

Sunday, Dec. 1

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Please pray for Central Christian School's elementary school students, who are working together to collect items and money for a Christmas service project during December.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for endurance for EMU students, as they finish up the fall semester! Pray that they finish strong.

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

Monday, Dec. 2

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pennsylvania: Hinkletown Mennonite School has an in-service day today for faculty. Pray for the teachers, as they continue to collaborate and support one another in serving students each day. May they grow in the skills and experience that they bring to the classroom, to nurture and model life-long learning to their students.

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.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchner, Ontario: Music students of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate welcome your prayers, as they prepare for and perform at their annual Christmas concert today. Students and their teachers have been

working hard this fall to learn repertoire for their family and friends that enables all to celebrate the season of Advent and the birth of Christ, through their music-making.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Join Shalom Christian Academy in praising God for a productive and encouraging local Christian schools conference.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Say an extra prayer of thanks today, as Bethel College observes a Christmas tradition with student soloists, conductors and chamber orchestra, in a community singalong to Handel's "Messiah."

Freeman (South Dakota) Academy: Please pray for Freeman Academy's future steps, enrollment initiatives and fundraising.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for the Bluffton and Findlay, Ohio, communities, who are coming together this Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7, to perform "Messiah" at Bluffton University and University of Findlay. May those in attendance witness the love of God, through the beautiful Scripture, lyrics and music performed at this annual event.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Pray for Quakertown Christian School's leadership team, as we work to guide our school during our weekly meetings.

Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH): Pray for *Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano* (Hispanic Anabaptist Biblical Seminary) students, who are finishing the course "Let's Be

Church." Pray for Professor Luis Tapia. May God bless them with wisdom, health and strength, as they work on the last projects of the course.

Friday, Dec. 6

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for the Dock EC8 campus, as the students begin the Advent season with their annual Benefit Concert. Pray for encouragement for the little students stepping in front of a crowd for the first time, as well as for students playing their instrument or singing in front of family and friends for the first time. May the music of the season fill each person's heart, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students, who will be taking their final exams over the next few days.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for good health, jolly spirits and warm hearts, as our high school chorale and concert choir ensembles will be hosting our third "Christmas in the Woods" today.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for the middle school students at Dock, as they go out into the community, participating in the local Souderton (Pennsylvania) Parade and spreading the word of Jesus.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for Marco Güete, instructor and director of *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* (Anabaptist Biblical Institute), who will be leading the workshop: "Daniel of the Bible" on Dec. 8, for members of *Roca de Refugio* Church in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for God's wisdom upon Marco, as he teaches this weekend. Pray that the workshop will be a source of learning and many blessings for the participants, their congregations and community.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Join the Bethel College community in marking the Advent

season, the time of "waiting for God," with the annual Lighting of the Green.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Hesston College's performing arts students and faculty, as they participate in the production of "'Twas the Night After Christmas," taking place at Hesston Mennonite Church. Pray that all of the hard work they put in leads to a worshipful and meaningful experience for all and serves as a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for Marco Güete and Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui, who are leading a training and orientation today for prospective students of the *Instituto Bíblico Anabautista* (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) program from *Roca de Refugio* Church, in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for safe travel for the staff, for this new ministry and for the new leaders that will be trained.

Monday, Dec. 9

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.

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.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for all of our students, as they prepare for and take their final exams this week at Hesston College. 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.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Lancaster Mennonite School students will be presenting Christmas concerts on December 10, 12 and 21. 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.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for Hillcrest Academy's student athletes playing basketball. During the winter season, as they practice, compete, and travel, pray for the health and safety of our teams and coaches, for spectators coming onto our campus, and for our fans.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Please pray for our high school students at Dock, as they perform in our grades 9-12 Christmas concert.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Kraybill Mennonite School's Christmas program for grades 1-5 is today, and the pre-k and kindergarten Christmas program is on Thursday, December 19. We are thankful for our excellent music teachers and pray that these evenings will be a time of praising God for the gift of the son at Christmas.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Shalom Christian Academy's students will be performing in a band concert today. Please pray for the students, staff and faculty, as they share their hard work with their families and friends.

Friday, Dec. 13

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Prayers for Dock Mennonite Academy's EC teachers and their students during the early childhood performance this evening. Pray for support and encouragement for our two new teachers and two aides in the EC department. Pray for blessings on our new EC families, who decided to call Dock their home this year.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for our students at Hesston College, as they leave campus today and head home for the Christmas holiday break. Pray for times of rest and rejuvenation, before their return next month for the spring semester. Also, pray for international students, who may not be able to return home for the holidays to see their families.

Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pennsylvania: Hinkletown Mennonite School's Christmas concert will be held today. Praise God with HMS students, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: As our youngest students share their gifts of music with us, let us be reminded of the birth of our Savior.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: As the fall 2024 semester ends at Bethel College, say a prayer for faculty, staff and students, with hope for a restful and restorative break.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon: Please pray that the Western Christian School's all-school Christmas festival is a wonderful time for all who attend.

Sunday, Dec. 15

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for the Institute of Mennonite Studies, AMBS's research agency, and pray for Jamie Pitts, director; Jackie Wyse-Rhodes, associate director; and David C. Cramer, managing editor, as they work to foster scholarship for the church.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: We are thankful for our alumni and friends, who continue to support our school community by participating in events like our Christmas concert, tonight; alumni night, Dec. 17; and Midnight Madness, Christmas night.

Monday, Dec. 16

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for joyful hearts, unity and that Christ's love will shine brightly in Central Christian School's Middle School Christmas banquet celebration together today.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchner,

Ontario: As many schools will agree, fall is a busy time for students, staff and faculty, and things are no different at Rockway Mennonite Collegiate! We are all looking forward to Dec. 20, our last day of school before our much-anticipated Christmas break. We pray not only for the safety of our school community through the holidays but also that all may get the opportunity to rest, relax and reflect on what the Christmas season means to them.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Secondary students from Shalom Christian Academy will perform in their chorus concert today. Praise God for these students and their many talents, and pray that the performance blesses those in attendance.

Tuesday, Dec 17

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for the elementary students at Dock and their music teachers, as they continue to spread the word of Jesus' birth during their concert this Advent season. Give thanks for the musical gifts and talents the Lord has blessed Dock students with.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Elementary students at Shalom Christian Academy have a concert today. Please pray that these students are able to share the joy of the season with their friends and families through their many talents.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

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.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: Pray that everyone at EMU is able to embrace the Advent season with joy, wonder and worship!

Thursday, Dec. 19

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:

We, again, celebrate the birth of our Lord, as our older elementary and secondary students bring the message of Good News during our annual Christmas concert.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchner,

Ontario: Today is an exciting day in the life of Rockway Mennonite Collegiate grade 9-12 students. It is their annual Christmas banquet, a long-standing tradition at our school. It is an evening for students, staff and faculty to gather, enjoy a meal and some entertainment, all while being served by our school's wonderful parents!

Friday, Dec. 20

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Central Christian School is so thankful for our incredible alumni. Please pray for our alumni night tonight.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Kraybill Mennonite School's Christmas break is December 20-January 1. Please pray for our students, families and staff, for a wonderful celebration of the birth of Jesus and enjoyable time spent with friends and family.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: The "longest night" in the Western Hemisphere is a time to pray for students at Bethel College, and everywhere, who might be far from families and loved ones during the holiday season.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's winter athletes competing in basketball, indoor track and field, and swim and dive. May they be safe and healthy, while strengthening their teamwork and leadership skills.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School: Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas

break. Remember those that will be traveling, and pray that this Christmas season is a safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also pray that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.

Monday, Dec. 23

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Winter sports have begun at Dock Mennonite Academy. Pray that our student athletes have a safe and fun season. Pray also for our coaches this season.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Goshen (Indiana) College: Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Christmas holiday far away from their families.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Bluffton (Ohio) University: As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may Bluffton's faculty, staff and students be reminded of Christ's love for all people, and may we strive to embody that love in our relationships, studies and daily lives. May the peace of Christ dwell richly within our hearts, and may that peace extend to our campus, communities and the world.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Pray for the Central Christian School community, to experience Christ's peace, joy and generosity this Christmas, drawing closer to God's light and love.

Thursday, Dec. 26

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for rest and rejuvenation for EMU's students, staff and faculty, as they finish out their much-needed winter break.

Friday, Dec. 27

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for the Spirit's guidance for the search processes for two teaching faculty positions: one in biblical studies and the other in practical theology.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: Quakertown Christian School asks for rest and rejuvenation, as we reflect on our place in the world and how we can model the works of the Prince of Peace.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Earlier this month, high schoolers at Dock Mennonite Academy began practicing for their musical, Oklahoma. Pray for more productive practices in the weeks to come

Monday, Dec. 30

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: AMBS's Pastors & Leaders 2025 conference will focus on "Anabaptism at 500: Looking Back, Living Forward." Pray that God's Spirit would guide preparations for the Feb. 17-20 event.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for wisdom and clarity, as the operating board and administration lead the school forward, continuing to plan for the future.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton's adult and graduate students, who are resuming classes this week. May advanced education make a difference in their lives, the management of their organizations and the wellbeing of their communities.

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