

PRAISE & PRAYER
December 10, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we come before You with a heart full of gratitude for Your peace. In a world filled with chaos, worry, and uncertainty, You have granted a peace that surpasses all human understanding. Thank You for quieting the storms within our hearts and minds, and that we can cast all our anxieties on You. Thank You that, even when we face incredible loss and torment, You are our comfort and peace. Help us to cherish and live in this gift, letting Your peace be a testament to Your love and faithfulness.

Pray for our workers of the week: Lo*** & P**.

This December our leaders have declared it the month of harvest, encouraging every leader, our 550 workers, hundreds of church elders, and all believes to eagerly seek moments to share the Gospel during Christmas. We've already heard amazing reports—people from the M faith accepting Jesus, seeking healing, and wanting freedom from demons. We're seeing incredible things unfold. Please **pray** for us to have divine encounters, miracles, and Holy Spirit-led connections with those hungry for truth. Many are desperate to break free, and longing for light.

Pray for 7 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: After 23 years on death row in Pakistan, 72-year-old Anwar Kenneth (a Christian) was acquitted of blasphemy.

Pray that he and his legal team will be protected from retaliation by extremists. **Pray** that the case will be a landmark decision, leading to more acquittals and a stop to the blasphemy law being misused and abused. **Pray** for Anwar as he recovers from his ordeal, and ask God to sustain all those in Pakistan facing false and unjust blasphemy accusations.

CHURCH: Praise God for the six host families and the 15 international Ohio State students visiting our community and church Dec. 19-21. **Pray** for the host families and the international OSU students as they spend this time together.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Newborn baby girl Stauffer, daughter of John & Renelle Stauffer (in NICU at Dupont Hospital for observation); Matvii, son of Andrii and Inna (still at Riley Children's Hospital, but no longer in ICU)

Swiss Village: Twyla Sprunger (back at her room after her recent hospitalization); Mark Sprunger (recovering from surgery; scheduled to return home this weekend); Carol Neuenschwander (in rehab)

Home: Dick Smitley (recovering from a broken kneecap); Lora Sprunger (continues immunotherapy through the end of the year); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for strength and healing as she continues treatments)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Bill Beachey | • Roger & Kay Beck |
| • Cora Sprunger | • Janell Schwartz |
| • Mic & Linda Hodson | • Sharon Wulliman |
| • Helen Mazelin | • Nathan, Amy, Aaron & Ben Hirschy |
| • Jim, Amanda, Juliana, Elizabeth, Maggy, Ella & Burton Bluhm | • Chuck, Carole, Daniel, Jonathan & Matthew Fennig |

PRAYER:

Lord, we long for Your shalom—that deep, lasting sense of wholeness, security, and contentment that only You can provide. We pray that you replace our worries and fears with Your steady presence. Align our hearts with Your truth and flood us with Your peace that cannot be shaken. Let Your Spirit guard our hearts and minds, filling us with the assurance of Your constant presence. May we be instruments of Your gift of peace in our families, communities, and beyond.

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