

PRAISE & PRAYER
March 4, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, thank You for the gift of faith, which lights our path and guides our hearts in times of uncertainty and struggles. It is this faith that anchors our souls, providing hope and strength when the waves of life threaten to overwhelm us. We have faith that You are always with us, leading us with Your love and grace.

Pray for our workers of the week: Chuck & Carole F.

- **Pray** for people around the world who are positively affected by the information in the Ethnologue.
- Thank God with Chuck for the newest edition of the Ethnologue that was just released a couple of weeks ago, featuring the world's 7,170 languages.
- **Praise** God that Chuck has a new half-time role as the Dispersed Languages Editor.
- Thank God for two new regional editors, focusing on Africa and the Pacific.
- We continue to **pray** for Chuck's health, for improvement where possible and for coping where necessary.
- We thank God for those being impacted by the ministry of team coaching, team workshops, and individual coaching that Carole is currently involved in.
- We **pray** as Wycliffe U.S. leadership finalizes the restructuring of various departments. It is unclear at this time how this might affect Carole's assignment.
- We thank God for wonderful visits from Daniel (from Minnesota) and Matthew (from Iowa) in February. We look forward to our trip with Jonathan to go up to see them in April. We **praise** God for His work in each of their lives.
- **Pray** for Chuck and Carole as they consider plans for the next couple of years.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Tim S. and his sons, Kenyon & Mary S., and other family and friends in the death of Suanne S. on March 2.

CHURCH: Pray for Ryan Sprunger, who is working with MDS in Conroe, Texas, during the month of March. **Pray** for the church as we highlight the spiritual gift of faith this month!

Pray for Brian & Noelia Fox as they return home to Spain from Nepal, but are currently stranded in India. Pray that they will be able to make the right connections to get home soon.

Persecuted Church: Pray with church leaders in Nicaragua who are at risk of arbitrary arrest and detention. **Pray** for strength for these leaders and their families. **Pray** that churches under surveillance by the authorities would be given courage and wisdom.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Joanne Balyeat, Linda Page's mother (is on hospice; **pray** for strength and peace)

Home: Paul Norr (continues to gain strength after his recent hospitalization); Lois Lehman (continuing rehab)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • David & Sandra Kloepper | • Malcolm & Jeanne Stauffer |
| • Linda Page | • Rita Augsburg |
| • Carol Neuenschwander | • Jim & Janet Dennison |
| • Paul & Evelyn Norr | • Olivia Dynes |
| • Ryan Sprunger | • Brian, June, Noah & Ethan
Crockett |

PRAYER:

Lord, Your Word tells us that faith is the evidence of things not seen. We ask for a greater, more powerful faith that moves beyond fear. When we face obstacles, help us to see them through Your eyes. Give us the boldness to believe for big things and the wisdom to trust You, even when we cannot see the path ahead.

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