

Thursday, May 1

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Mark Landes, as he joins the Hesston College community and begins his work this week as president of Hesston College.

Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH):

Pray for Luis Tapia, SeBAH professor, and Cristian Vidal, guest professor, who are teaching the course Jesus and the Gospels. Pray for wisdom, as they teach the class. Pray that the course is a source of learning and blessings for the students.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Dutchfest is a very large school fundraiser for Shalom Christian Academy. It will be held May 2-3, off campus, due to our expansion project. Pray for a smooth transition, as the venue has changed after 40+ years of it being at Shalom. We would also love to have good weather.

Friday, May 2

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for Brad Born's years of service to Bethel College as a professor of English, with a decade as academic dean, as the Bethel community honors him at a retirement party today.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

Please pray for good health, recall of their lines and warm spirits for our middle school cast performing "The Rise of Robinhood, A Twelfth Century Story of How Robin Hood Came to Be," May 2-3.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Our Founders' Day Celebrations are happening today, and we are excited to celebrate 80 years of faith-based education at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate. Please pray for our school, as we take time today to celebrate our legacy and our

future, during our special anniversary chapel, with a big announcement, as well as continuing the celebrations in the evening with our soup supper fundraiser and alumni sports challenge.

Saturday, May 3

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for the 33 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.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

We pray for fun, fellowship and new friends, as we open our doors for our annual community day. May our families and visitors be blessed by the events we have to offer during this day of community building.

Sunday, May 4

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: EMU will hold its 107th annual commencement today. Pray that our graduates and their families and friends are able to gather together to celebrate the momentous occasion and that we are blessed with lovely weather!

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Lancaster Mennonite School has many activities scheduled for the month of May, including concerts, the junior-senior banquet, field trips, field days and awards ceremonies. Pray that all students and faculty will enjoy these special events, while remaining focused on finishing the school year.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Please pray for Shalom Christian Academy's graduation ceremony, May 10, and that we are able to secure an impactful speaker.

Monday, May 5

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for all Hesston College athletes, coaches and volunteers, as they enjoy the year-end athletic banquet this evening. Pray that it be a time of celebration and reminiscing about another great year for HC athletics.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Praise God for the students serving through the high school service and experience week.

Tuesday, May 6

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University graduates. Pray that those entering the workforce find careers that are not only jobs but vocations. Pray for our students who will continue their studies in graduate school. Pray for our graduates who are entering voluntary service, that they may faithfully serve the community and the world.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Join us in praying that our seniors would end the year strongly.

Wednesday, May 7

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Pray with Freeman Academy, as they continue to look for a new head of school.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Please pray for our juniors and seniors, as they explore God's creation on our first-ever Wallops Island, Virginia, science trip. Be with our chaperones, as they lead this group in learning.

Thursday, May 8

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: The Kraybill Mennonite School auction is May 9-10. Please pray for the many volunteers who are giving their time and energy to prepare for this special weekend. Also, our prayer is

that this would be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for our school community.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We ask for prayers for our board of operations. May they feel God's guidance, as they direct our school.

Friday, May 9

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Join us in praying for our wonderful elementary student's grandparents, as we welcome them to enjoy a few hours of school today.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU's Lancaster, Pennsylvania, campus will hold its commencement this evening. Pray for a spirit of gratitude, peace and clarity, and joy and celebration for our graduates beginning the next chapter in their journeys.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College Board of Directors as they gather on campus this weekend for their spring meetings.

Saturday, May 10

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for God's presence and protection with Bethel College athletes and coaches, who will gather this evening to celebrate the year at the annual Threshpys awards banquet.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As our students participate in our Jr/Sr Banquet today, pray for wisdom and safety, as everyone enjoys the special evening together.

Sunday, May 11

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for members of AMBS's administrative cabinet, as they lead the seminary in carrying out its vision and mission.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our Bluffton University students over summer break. May they stay safe as they spend time with family, relax on vacation or explore their careers through internships. May they return this fall eager to learn.

Monday, May 12

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for all Hesston College students, as they prepare for and take final exams this week. Pray for clear minds and a strong finish to the semester for each student.

Tuesday, May 13

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU hosts its spring faculty and staff conference today. Pray for positive energy and a feeling of continued unity and purpose, as we recognize and appreciate employees who have served us for a number of years.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network: Dear God, teach us, as a nation, to truly welcome “these little children” as Jesus did. May your light of love stop the hindering and give wisdom, encouragement and strength to those that are true child advocates.

Wednesday, May 14

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for participants in AMBS’s online short course, Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication, led by Betty Pries, April 23-June 3. May they be empowered to help congregations courageously engage their differences in ways that glorify God and bring healing and hope.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: The EMU chamber singers are embarking on an international tour through Europe, with performances in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland, including a performance at Mennonite World Conference. Pray that they share God’s love, joy and hope through their music.

