

prayer requests

March 2025

Saturday, March 1

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Felicia Teeter and Bethel College's women's flag football team, as they begin their first season with Coach Teeter at the helm.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for our high school theatre group, as they perform in Oklahoma for four performances in our EC8 auditorium.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: Please pray for rest and renewal of our students, as they start spring break today. Pray that they may find peace and refreshment after their hard work in school. May this break be a time of joy, fun, and meaningful connections with family and friends.

Sunday, March 2

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for participants in four online Practical Leadership Training modules offered this month: 'Being the Church Amid Polarization and Conflict," "Effective Church Boards," 'Intercultural Inclusion in the Church," and "¿Quién es mi vecino? Latinos/as Growing in Intercultural Competence." May they gain insights that will expand their capacity for ministry and leadership.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our students during their week of spring break. May their travels be safe and they return to campus eager to complete the remainder of the semester.

Monday, March 3

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for safe travels for the EMU Chamber Singers during their tour through Virginia and Pennsylvania, that they may arrive at each destination without trouble and return home safely.

Tuesday, March 4

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for prospective AMBS students who are applying for scholarships, and for administrators who are discerning how to award funds. Give thanks for donors, who help make seminary study possible!

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: On January 27, grade 10 student Zoe and her mom, Jennie, were killed in a tragic car accident. March 4 marks one month since their funeral. We ask for prayers of strength and healing for the entire Wiebe family, for the many, many friends connected to Zoe and Jennie, and for the students, staff and faculty at Rockway.

Wednesday, March 5

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for Dock's 3rd grade families, as they share the lunchtime meal with one another. May our students' model to our adults how to spend time with new people and become friends.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the Hesston College theatre department and the performers, musicians, directors and all others involved in the spring musical production of "Urinetown," taking place at Hesston College March 5-9.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We celebrate our pastors on this Pastors' Day. We give thanks for their support in walking with us, as we teach the gospel.

Thursday, March 6

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio:

Please pray for good health, strong voices and warm spirits for our spring musical "Annie" cast, who are performing March 6-9.

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Parent-teacher conferences will be held March 6 and 7 at Lancaster Mennonite School. Pray for parents and faculty, as they meet for discussions on the best way to enable each student to learn to the best of their ability.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for the students and faculty involved in Shalom Christian Academy's spring drama, which takes place March 6-8.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon: From March 6-9, we will travel across the state for the state 2A basketball playoffs. Pray for us to be great ambassadors for Christ and for safety as we travel.

Friday, March 7

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the prospective students who visit Hesston College during the Fly or Drive Visit Weekend, March 7-8. Pray these students have a great experience learning more about the opportunities available to them at Hesston College, as they interact with current HC students and faculty.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for creativity, confidence and endurance for everyone involved in the Hillcrest Academy spring drama production, March 7-8.

Saturday, March 8

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Central Christian's annual auction is today. This important community event is also a very important fundraising endeavor.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Prayer for Dock middle school and high school athletes, as they practice and perform in spring athletics.

Sunday, March 9

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Give thanks for Henry Waters and the Bethel College Concert Choir, who will present their spring tour preview concert this afternoon, and pray for safe travel when they leave at the end of the week.

Monday, March 10

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

March 10-14 is "World Changers Week" at Lancaster Mennonite School. During this week, students will engage in acts of service for our community. Serving others is one of the ways to express the core values of seeking Jesus wholeheartedly and living compassionately. Pray that this event will give students a chance to care, serve and give, as they see themselves as the hands and feet of Jesus, making a positive impact on the world.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: March 10-14 is March Break in Ontario a time for students, faculty and staff to shut down and take a break. Please pray for the safety of our students, staff, faculty and their families, as they enjoy their time off at home or as they travel. We pray that March Break allows for rest and rejuvenation.

Tuesday, March 11

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana: We invite our community to join us in prayer for wisdom and discernment as our school engages in strategic planning, seeking God's guidance for the future of our mission and vision.

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for Bluffton University seniors, as the end of their final semester approaches, including our art, graphic design and pre-art therapy majors, whose work is being highlighted in the Grace Albrecht Gallery through April 4.

Wednesday, March 12

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for Dock students, as they participate in regional bands, choirs and orchestras, during the month of March. May they share their praises for the Lord through song and music.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We

pray for wisdom, as our finance committee gathers to discuss planning for the 2025-26 school year.

Thursday, March 13

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: As we complete our second trimester and meet with parents for conferences, March 13-14, please pray for excellent partnerships between school and home, which will provide a strong foundation for student learning and growth. Our middle school will be participating in studentled conferences. Our prayer is that this will provide impactful opportunities for student reflection on past and future learnings.

Mennonite Early Education Network: May

we pray and live this traditional child's prayer: "God, we thank thee for the night and for the pleasant morning light, for rest and food and loving care, and all that makes the day so fair. Help us to do the things we should, to be to others kind and good, in all we do in work or play to grow more loving every day. Amen."

Friday, March 14

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for our middle school students and their directors, as they perform their middle school musical, The Little Mermaid, for three performances in our EC8 auditorium.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: As Shalom Christian Academy looks forward to the next school year, please pray that they would see an increase in enrollment and retention for the 2025-26 academic year.

Saturday, March 15

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for prospective families and students, as they come to visit our EC8 campus for our All School Open House.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for the safety of our students, as they travel to various locations for spring break and enjoy the time off from their studies. Pray for our faculty and staff, as they, too, enjoy the weeklong break from classes and routines.

