday, April 28

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for AMBS's theological library, and pray for Karl Stutzman, MLS, director of library services; Kajsa Herrstrom, MDiv, MSLIS, resource access librarian; and student assistants, as they support the scholarship of students and faculty with both print and electronic resources.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Bluffton University's commencement is May 3. Please pray for our students, as they transition from inquisitive learners to compassionate professionals, who faithfully serve both their communities and the world.

Tuesday, April 29

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

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: As final exams at EMU begin, pray that God grants calmness and confidence to our students and helps them manage stress with grace.

Wednesday, April 30

New Holland (Pennsylvania) Early Learning Center: Please pray for New Holland Early Learning Center's children and staff. We have a very diverse group of learners and staff, from diverse backgrounds. Many are afraid of what is next for them, with what is happening in our country. May

God's grace and love abound around us all.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Pray for teachers and administrators, as they perform evaluations for 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 JessicaG@MennoniteEducation.org.

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