

DECEMBER

December 1-6

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for the Bluffton and Findlay communities who are coming together to perform "Messiah." May those in attendance witness the love of God through the beautiful scripture, lyrics and music performed at this annual event.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Praise for new students and the opportunity to welcome them into our community.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU celebrates the holidays with Christmas Stories & Song on Dec. 3, a Christmas Concert on Dec. 5, featuring performances by its musical ensembles, and an appearance in the Harrisonburg Downtown Holiday Parade on Dec. 6. Pray that the events spread joy and celebration to all who attend.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students who are participating in the annual Festival of Carols this weekend.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the continued clean up, restoration and reconstruction process of Charles Hall at Hesston College. Charles Hall was heavily damaged by a fire in May 2025 and the college hopes to have the building open in time for fall 2026 classes.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Remember the students and coaches involved in the winter 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.

December 7-13

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Semester One courses end this week at AMBS. Give thanks with students and faculty members for the learning, personal and spiritual growth, and community building that have taken place during this term.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray and sing along with the Bethel College community as they mark the Advent season with the 40th annual Lighting of the Green on Dec. 7.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton students as they complete their finals and prepare to return home for Christmas. May their minds be sharp and their travels safe.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray that our students are able to demonstrate what they've learned throughout the semester in their final exams (Dec. 9-12). Pray for safe travels for many of our students as they depart campus during the winter break starting Dec. 13.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students who are taking their final exams.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College students as they prepare for and take their final exams this week. Pray for clear minds and calm hearts for each student. We give thanks and are grateful for the opportunities presented over the fall semester to learn and grow as individuals and as a college community.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: This year, our Christmas program includes students in grades 5-8, with performances on December 11 and 12. Please pray for a wonderful time of fellowship and celebration, as we enjoy acting and music from our students.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts on Dec. 9, 11 and 12. Pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm and that students, faculty and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Rockway music students and their teachers have been working hard this fall to learn the repertoire for their annual Christmas Concert. On Tuesday, Dec. 9, family, friends and alumni will gather to celebrate the season of Advent and the birth of Christ through their music-making. We pray that it is a night for all to listen and reflect on what the Christmas season means to them.

December 14-20

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for AMBS's Development Team members as they connect with people to support AMBS's mission of educating and preparing Christian leaders, and give thanks for donors who generously respond to this call.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Praise for a wonderful fall season, including four sold-out drama performances, strong fall sports seasons and positive connections happening across campus.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We welcome the coming of our Lord with our Annual Christmas Concert. May our students be filled with cheer as they spread the good news to those who attend.

December 21-27

Seminario Bíblico Anabaustista Hispano (SeBAH): Pray for SeBAH students as they finish the course "Pastoral Project" on Dec. 22. Pray for wisdom and strength as the students complete the course successfully.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: May our teachers and staff be rejuvenated as we break to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Prayers for a time of rest and relaxation, free from the stresses of the classroom.

December 28-31

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the volunteer tutors of IBA that will be serving the different study centers in the New Year. May God bless them, as they give of their time and contribute to the training of new leaders for the Hispanic churches of MC USA. Pray for wisdom, patience and energy as they teach their classes and look forward to the new year.

January

January 1-3

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for students as they navigate life in 2025, including challenges with technology, cell phones, stress and anxiety.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for Teresa Perez-Soto and Andres Mendoza, IBA tutors for the Virtual Study Center. Pray for wisdom and guidance as they begin teaching the course "Christian Education."

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Our enrollment for the 2026-27 school year opens in January. Please pray for current and potential new families, as they make important decisions regarding education for the new school year.

January 4-10

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as the spring semester begins this week. May our students' minds be open to new ideas, experiences and connections developed by their education.

Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Eastern Mennonite Seminary hosts its annual Shalom Academy, a peace-and-justice-forward retreat experience that draws pastors, ministers and laity from across the continent for workshops, seminars, worship and fellowship opportunities. Pray that the conference is thoughtful and engaging, and motivates attendees to be courageous faith leaders.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for all artists, performers, athletes and other guests who will visit the Goshen College campus this winter.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

The 16th Annual Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on Jan. 10 and 11. Remember the tournament participants and also the family and friends of Glen Lapp (1987 LM Alum), as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

We ask for prayers as our Board of Operations meets on Jan. 8 to discuss future strategies of our ministry and the families that choose us. We are thankful for the guidance our Board provides our faculty and staff.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario: After returning from Christmas break on Jan. 5, our grade 9-12 students are getting right to it with exam preparation over the next two weeks! We invite you to pray for our grade 9-12 students, as for some, it's their first time writing exams, and for others, it's a realization that this is their last set of exams in high school.

