

PRAISE & PRAYER
June 10, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, thank You for the wisdom and challenge of Matthew 5:38-42, which reveals to us a way of life that is different from the ways of the world. When the world teaches us to seek revenge and repay hurt with hurt, You teach us mercy, patience, and love. Thank You for the example of Your Son Jesus, who always went beyond what was expected in serving and loving others. May our lives be a testimony to the transforming power of Your grace, and let our words, attitudes, and actions reflect the heart of Christ so that others may see Your goodness through us.

Pray for all of our workers of the week:

- **Pray** that they remain deeply connected to God's love and that their ministry is fueled by the Holy Spirit.
- **Pray** for divine opportunities to build trust with government officials and community leaders.
- **Pray** for receptive hearts among the local population and that they will see the fruits of their labor.
- **Pray** for insight to respect local customs while communicating biblical truth.
- **Pray** that the Lord will guard them against illness, injury, and danger in unfamiliar or hostile environments.
- **Pray** that God shields them from the enemy's attacks and discouragement.
- **Pray** that they rely entirely on God's strength rather than their own abilities.
- **Pray** for deep unity, humility, and conflict resolution among their team.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Gary & Connie Yoder and other family and friends in the death of Gary's brother, Steve Yoder, on June 9.

Persecuted Church: Praise God that several Christian prisoners were recently released from Eritrea's notorious prison system. Continue to **pray** for the release of seven prominent church leaders.

CHURCH: **Pray** for the Kosovo team as they leave on June 12. **Pray** for the children who made decisions to follow Jesus this year at VBS. Ryan Sprunger is serving with MDS in Iowa in June. **Pray** for safety as families travel this summer for vacation. **Pray** for Josie Pfister as she serves at Eagle Lake Camp in Colorado Springs and for Josh Linthicum as he serves at Miracle Camp this summer.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Phyllis Habegger (in rehab); Twyla Sprunger (on hospice); **pray** for strength and encouragement)

Home: 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); Stan Von Gunten (recovering after a heart procedure at Lutheran last Thursday); Alvin Lehman (had a heart procedure at Lutheran yesterday)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Marie Nussbaum | • Myrna Hendricks |
| • Mike & Gyneth Sutton | • Ryne Lehman |
| • Steve & Nicki Lehman | • Marvin & Shelby Zimmerman |
| • Scott & Greta Lehman | • Fred & Mary Whitehurst |
| • Craig, Erin, Adrienne & Derek McKean | • Tim, Josie, Jackson & Godfrey Shoaf |

PRAYER:

Lord, Your teachings challenge our selfishness and desire to cling tightly to our possessions and rights. We ask that You give us hearts of radical generosity. When someone asks for our shirt, give us the grace to offer our coat as well. When we're forced to go one mile, give us the spirit to go two. Help us to give freely, and to love others even when it is difficult. May our actions point people to Your Kingdom and bring honor to Your name.

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