

**Wednesday, Jan. 1**

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Pray with Eastern Mennonite University for a fresh new start to the new year.

**Thursday, Jan. 2**

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:** Pray for our Dock families and staff, as they return to the classroom. May we be filled with the hope, peace, joy and love shared with us during the Advent season.

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,**

**Pennsylvania:** Please pray for a smooth transition for students, teachers and staff, as we return to school from Christmas break today.

**Friday, Jan. 3**

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:** Give thanks for the fall 2024 issue of Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology on "Disability" and the October 2024 issue of Anabaptist Witness on "Witness in Palestine and Israel." May these publications deepen understanding and bring hope.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for our faculty and staff, along with our students, as we end the semester. May the holiday break bring relaxation and renewed focus.

**Saturday, Jan. 4**

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** We are so excited that all CCS students will participate in a mini-term experience in January. Pray for safe travels, strong friendships, unique experiences and long-term memories.

**Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:** The 15th Annual Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball

Tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School today and tomorrow. Remember the tournament participants, as well as the family and friends of Glen Lapp (an 1987 LM alumnus), as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.

**Sunday, Jan. 5**

**Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, Pennsylvania:** Pray for Hinkletown Mennonite School student athletes this month. The Junior Hawks, grades 3-5, basketball teams are participating in scrimmages with other local schools. HMS Middle School basketball teams are playing and practicing throughout the month. HMS Varsity athletes are playing on co-op teams with other local Christian schools. Pray for Christ's light to shine through their efforts, for health and safety on the courts, and for the coaches, who build skills and nurture good sportsmanship.

**Monday, Jan. 6**

**Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:** We welcome back our students and faculty from their well-deserved Christmas break. May we continue to see God's love surround us, as we begin this new year.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,**

**Ontario:** After returning from Christmas break today, our grade 9-12 students will be getting right to it with exam preparation over the next two weeks. Please pray for these students, that they may experience calmness as they review and prepare with their teachers, courage and strength as they study on their own, and be filled with perseverance as they write their exams.

### **Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano**

**(SeBAH):** Pray for SeBAH students, as they start the course, "Pastoral Care," today. Pray for wisdom and strength, so the students complete the course successfully. Pray for professor Byron Pellecer, as he teaches this course.

### **Tuesday, Jan. 7**

**Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:** Our first semester ends on January 9th at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this semester.

**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.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 8**

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:** Please pray for AMBS students, both on campus and at a distance, as they begin a new semester this month. May God use their studies to help form and ground them theologically, academically and spiritually.

### **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,**

**Pennsylvania:** Pray for Dock's kindergarten students and their parents, as we all share lunch together. May our families make new connections, while spending time with their children.

### **Thursday, Jan. 9**

#### **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,**

**Pennsylvania:** Pray for Dock's high school students in district orchestra. May they have safe travels and share their gift of music with others.

**Goshen (Indiana) College:** Pray for Goshen College students, who will return to school this month.

### **Friday, Jan. 10**

**Freeman (South Dakota) Academy:** Pray for Freeman Academy's enrollment efforts, fundraising and wisdom on charting a course forward for the school.

### **Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,**

**Pennsylvania:** Our enrollment for the 2025-26 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.

### **Saturday, Jan. 11**

**Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA):** Pray for Marco Güete, instructor and director of IBA, who will lead the workshop, "Daniel of the Bible," today to the students of *Del Cordero Church*, Brownsville, Texas, study center. Pray for safe travel and Marco, as he teaches this weekend. Pray for the students, as they learn through this workshop.

### **Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,**

**Pennsylvania:** Praise God with us, as we celebrate that the steel has started to go up for our expansion project.

### **Sunday, Jan. 12**

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Pray for historian John Sharp, who will give a program at Bethel College's Kauffman Museum this afternoon on the 55-year history of Mennonites in Central Asia (1880-1935).

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Pray for our middle school, as they explore a bridge-building unit that engages learning about force and constructing small-scale bridges this week.

### **Monday, Jan. 13**

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,**

**Elkhart, Indiana:** Please pray for students in AMBS's Doctor of Ministry in leadership program, as they meet on campus for a week of in-person coursework. May the program bear fruit in their lives and ministries.

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Please pray for our students, faculty and staff, as the spring 2025 semester begins this week. May our students' minds be open to new ideas, experiences and connections developed by their education.

## Tuesday, Jan. 14

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

**Hesston (Kansas) College:** Pray for our new students and the new student orientation process taking place today at Hesston College. There is sure to be anxiety and nervousness, as these students join the campus community. Pray they find new friends, new challenges and new rewards, and pray they contribute to the campus environment in many positive ways.

## Wednesday, Jan. 15

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:** Pray for the early childhood teachers at Dock, as they meet for conferences with the families of our youngest students. May those families feel the love we have for their students and see growth in their students' academics and spiritual lives.

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

## Thursday, Jan. 16

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Pray for Dr. MeShonya Wren-Coleman and the Bethel College student life staff, as they prepare to host the Ad Astra Conference for first-generation college students at Kansas colleges, on campus Jan. 23 and 24.

## Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

**Pennsylvania:** Tonight is our middle school project night. It is the culmination and celebration of student creativity and collaboration. Please pray for confidence for each student, as they share all they have learned from the start to the completion of their projects.

## Friday, Jan. 17

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please join Central Christian School in praying for the spiritual growth of our students, faculty and

staff. May we all deepen our relationships with Jesus, seeking his wisdom, as we live out our mission to be transformed by the renewing of our minds with our theme verse, Romans 12:2.

**Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:** As we complete our first semester, we look toward the second half of the school year. We are grateful for the faculty, staff and students who walk our hallways.

## Saturday, Jan. 18

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Pray with Eastern Mennonite University for a peaceful U.S. presidential transition on Monday.

## Sunday, Jan. 19

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:** Please pray for all those participating in events across the country to honor the racial and economic justice work and peace witness of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. May seeds be sown to bring about changes to unjust power systems and structures.

**Hesston (Kansas) College:** Pray for the "Anabaptism at Five Hundred: Hymn Festival" event, happening today at 3 p.m. at Hesston Mennonite Church. This community-wide event is part of the worldwide celebrations commemorating the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. The hymn festival also coincides with the release of the Anabaptist Community Bible.

**Mennonite Early Childhood Network:** World Fellowship Day falls on the Sunday nearest Jan. 21. On that date in 1525, the first Anabaptist baptisms took place in Zurich, Switzerland. As adults remember their worldwide koinonia and give thanks for God's all-inclusive family, may they utter prayers for grace to accept and unconditionally respect each child as one of God's own. While doing so, may adults guide children to befriend those who look and dress differently, those who speak and act differently — including those who irritate and mistreat others — that they may learn to live as the family of God.

## Monday, Jan. 20

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Pray for Newton community leader Larry Lee, as he speaks to the Bethel College community this evening, celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Please pray that Eastern Mennonite University's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration is moving and meaningful for all in attendance.

**Goshen (Indiana) College:** Pray for the Goshen College community, as they celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. with virtual discussions, speakers and workshops.

**Hesston (Kansas) College:** Pray for the Hesston community, as they join us for two meaningful events on campus to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. As we come together for prayer, worship and action, inspired by King's vision of justice and unity, may all involved be empowered to create a positive ripple effect within their circles of influence that reaches the nations.

## Tuesday, Jan. 21

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** Bluffton University is hosting our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Forum today, with Bethny Ricks sharing the message "Decisive Decision Making: Moving from Stagnation to Action." Please pray for justice, equity, peace and love on campus and across the world.

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:** Pray for the Dock community, as we begin our third quarter. May the students and teachers use what they have learned during the first half of the year to continue to grow in their faith lives and academics.

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania:** Our annual book fair will be held January 21-24. Please pray for opportunities for connections, as teachers, students and families spend time together at this event.

**Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School:** We begin our reenrollment process and pray a prayer

of thanksgiving for those families that choose to send their children to us. We pray that families who are searching will be led to our school.

## Wednesday, Jan. 22

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Please pray that our students experience true transformation through Christ, as they seek to grow in wisdom and faith in the new year.

## Thursday, Jan. 23

**Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania:** Pray for Dock's high school students in district band. May they have safe travels and share their gift of music with others.

**Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:** A winter open house is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School today. Please pray for prospective families, as they consider a Jesus-centered LM education for their children.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario:** Rockway Mennonite Collegiate's grade 7 and 8 students are heading on their winter retreat, today and tomorrow. We pray for their 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.

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania:** The Shalom Showcase, which we present to publicize what our school offers, is today. This is an event for retention, versus recruitment. We are rethinking the best way to present Shalom, with this night either being a planning time for the next year or showcasing the current year.

## Friday, Jan. 24

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania:** Pray for seniors, as they debrief from their missions trip. Pray for a sense of unity among these students, as they approach graduation.

### Saturday, Jan. 25

**Freeman (South Dakota) Academy:** Freeman Academy offers a prayer of thanksgiving for their constituency's involvement and investment in the school.

### Sunday, Jan. 26

**Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas:** Thank God for the Bethel College students who will share their vocal and instrumental gifts in the annual Honors Recital this afternoon.

**Hesston (Kansas) College:** Please pray for author and speaker Greg Boyd, as he joins Hesston College for the annual Melva Kauffman Lecture Series, taking place on campus Jan. 26 and 27. Pray that all those in attendance can learn together, discuss openly and critically ponder the topic Boyd will present, titled, "What's so bad about being a Christian nation?"

### Monday, Jan. 27

**Bluffton (Ohio) University:** This week, Bluffton University and surrounding communities will join together to celebrate Anabaptism at 500. Please pray for the success of these events and everyone who has a part in presenting at these various events

### Tuesday, Jan. 28

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa:** Pray for wisdom and clarity, as the school board and administration make decisions, looking toward the future. May God guide our path

**Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania:** Praise God for the internship program and the students enrolled in the career tech partnership. Pray that, as planning continues for next school year, clarity would be given for placement.

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Pray for Eastern Mennonite University, as it continues to embrace change and ambiguity.

**Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener, Ontario:** Semester II begins today at Rockway! We pray for our teachers and our students; may new courses bring new energy and new classmates bring new friendships. We think, especially, of our grade 12 students, who are beginning their final semester with us. May their next five months be filled with memory-making activities.

### Thursday, Jan. 30

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana:** Please pray for participants in AMBS's yearlong Spiritual Direction Seminars, led by Dan Schrock, Doctor of Ministry, as they grow in confidence and competence in accompanying people on their spiritual journeys.

### Friday, Jan. 31

**Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:** Pray for our teachers and staff to be strengthened and encouraged in their daily work of nurturing young minds and hearts for God's glory.

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