

PRAISE & PRAYER
October 8, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, thank You for the example of faith and commitment of the people of Israel. When they heard the Word of the Lord, they were convicted and made a firm covenant in writing to keep what they heard. Thank You that we, too, have the opportunity to seal our hearts in commitment to You and to one another. We pray for that same conviction and courage to follow You completely.

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

Praises & Prayers:

Over the next couple of months, we have a lot happening:

- On Oct. 11 we will once again be starting up a marriage course for couples. We **praise** God that we have 15 couples signed up for the course, and **pray** that this will be a good time for couples to invest into their marriages.
- The following weekend, Oct 17-19, Noelia will be traveling to Switzerland for some meetings with MCC Europe. **Pray** for safety as she travels, and that God would bless their time together as they make plans for the future.
- The first Sunday in November, I (Brian) will be ordained for pastoral ministry in our church. It has been a long process, but we thank God that he brought us this far, and **pray** that He would continue to lead and guide us in this next season of our lives.
- On Sunday, Nov. 15, our church will be celebrating 25 years of working with La Casa Grande in Benin, which is a home for children. God has been so faithful all these years and we have seen many lives transformed. We thank Him for all that we have been able to do in Benin, and **pray** that He would continue to give us wisdom, strength, and guidance as we continue to work with this ministry.
- The first weekend of December we will be hosting a conference for all the Mennonite and Anabaptist congregations in Spain. This is a conference we do every two years, and it is our church's turn to host it. Please **pray** for us as we make all of the preparations and that God would bless our time together in December.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for our teachers and assistants/helpers as they faithfully minister each week in the church.

Persecuted Church: In North Korea, a small number of believers have access to hidden Bibles. **Pray** that these hidden Bibles will be protected, preserved, and used to build up and empower the body of Christ. Ask that Christians who have no access to a Bible will remember Scriptures they once knew and receive encouragement through it. **Pray** for believers who have access to the Bible to share these Scriptures and discern when and how to share their testimonies and teach others.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Kennedy & Liam Dailey, newborn twins of Kolton & Sydney (born early and are in the NICU at Dupont Hospital for a few weeks); Matvii, son of Andrii & Inna Saveliev (in NICU at Riley Children's Hospital)

Swiss Village: Barb Yoder (recovering from surgery after a fall); Carol Lerdal (**pray** for continuing strength)

Home: 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); Kenda Amstutz (recovering from a recent hospitalization)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Ted Biberstine | • Jeff & Sandy Roop |
| • Charles & Jeanne Akins | • Rose & Tyler Tschannen |
| • Dick & Bev Smitley | • Lynn & Bonnie Sprunger |
| • Doug & Candice Bauman | • Trent, Kim & Brinley Steury |
| • Kyle, Tammy & Sydney Yoder | • Ryan, Jill, Josheb & Jubilee Moore |

PRAYER:

Lord, just as Nehemiah gathered the leaders, priests, and the people of Israel to make a unified pledge, we, too, pray for the unity of Your people. We ask that You would bring us together in spirit and purpose, so that we may seek Your will and fulfill Your commandments. Help us to support one another in our walks with You, to encourage one another when we stumble, and to celebrate together our victories in faith.

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