

PRAISE & PRAYER
May 6, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we thank You for being the perfecter of our faith and for giving us the strength to overcome temptations. Thank You that You don't leave us to struggle alone, but lovingly guide us toward freedom. Thank You for Your mercy, which is greater than our failures. Even when we fall short, You are faithful to forgive and restore. Thank You that in our weakness, Your power is made perfect, enabling us to turn away from darkness and walk in Your light. May our thoughts, choices, and actions reflect Your love and truth each day.

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

Praises & Prayers:

- We are grateful for safe travels and a great time with family during a recent two-week trip to see the boys and various other family members, celebrating Carole's birthday along the way.
- Chuck is grateful for the FOUR regional editors that are now in place for the Ethnologue. He continues in his half-time role as "Dispersed Languages Editor" for the Ethnologue.
- **Pray** for Chuck's sleep issues, including adjusting to a new CPAP machine and mask.
- Carole is grateful for the team she is coaching, whose members are serving literally across the globe. **Pray** for wisdom as they work together on areas they consider important enough that they take time out of their busy schedules for this coaching.
- **Pray** for those in Wycliffe who are finalizing the reorganization of various departments, and **pray** for Carole in whatever upcoming role she may be asked to fill.

Much love and greetings to all.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Greg & Sara Meyer and other family and friends in the death of Greg's brother, Randy Meyer, on May 5.

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** also for Das Märit Market beginning this Saturday.

Pray for our country's leaders and for leaders around the world. **Pray** for God's influence on their lives and on the decisions they make as leaders.

Persecuted Church: Leah Sharibu, who was kidnapped by Islamic militants with 100+ other schoolgirls in Nigeria in 2018, will turn 22 on May 14. When the other girls were released, Leah was held back because she refused to deny Christ and convert to Islam. **Pray** for her release and for perseverance and peace for her and her family.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Annie Humphrey (struggling with exhaustion and a lung condition); Twyla Sprunger (on hospice; **pray** for strength and encouragement); Barb Yoder (in rehab recovering from a stroke)

Home: Matvii, son of Andrii and Inna Savelievi (dealing with feeding and digestive issues, and is also not sleeping well); Rose Tschannen (recovering after being hospitalized for heart issues); 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); Jess Hill (scheduled for back surgery this Friday at Lutheran Hospital)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Joyce Steiner | • Anita Marble |
| • Rod & Sandra Lehman | • Bob & Vickie Beaman |
| • Katrina Jones | • Regina Steiner |
| • Jamie McDonald | • Doug & Teresa Heckler |
| • Joshua & Anna Mosser | • Tim, Alyssa, Adia & Meg Hildebrand |

PRAYER:

Lord, You know the things that cause us to stumble—the habits and influences that draw us toward sin. Create in us hearts that desire what is good and holy. Guard our minds from wandering into places that lead us away from You. Fill us with Your Spirit so that purity becomes not a burden, but a joy. Let our lives reflect Your holiness in our thoughts and actions, and may Your grace empower us to live differently, with hope and purpose.

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