

PRAISE & PRAYER
November 19, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we bow our hearts before You, acknowledging Your greatness, Your sovereignty, and Your divine authority over all creation. We stand in awe of Your Word as we reflect on the powerful message in the book of Obadiah. We know that the “Day of the Lord” and the time of reckoning is imminent. As we eagerly await Your return, let us proclaim the truth of Your Word boldly and love one another deeply. Help us to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, sharing the message of salvation and grace found in Jesus Christ, who is our hope and redemption.

Pray for our worker of the week: Gor*** & Yar**.

Praises & Prayers:

- Gor*** is in India visiting and encouraging the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) teams. Pray for a strong stomach, safe travels, and to be salt and light to all he meets; also, that our gatherings will be joyful and fruit-bearing.
- **Pray** for Yar*** here in Finland, that God would open the hearts and build relationships with those she meets.
- CHE teams are attempting to give ideas to poverty-level communities about preventing disease and promoting good health. **Pray** that they can insert ideas about God’s love for them at the same time.
- Gor*** continues to seek God about a replacement for his position.
- **Pray** for Medical Ambassadors International as we seek to find a Global Coordinator (ours was asked to become the President/CEO!).

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Olha Kalchenko and her family in the death of Olha’s father in Ukraine.

Persecuted Church: Pray for a grieving family in Indonesia whose eight-year-old son Khristopel succumbed to internal injuries after being senselessly beaten by a group of older students for his faith in Jesus. **Pray** for God’s transcendent peace and that they would find strength to face this reality.

CHURCH: As we enter the holiday season, **pray** for families who have lost loved ones this past year. Also **pray** for missionaries serving abroad, as this is a difficult time to be separated from family.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Matvii, son of Andrii & Inna (in NICU at Riley Children’s Hospital); Mark Sprunger (had gall bladder surgery today)

Swiss Village: Annie Humphrey (dealing with pain from bruised ribs); Carol Neuenschwander (recovering after a recent hospitalization)

Home: Jerry Gerber, Debby Neuenschwander’s father (scheduled for a pacemaker replacement on Friday); Roger Von Gunten (recovering after a recent hospitalization); Kyle Yoder (recovering after a recent hospitalization); Brian McGavic, brother of Chris Hyman (diagnosed with prostate cancer that is also in his pelvic bones; **pray** for wisdom and healing as they seek treatment options); Lora Sprunger (continues immunotherapy through the end of the year); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for strength and healing as she continues treatments)

Pray for those with memory loss and their caregivers.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Greg & Sara Meyer | • Harry & Ruth Anderson |
| • Randy & Sara Jo Sprunger | • Dwight Zurcher |
| • Lack & Melinda Taing | • Drew, Lily & Cade Hollman |
| • Jay Sprunger | • Jessie, Jaci, Vivian, Grant & Easton O’Dell |
| • Kevin, Brandi, Dylan, Lincoln & Cheyenne McGeath | • Daniel, Maudeline, Dany James, Samuel & David Gabriel |

PRAYER:

Lord, we look to You as our Judge and Deliverer. Your Word promises that on Mount Zion there will be deliverance and holiness, and that Your people will possess their rightful inheritance. We pray for Your Kingdom to come in its fullness. Bring Your salvation, healing, and restoration to our lives and world, and use us to share the Good News of the Gospel with others.

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