

## PRAISE & PRAYER

January 14, 2026

First Mennonite Church

### PRAISE:

Father, thank You for Your promise that the poor in spirit will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. Thank You for pouring out Your blessings on those who recognize their need for You. There are those who have kingdoms in the world with riches beyond measure, but they are kingdoms that will end. You have given us a spiritual inheritance with a heavenly Kingdom that no one or no thing in this world can take from us. Your Kingdom is unshakeable, even amidst worldly turmoil. As citizens of Your Kingdom, we choose to live by faith and not by our own understanding, trusting that You provide everything we need. We are thankful to stand firm and secure as Your children.

**Pray** for our workers of the week: Kurt & Katie C.

Blessings to First Mennonite Church and all of the people who are willing to lift us up in prayer.

- We **praise** God for this important and landmark year for Freedom Christian School. As many of you know, we will be having our first graduating class. Seventeen of the 25 students have been with us from preschool, and many have grown into young men and women of faith. We are so grateful and excited to reach this new milestone, and we **praise** God for the transformational work happening in these students' lives.
- We continue to **pray** for the school-year TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and construction interns. So far we have zero applicants, and would love to have five. These interns are vital in continuing our English program in the school. English is an amazing tool for these students, as it immediately puts them in the top percentile among job candidates and opens many opportunities. Our ability to teach English is a primary attraction for parents to send their children to our school, and is also highly valued by students. We ask that you would **pray** for workers for the harvest and would consider sharing this opportunity with someone you know. Thank you!

**Pray** for 5 unspoken requests.

**CHURCH:** Bill Beachey is assisting with maintenance at Freedom International in the Dominican until February 7. **Pray** for the meat canner coming on January 23-24.

**Persecuted Church:** Many Christians are stuck in Eritrea's notorious prison system—some are detained simply for practicing their faith. **Pray** their hope in Christ will be strong and that they will be set free. Eritrea is ruled by a brutal dictatorship. **Pray** that President Afwerki's heart would be turned toward the love of Jesus.

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

**Hospital:** Lois Lehman (showing improvement at Lutheran after suffering a stroke on Thursday; **pray** for increasing strength as she begins rehab)

**Swiss Village:** Jane Velasco (recovering from knee replacement surgery); Twyla Sprunger (recovering from a recent illness); Joanne Balyeat, Linda Page's mother (is on hospice; **pray** for strength and peace); Diane Von Gunten (recovering in rehab); Phyllis Habegger (recovering in rehab)

**Home:** Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for healing and strength as she continues treatments)

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

• Logan Sprunger	• Kurt, Katie, Derek & Max Cline
• Dan & Anita Wenger	• Brad & Diane Schrock
• Rose Green	• Rhonda & Mike Jennings
• Dale Sprunger	• Marilyn Spurgeon
• Patrick, Tara, Carrigan & Macklin Lehman	• Cory, Allison, Zoey, Jack, Jasper & Oliver Sprunger

### PRAYER:

Lord, You are our King and we are citizens of Your Kingdom. We come to You acknowledging our utter dependence on Your grace. Help us to be Your ambassadors, living righteously and proclaiming Your Good News through our actions. Fill us with Your Spirit so that others can see what Kingdom life looks like through us. Help us to shift our perspectives from worldly pursuits to where our true citizenship resides—Heaven!

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Please phone Praise & Prayer items to the church office, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 589-3108; or Jim Schwartz, 525-0124