Thursday, May 15

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for our senior class, as they conclude their high school career at CCS, academically on May 16, with their senior trip, May 19-22, and through graduation, May 25.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA):

Pray for Daniel Bouret, IBA tutor at Unida de Avivamiento Church study center, in Brooklyn, New York. Pray for wisdom and guidance, as he teaches

the course Acts of the Apostles. Pray for the students, as they learn more about the book of Acts.

Friday, May 16

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College graduating class of 2025, as they take part in commencement activities this weekend. May they hear God’s calling, as they move on from Hesston College to pursue careers, service opportunities and further educational challenges.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: As we celebrate with our students, we ask for prayers of safety for our prom participants. May this evening be one of fun and time with friends.

Saturday, May 17

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:

As our touring choir continues with their local performances, including their spring concert tomorrow, we pray for safety and endurance. We are thankful for the opportunity to perform in our local congregations and pray our presence is uplifting.

Sunday, May 18

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for graduating seniors and their loved ones, and for speaker Trent Voth, a professor in the Bible and religion department, at Bethel College’s baccalaureate service and 132nd commencement today.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Bel Canto Singers and directors today, as they embark on a 12-day tour of the Pacific Northwest. Pray for worshipful concerts, meaningful connections with concert goers and an awesome, memory-making time together as a choir.

Monday, May 19

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for our newly admitted international students, as they prepare for student visa appointments with U.S. Consulate or Embassy offices in their home countries and that the U.S. government would grant them visas to pursue theological studies on campus at AMBS.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Pray for teachers and students, as we complete the last several weeks of school. We are thankful for God's presence and direction throughout this school year, and we are trusting that each class will finish the year strong and with great memories of their time together, with their teachers and classmates.

Tuesday, May 20

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Today, our grade 7-12 music students will showcase their talents in choirs, string and wind ensembles, during our annual spring concert. Please pray for our students and music teachers, as they prepare for this special evening of music.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Join us in praising God for progress on our capital expansion project.

Wednesday, May 21

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This month, many Bluffton University students are leaving the comforts of their homes to take part in a cross-cultural experience in locations ranging from Czech Republic to Appalachia. Pray that these students learn from other cultures and flourish in the kindness and mercy of all they meet.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for the safety and an enjoyable outdoor experience for our Elementary School students on Field Day, May 21.

Thursday, May 22

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for AMBS's endowed scholarships and donors who generously contribute funds for continued student support.

Friday, May 23

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students and faculty, as they participate in May Term classes, especially those that involve travel, to Mexico and to the southern border of the United States.

Saturday, May 24

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: EMU's new pickleball facility is hosting a tournament for local players, to raise funds for future improvements. Pray that the event builds community and brings about joy and connection.

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Please pray with Freeman Academy, as they continue to discern how best to plan their future.

Sunday, May 25

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: We celebrate, with gratitude, the graduation of our senior class today. We pray that, with God as their foundation and guide, our seniors will lead others through their faith and go forward with hopefulness and preparedness to change our world for the better.

Monday, May 26

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Rockway's 30th annual golf classic, to raise funds for tuition assistance, is happening today. We pray that our players have a fun, safe day on the course, but more importantly, pray that we raise a lot of money to ensure that Rockway education is accessible to more students!

Tuesday, May 27

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Trips Week is a long-standing tradition at Rockway, and this year, from May 27-30, all students grades 7-11 will participate in some sort of adventure. Whether they are doing a four-day tour of Quebec City, Quebec, or Ottawa, Ontario, or participating in day trips close to home, we pray for the safe travels of our students and teachers. We also pray for our grade 12 students, who will be participating in a graduate retreat and reflecting on their time at Rockway.

Wednesday, May 28

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: As our academic school year comes to an end, we are wrapping up up spring athletics and looking forward to our summer outdoor baseball and softball seasons. We pray for the health and safety of all our student athletes and our coaches, spectators coming onto our campus, and our fans as they travel.

Thursday, May 29

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students, and all college students, from outside the United States who must make difficult decisions about staying or going home for the summer, amid uncertainty over visa status.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

We pray that God will make our students outstanding leaders and imitators of Christ's character and secure in their faith.

Friday, May 30

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for our 8th grade class, as they finish their time at Kraybill and make plans for high school. We pray that each student will feel God's direction and call, as they move forward to what is next for them. Eighth grade promotion is on Monday, June 2, and our desire is that this will be a time of celebration and reflection on all that God has done in the lives of each student.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Today is the last day of school at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for a safe, relaxing and refreshing summer break for faculty and students.

Saturday, May 31

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our incoming students, as they participate in new student orientation and registration this summer. May they feel prepared to enter our community and ready to "Design Their Lives" through the "Bluffton Blueprint."

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Pray for those students who are graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School on today. Give thanks for their journey thus far, and pray that they will be open to God's leading, as they face changes and decisions for the next steps in life.

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