

PRAISE & PRAYER
May 27, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for the glorious gift of Pentecost. We give thanks that long ago You poured out Your Spirit on the earth, forming us in Your image to enjoy the wonders of nature You created. Thank You that You kept rescuing us from ourselves despite our foolish ways and our lack of understanding what it means to be Your children. You have kept Your promise throughout the ages, even when we have failed to place You first in our lives. Fill us afresh today, and may our lives become an offering of gratitude, holy and pleasing to You.

Pray for our workers of the week: Kurt & Katie C.

Praises & Prayers:

- We are nearing the graduation of our first class after 15 years of ministry. It's a wonderful time to reflect on God's provision and the support of so many hands, like First Mennonite, that were a part of getting us to this special event.
- We are in need to people to help carry the torch and reap the harvest. God is doing amazing things here, and we need people to bring long-term stability. We need school-year interns, full-time teachers, mechanics, a maintenance director, an academic director, and a director of development stateside. We believe God will provide in His timing, and we are participating with Him by making our requests known. If you are interested in joining our team, please visit the link <https://itisforfreedom.com/our-team/join-the-team!.html> for job descriptions.

Thank you, First Mennonite, for your unwavering support and prayers! We are blessed to have you fighting this spiritual battle in our corner.

CHURCH: Pray for the children who will be attending VBS, that they will be open and receptive to hearing about Jesus. **Pray** for both college and high school graduates as they move forward in their lives following graduation. **Pray** for the DTS participants as they prepare for their overseas trip in June. Ryan Sprunger will be serving with MDS in Iowa in June.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: Each year in Pakistan, roughly 1,000 young girls—many of whom are Christians—are kidnapped from their homes and forced to convert to Islam, and married off to older Muslim men.

Pray for these girls and for those working to rescue girls in these situations, and help break the cycle of forced child marriages.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Phyllis Habegger (in rehab); Annie Humphrey (struggling with exhaustion and a lung condition); Twyla Sprunger (on hospice; **pray** for strength and encouragement)

Home: Matvii, son of Andrii and Inna Savelievi (dealing with feeding and digestive issues, and is also not sleeping well); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory); Abby Tumbleson (**pray** for her continued recovery); Dick Smitley (**pray** that his eye continues to heal and be less blurry); Bev Smitley (**pray** for relief from severe shoulder pain)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Floyd & Renee Liechty | • Terry & Kay Sheets |
| • Linda McKean | • Denver & Jane Nussbaum |
| • Barbara Yoder | • Jack & Sue Shoaf |
| • Tom & Betty Stuber | • Mark Sprunger |
| • Adam, Taylor, Parker & Emersyn Lehman | • Matthew, Amy, Raegan Haines, Jaylynn, Kierra, Evelyn & Clair Steffen |

PRAYER:

Lord, we open our hearts wide to the “more to come”—more of Your grace, more of Your power, and more of Your love. As the Spirit ignited the early Church, fill us afresh today. Renew us when we are weary, and unite us when we are divided. Empower us with boldness, ignite our hearts with Your love, and guide us to bear spiritual fruit, reflecting the light of Jesus to a broken world.

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