Sunday, March 16

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Please pray for congregations and mentors who are supporting participants in Journey, AMBS's distance-friendly undergraduatelevel leadership development program. May God use these relationships and settings to deepen participants' faith and equip them for ministry.

Monday, March 17

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: We have two service learning opportunities for our middle school students: an 8th grade trip to Canton, Ohio, to partner with Lighthouse Ministries, and a 7th grade afternoon experiences called "Welcome the Stranger," March 17-21.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for our senior class on March 17-21, as they travel to Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, March 18

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Fall semester registration is now underway. Please pray for Bluffton University students, as they receive the support and resources to discover who they are and how they will make a difference in the world.

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Beau Hummel, a 1996 CCS alumnus, will be guiding our school, with a focus on spiritual formation, during our Spiritual Renewal Week, March 18-22.

Wednesday, March 19

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students and faculty during the college's spring break. Pray for spring sport athletes and coaches during a busy week, safety for all who are traveling, and a time of rest and renewal for all.

Thursday, March 20

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana: We ask for prayers during this enrollment season, that families seeking a Christ-centered education would find their place in our school community and that we may faithfully welcome and serve them. May God grant us clarity, strength, and a spirit of hospitality in the months ahead.

Friday, March 21

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: EMU is hosting a major meal-packing project with Feed My Starving Children, featuring hundreds of volunteers from all over the community. Pray that we are successful in our mission of packaging 100,000 meals to feed malnourished children around the world.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We

pray for our students, as they participate in our spring musical. May they feel God's blessings and presence, so that they can share their gifts with others as they honor God.

Saturday, March 22

Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA): Pray for the IBA Study Center at Shalom Church, in Tampa, Florida and the students, who are taking the preaching course. Pray for their tutor, Secundino Casas. Pray for wisdom and guidance, as he teaches the class. Pray that this course be a blessing for the students' congregations and communities.

Western Christian School, Salem, Oregon: From

March 22-30, students and staff will be traveling internationally. Pray that we will represent Christ well and for safety as we travel.

Sunday, March 23

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Pray for IT director Brent Graber, MA, MSEd, and his student assistants, as they maintain the seminary's IT infrastructure and provide technical support to students, faculty and staff.

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate, Kitchener,

Ontario: Rockway Mennonite Collegiate asks for prayers for their administrative team, as they start planning (e.g., timetabling, scheduling) and making decisions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Monday, March 24

Central Christian School, Kidron, Ohio: Spring break comes at a wonderful, beautiful time in Ohio, March 24-28. Please pray for a refreshing and renewing break for all students, teachers and support staff.

Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa: Pray for all our students March 24-28, as they participate in our Service and Learning Term (SALT) program.

Quakertown (Pennsylvania) Christian School: We pray for safety, as our high school students embark on their Service Week to help remodel and build housing for those less fortunate.

Tuesday, March 25

Bluffton (Ohio) University: This week is the spring semester's Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. Please pray for our speaker, Rev. Dr. Maxwell Kennel. Please pray for our students, as they contemplate the theme "Faith and Memory in Challenging Times" and the Scripture Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH):

Pray for SeBAH students, who are finishing the course "Pastoral Care." Pray for professor Byron Pellecer, as he finish teaching this course. May God bless them with wisdom, health and strength, as they wrap up the course and they finish final assignments and projects.

Wednesday, March 26

Lancaster (Pennsylvania) Mennonite School:

Remember the students and coaches involved in the spring 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.

Thursday, March 27

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale,

Pennsylvania: Pray for Dock's 7th and 8th grade students, as they present their quarterly PBL projects to family, friends and community members. May these projects help our students grow in their knowledge and faith, as well as provide opportunities for others to think about the world around them.

Shalom Christian Academy, Chambersburg,

Pennsylvania: Please pray for wisdom, as Shalom Christian Academy's administrators form the calendar for the upcoming 2025-26 school year.

Friday, March 28

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: Today, EMU Theater is holding the premiere of its spring production of "On the Breath of God: The Life of Maria Skobtsova." Please pray for the entire cast and crew, that we may work together with unity, creativity and joy.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy,

Pennsylvania: Today, Kraybill will have an open house, including games for families and tours and information for prospective students and their families. Please pray for fellowship and fun for our current community, as well as opportunities for the families of potential students to feel welcome and enjoy an introduction to our school.

Saturday, March 29

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,

Elkhart, Indiana: Give thanks for AMBS's 2,500+ alumni and the ways in which they are applying

their seminary learnings and making a difference across the world. Please pray for alumni director Janeen Bertsche Johnson, MDiv (DMin student), as she works to connect alumni to one another and to AMBS resources in creative ways.

Sunday, March 30

Bluffton (Ohio) University: Please pray for our Bluffton University student actors, directors and stage managers, as they share the spring play "Popcorn Falls," April 3-6. Pray for their continued creativity in developing ways to present and share their love of performance.

Hesston (Kansas) College: Pray for Mark Landes, the next president of Hesston College. Pray his transition to Hesston College is energizing, rewarding and fulfilling for him. Also, pray for his family, as they support him and adjust, with him, to this important role.

Monday, March 31

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Jerrell Williams, a Bethel College graduate who is now pastoring in the local area, as he receives the Young Alumnus Award and speaks in convocation on campus today.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg,

Virginia: As EMU opens its campus for a weeklong enrichment program designed for 1st-8th grade students, pray that the courses spark their curiosity and ignite their passions.

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

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