

PRAISE & PRAYER
October 22, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for Your mercy and unending faithfulness to us in every situation—whether in good times or in the midst of storms. Thank You for mercy, grace, hope, and unconditional love, which is greater than we can fully comprehend. We are grateful for who You are, for all that You are doing, and all that You will do.

Pray for our workers of the week: Douglas & Kerry.

Praises:

- We **praise** God for His faithfulness and presence in our lives.
- In the last month, we have thanked God for the chance to start leading a community group. We are thankful for people's engagement, vulnerability, and commitment.
- We're grateful to the Lord for the wisdom God has lavished on Douglas as he creates content and curriculum for Transformative Education.

Prayers:

- Please **pray** for the instability in Cameroon. Conflict between the Anglophone (English-speaking) and Francophone (French-speaking) in the northwest and southwest portions of the country still rages and impacts children's ability to go to school.
- Tensions are high right after the elections. **Pray** for fair election results in Cameroon.
- **Pray** for peace and the end of violence on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan
- **Pray** for wisdom as Benji and Suzan (two B2THEWORLD people) currently make crucial hires on the ground in South Sudan.
- **Pray** that God would provide food, clean water, safety, shelter, and education to the more than 473 million children impacted by war.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Deb O'Dell, Jessie & Jaci O'Dell, and other family and friends in the death of Mike O'Dell on Oct. 17.

CHURCH: Pray for the class exploring the gift of prophecy that will be held this Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour. **Pray** for the leaders and participants of this class. Also, **pray** for the 16 individuals from the college-age Sunday School class who are beginning a discipleship training program this Sunday afternoon. This program will culminate with a mission trip in 2026.

Persecuted Church: In northern Vietnam, authorities banned 17 Christian families from attending church and stripped them of their government benefits. Ask God to keep His hand on them and provide. Despite the hardship they face, these 17 families continue to seek ways to worship in secret. **Pray** their faith remains strong during this difficult time. **Pray** that God makes a way for all Vietnamese believers to attend church services without fear.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Matvii, son of Andrii & Inna Saveliev (in NICU at Riley Children's Hospital)

Swiss Village: Carol Lerdal (**pray** for continuing strength); Ted Biberstine (in rehab after a recent hospitalization)

Home: Brittany Taing (fell and broke her leg; had surgery to insert a rod on Monday); Bob Garringer (scheduled for an outpatient surgery procedure at Parkview Randallia on Oct. 28); Sheree Barkley (**pray** for strength as she recovers from surgery); Lora Sprunger (continues immunotherapy through the end of the year); Suanne Sprunger (continues chemo; **pray** for minimal side effects and healing); Roger Beck (recovering from a fall)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Gary & Connie Yoder | • Annie Humphrey |
| • Jarred & Monica Shaffer | • Chris, Shari & Josie Pfister |
| • Jim & Carol Buckingham | • Alvin & Liz Lehman |
| • Roy & Karen Lehman | • David & Sandra Flueckiger |
| • Marie Nussbaum | • Jason, Amber, Cooper, Stella & Sawyer McAlhaney |

PRAYER:

Lord, give us a spirit of rejoicing, not based on our circumstances, but on who You are and Your unchanging love for us. Provide us with the strength for everything that is yet to come in our lives, and help us to trust that You are with us through it all—the good and bad. Open our eyes to see Your hand in all things, and remind us that Your plans are far better than our own.

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