

PRAISE & PRAYER
October 7 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we come before You grateful that our identity is found in Christ. Your Word tells us that through Him we are made new, and the old things have passed away. Thank You that our worth does not come from what we have done, but from Your grace and Your love. When we wander, thank You for drawing us back to You. May we live each day knowing that we belong to You.

Pray for our workers of the week: Brian & Noelia F.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

- We **praise** God for the 17 people who were baptized in September. We have never had so many who wanted to get baptized. Because of the large number our church had to hold baptism services on two Sundays. Their testimonies, especially of those of new believers, were a tremendous encouragement to our church family. Please **pray** for each of these newly-baptized believers as we come alongside them in discipleship, and ask God to lead them into all He has prepared for them.
- Discipleship has been a big focus for us over the past six months, and we see a growing need for it in our church, especially among younger generations. Please **pray** as we begin new groups that will teach young people what it means to follow Jesus. Ask God's Spirit to work in their lives and draw them into a deeper relationship with Him.
- We are also thankful to God for a new church plant in a town about 30 minutes from Burgos. What began in August with just a few believers gathering for Sunday worship had grown to more than 20 people by September. Please **pray** for this young church as it works through legal matters with city hall. Ask God to give them favor with local authorities and to continue drawing people to this growing community of faith.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for Conner Hyman and the youth volunteers as they minister to the youth group each week. **Pray** for safety for farmers during the harvest season. Bill Beachey is serving with MDS in Hawaii until October 10; **pray** for daily strength.

Persecuted Church: Pray for ministry leaders in Laos who face questioning by regional authorities. Ask God to give them clarity and discernment as they respond. **Pray** for 40 young believers who are still traumatized after their Christian camp was interrupted by authorities. **Pray** that God would transform their fear into resilience.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Annie Humphrey (in rehab); Kenlyn Sprunger (in rehab)

Home: Sue (Phil) Wulliman (**pray** for minimal effects and strength following another chemo treatment); Cindy Habegger (recovering after breast cancer surgery); Renee Liechty (recovering from her recent surgery and is awaiting test results); Helen Fox (recovering after a recent hospitalization); Stan Von Gunten (shoulder pain; having shoulder surgery on October 15)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Jamie & Marcia Cressman | • Corwin & Ann Fosnaugh |
| • Luke & Savannah Yoder | • Paul & Barb Lehman |
| • John Kirchhofer | • Kent & Jeanne Frank |
| • Warren & Pat Willie | • Jared Habegger |
| • Jerrold & Shirley Neuenschwander | • Matthew, Jesica, Max, Gus & Eva Jo Adams |

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, remind us today that we belong to You. We are loved, chosen, forgiven, and made new through You. Help us live out our identity in You wherever we go. May we represent You faithfully in our homes, our workplaces, our church, and our community. Keep us from returning to the ways of darkness, and help us walk in the light as people who belong to You.

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