

PRAISE & PRAYER
April 29, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, thank You for Your Word in Matthew 5 that calls us to a higher standard of love, and guides us into deeper righteousness. Thank You for the wisdom to recognize that true peace involves reconciliation with others. Thank You for the grace that enables us to prioritize broken relationships over pride, and for giving us the desire to be peacemakers in this world.

Pray for our workers of the week: Go**** & Ya***.

Praises & Prayers:

- Go**** is very thankful to God for a busy and fruitful time in Nepal with the local Community Health Evangelism team members plus two Master Trainers from India who speak Nepali. Several meetings were facilitated, as well as phase two of “Training for Trainers” for 22 pastors. There was lots of laughter and learning together. Travels went well, and all stayed healthy.
- We’re grateful for the long life (99+years) of Yar**’s mother, who passed away peacefully at Yar**’s sister’s home in Helsinki on April 19. We can only hope that she entrusted her life into Jesus’ hands. She certainly wasn’t against God or our faith, but she didn’t express much in terms of faith or attending fellowship. **Pray** that God will be able, through her death, to speak to the five siblings and their children about their need for salvation.
- **Pray** for two of our Master Trainers from India who have health issues, both non-curable. The one, Ebby, has been told by doctors that, due to lung issues, his days are numbered, as in one-two years. The other, Ms Shikha, has brain calcification, but no risk to life at any point soon. These are key people for our health and development ministries.
- **Pray** for the new government in Nepal to be more secular in nature, allowing for freedom to both practice/worship as well as share.
- We continue to look to God for the future of the leadership of South Asia—for the person of God’s choosing to “show up”. In the meantime, Gordon enjoys the interactions with the brothers and sisters there, as well as the opportunity to travel to visit them.

Thank you so much for your prayers as a body—so, so meaningful! Y****and I praise God for you.

CHURCH: Pray for VBS—that all of the volunteer positions would be filled; also **pray** for the children who will be attending, that they will be open and receptive to hearing about Jesus.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: Pray for Adan, a 19-year-old Christian girl from Pakistan who, with her family, is in hiding from a man who kidnapped Adan in July 2025 and claims that they are married and that Adan converted to Islam. A high court ruling allowed Adan to be returned to her family, but the man continues to harass and threaten them. Forced conversions remain the most fundamental form of persecution for Christians in Pakistan. **Pray** for peace and protection for our Christian sisters and daughters, and especially for Adan and her family.

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Rev. Stan Liechty (in rehab recovering from a fall); Twyla Sprunger (on hospice; **pray** for strength and encouragement); Barb Yoder (recovering from a stroke)

Home: Matvii Savielievi, son of Andrii and Inna (dealing with feeding and digestive issues, and is also not sleeping well); Rose Tschannen (recovering after being hospitalized for heart issues); Roger Beck (recovering from abdominal surgery); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory); Abby Tumbleson (**pray** for a quick recovery and also **pray** for those who are doing her daily dressing changes); Amber McAlhaney (recovering from shoulder surgery)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Jeff & Sondra Lehman | • Joe & Jilaine Graber |
| • Wilmer & Kenlyn Sprunger | • Stan & Tammy Becher |
| • Jeff, Cheryl and Maria Liechty | • Michael & Melinda Mosser |
| • Stan Beitler | • Iris Sprunger |
| • Trevor, Roberta, Olivia, Monia & Chloe Maxwell | • Brandon, Jessica, Avery, Bracey, Calah & Griffin Hill |

PRAYER:

Lord, You have called us to seek peace with others. When anger rises, remind us of Your truth and give us wisdom to respond with gentleness. Give us humility and courage to pursue reconciliation where there is hurt or division. Let our relationships reflect Your grace, and continue to transform our hearts so we may walk closely with You.

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