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Monday	July 19	8:00 a.m.	INTERCESSORY PRAYER	Chapel of the Word
Wednesday	July 21	11:45 a.m.	CHAPEL	Presenters: Celebrating Christian Ritual in Worship class
Monday	September 6		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	Offices Closed; No Classes

Intercessory Prayers are scheduled on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. through the rest of the summer. All are welcome to join in this prayer time in the Chapel of the Word.

Library Hours:

July 19-24:

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Closed for Chapel on Wednesday, 11:40-12:20	

July 26-31:

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	CLOSED

August 2-6:

CLOSED. Check with Eileen Saner for limited openings.

August 9-Sept 6:

Monday-Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, and Monday	CLOSED
Regular hours resume on September 7.	

Bookstore Hours through August 31:

Monday-Friday,	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Closed at 11:45 on July 21 for Chapel	

Welcome: July 28-31, AMBS will host more than 200 ecumenical guests for the **Peace Among the Peoples Conference**. If you are on campus at this time, please extend a warm welcome from the AMBS community to our guests.
–Kent Yoder

Welcome to César Moya and Patricia Ureña, visiting professors and research scholars at AMBS for the 2010-11 academic year. César and Patricia are Colombia Mennonites serving in Ecuador through the Ecuador Partnership involving the Colombia Mennonite Church, Central Plains Mennonite Conference, and Mennonite Mission Network. They will co-teach a course this fall with Walter Sawatsky, and will be involved in the seminary community in a variety of ways. They are living in a campus apartment. Please welcome them to the seminary community.

–Rebecca Slough

From *MEA Prayers for Faith and Learning*:

▪ Wednesday, July 28: Pray for the Peace Among the Peoples Conference at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, today through Saturday. Pray that the discussion among peacemakers of many denominations will help shape the future of Christian peace work in North America.

This is the final Communicator for the summer. Watch the flashboards for special announcements.

Position opening: The AMBS Church Leadership Center is seeking a three-quarter time **administrative assistant**. If you or someone you know has qualifications and interest please see full job description on the AMBS Web site at www.ambs.edu/employment.

--Jewel Gingerich Longenecker

Lambright Lunches: Lunch is served 12:00-12:30; served until 12:45 following Chapel.

Monday	Pasta/Tomato/Cheese Bake, Bread
Tuesday	Lettuce Salad, Bread, Deli Meat/Cheese
Wednesday	Sausage/Corn/Wild Rice Soup, Bread
Thursday	Cous Cous Salad, Bread
Friday	Mennonite Weekly Review

Schedule for Lambright Lunches: Beginning on July 26, Lambright Lunch service is CLOSED until the beginning of the fall semester. Lunch will be served weekdays when class is in session, but not on Mondays when no classes meet. There may be other special times when lunch is served and there is no class meeting, but those will be announced in advance.

Students: Consider enrolling in this course this fall:

Seminar in Ethics -- HTE654 *Readings in Virtue Ethics*
Fall Semester 2010 Professor: Joseph Kotva

Course description (3 credit hours):

This seminar-style course focuses on the theory and Christian application of “virtue ethics” – broadly speaking, an approach to ethics that emphasizes the cultivation of character and the movement toward human excellence or flourishing. As a seminar, the early part of the semester involves reading and discussing several core texts, while the latter part of the semester is devoted to student research and the class discussion of student papers. A major advantage of the seminar-style approach to this subject matter is the recognition that everyone in the room has something to learn and something to contribute to our shared journey of learning to think about and live the moral life. Another advantage is the freedom to review philosophical or otherwise academically-demanding material that is not always appropriate for other class settings.

Student research may focus on philosophical and/or theoretical issues in virtue ethics, but students are also encouraged to apply a virtue approach to their own areas of interest. For example, AMBS students have developed virtue approaches to liturgy, catechism, sexual ethics, social networking websites, liberationist readings of scripture, medical ethics, and non-violence. As is suggested by the range of subject matter, the application of virtue ethics to various, sometimes seemingly-mundane, aspects of life is an especially promising dimension of our study.