

PRAISE & PRAYER
February 25, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise and thank You for Your endless mercy and grace. You have shown us mercy beyond measure, forgiving our sins and guiding us with Your gentle hand. We fail You and walk away from You, but You still come after us! Thank You for never turning Your back on us, and we ask that You give us the strength to extend that same compassion, kindness and grace to those around us.

Pray for our workers of the week in the U.S. and around the world.

- Mission work can be exhausting. Long days, difficult cases, and cross-cultural stress can take a toll. **Pray** that God strengthens their hands and hearts in every task they take on.
- **Pray** that they abide in Christ, stay filled with the Holy Spirit, and have victory over spiritual attacks. **Pray** for boldness to share the Gospel and for their protection from evil.
- **Pray** for good health, particularly in difficult climates or areas with limited medical care. **Pray** for protection from loneliness, burnout, and depression.
- Workers often share their faith in contexts where trust must be built slowly. **Pray** that their words come with clarity and kindness—and that doors open for Gospel conversations.
- **Pray** for God to supply every need and for there to be no discouragement while they wait for that to happen.
- **Pray** that hearts will be softened to receive the Gospel and that they will make disciples.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Doug & Candice Bauman and other family and friends in the death of Mark Bauman on February 20.

CHURCH: Pray for Ryan Sprunger, who is working with MDS in Conroe, Texas, during the month of March. **Pray** for the members of the Commissions—Worship, Care, Disciple, and Witness. **Pray** for wisdom and insight as they lead the committees and organizations of the church.

Persecuted Church: The small numbers of believers in Yemen is growing—and believers live with the daily risk of violence and even death. At least 20 Yemeni Christians have been arrested recently for following Christ. **Pray** for courage and hope. **Pray** for the small, secret churches in Yemen. Ask God to help them find resources to be able to meet. **Pray** that these underground church leaders would find strength and stamina to continue to serve God's people.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Myrna Bauman (pray for strength and relief from pain as she recovers from a recent illness); Joanne Balyeat, Linda Page's mother (is on hospice; **pray** for strength and peace)

Home: Bill Beachey (recovering from an appendectomy last Sunday); Paul Norr (continues to gain strength after his recent hospitalization); Jen Meyer (recovering after gall bladder surgery); Lois Lehman (continuing rehab); Suanne Sprunger (**pray** for healing, strength, and wisdom as treatments are being considered); Faye Williamson (will be finishing her radiation treatments this week; **pray** for strength)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Paul & Barb Lehman | • John Kirchofer |
| • Kent & Jeanne Frank | • Judy Dabbs |
| • Jared Habegger | • Dean & Cindy Lehman |
| • Steve & Mary Sommer | • Rich & Elaine Crider |
| • Matthew, Jesica, Max, Gus & Eva Jo Adams | • Brandon, Elizabeth, Brooklyn & Alyssa Fruechte |

PRAYER:

Lord, in our weakness we often fall short of showing mercy to others. Please forgive us and transform our hearts. Wipe clean any bitterness, hatred, or resentment, and help us to forgive those who have wronged us. Help us to grow in wisdom and patience, so that we may be examples of Your mercy in this world. We trust in Your promise that as we show mercy, we will also receive it.

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