Seminario Bíblico Anabaustista Hispano (SeBAH): Pray for Patricia Urueña, SeBAH professor who has started teaching the course "History of the Christian People." Pray for wisdom and that the course be a source of learning and blessings for all.

January 11-17

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for students in AMBS's Doctor of Ministry in Leadership program, as they meet for a week of in-person coursework. May the program bear fruit in their lives and ministries.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week, Bluffton University will host our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Forum on Tuesday, Jan. 20, with Jonathon Blake Turner sharing the message, "Justice in the Key of Faith: The Sound of the Sanctuary and the Streets." Please pray for justice, equity, peace and love on campus and across the world.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for upcoming musicals for both middle school and high school as rehearsals begin.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for students, faculty and staff at Hesston College as spring semester classes begin Jan. 14! May the semester be filled with meaningful learning, lasting friendships and transformational experiences for all.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Prayers of blessing on our students and teachers as they complete our first semester of this school year.

January 18-24

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray and thank God for Bethel College graduate and professional musician Roz McCommon as she leads students and community members in a musical celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 19.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU hosts its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service and Learning on Jan. 19. Pray that our students are able to commemorate, reflect, serve and take inspiration from the peace leader during the full day of events.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Our annual book fair will be held Jan. 20-23. Please pray for opportunities for connection as teachers, students and families spend time together at this event.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario: Our grade 7 and 8 students will be heading to their Winter Retreat on Jan. 22-23. We pray for safe travels in the January weather, for the leaders who are planning the retreat and for the students to be open to the community-building activities planned for them.

January 25-31

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, celebrating its 30-year anniversary with a special concert Jan. 31, for BCAPA founders' early vision and for its contributions to the arts in the local Newton community over three decades.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Please pray for guest speaker Angie Lederach, who will be participating in Hesston College's annual Melva Kauffman Lecture Series, January 25 to 27. Pray the students and all those in attendance can learn together, discuss openly and critically ponder Lederach's lectures and leadership for this important series.

February

February 1-7

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Life Enrichment, a weekly program for senior adults held at Bethel College during the school year, begins spring programming Feb. 4. Pray for volunteer planners and coordinators, and give thanks for presenters who offer their time and gifts.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Pray for teachers and leaders — for wisdom, energy and guidance as they teach, plan, build relationships and lead our school community.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU hosts its International Food Festival, inviting members of our campus community to share the diverse and flavorful cuisines from their cultures. Pray that this event fosters connection between members of our community and promotes a spirit of belonging.

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

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

The World Changers Gala will be held at Lancaster Mennonite School on Feb. 6. The World Changers Gala is a celebration of the way that Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty, alumni and friends bring positive change to the world through Christ-like love and service and raises funds to support our students.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario: February is Black History month at Rockway. It is a time of learning and growing in our understanding 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 go deeper in our understanding about anti-Black racism in our community.

February 8-14

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.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This year, the Bluffton University campus community is focused on the Civic Engagement theme, "Who is my Neighbor." As we reflect on this question, please pray that we grow in our knowing, loving and serving our neighbors.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College basketball players as they compete this season.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the new IBA students enrolling during this new year. Pray for blessings, spiritual growth and that their call to ministry will be strengthened through their studies.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Pastors Day is Thursday, Feb. 12. 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.

February 15-21

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College theater and music faculty and students as they practice and prepare for the spring musical, "Alice by Heart," a retelling of "Alice in Wonderland" set in World War II London.

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

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Feb. 17-20 is Spiritual Emphasis Week for our middle school students. Please pray for speaker Pastor Stephen Jaynes as he prepares to share and for students' hearts, that they will be open to receive what God has for them during this important time.

February 22-28

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for leaders, presenters and participants at AMBS's Pastors & Leaders 2026 conference as they explore the theme, "Resistance, Resilience, Rest." May the event give them insights and resources to take back to their congregations.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

As our secondary students take the stage for our musical on Feb. 27 and 28, we ask for prayers to calm nerves. May our student theater bring smiles to the faces of those who attend and inspiration to our younger students who will someday take the stage to share their gifts and talents.

Thank you for joining us in prayer. We gathered these prayer requests from across all levels of Mennonite education: from early childhood programs, primary and secondary schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, seminaries, and MC USA's Hispanic Ministries programs. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MC USA's Education Ministry works to fulfill the educational mission of MC USA.

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