

PRAISE & PRAYER
June 29, 2022
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE....

Praise God for our church family. Father, thank You for calling each of us to serve Your Kingdom in our own unique ways. Thank You for the diversity in our church as we use the gifts and talents You have given us to manifest Your Kingdom here on earth as it already is in Heaven. We praise You that, while all of us have different natures, gifts, and interests, we can still come together, united in thought and purpose, as the body of Christ for Your glory.

Praise for the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade this week. **Pray** for our country as the states consider their response to the Supreme Court's decision.

Pray for our workers of the week: Loren & Pat.

PRAISE & PRAYERS:

- *Pat gives close care to her parents who have moved in with us. She gives medicines, massages, and oversees physical therapy for Dad who has had multiple strokes and hasn't spoken for the past six months, but is starting to speak. We take turns cooking. At the same time, it's a real joy to have them with us. PRAY that we are able to be joyful in the midst of stress.*
- *Pat is promoting a "tent-making" workshop for church planters beginning in August. PRAY that students would start pilot projects that help them develop businesses.*
- *PRAY for Loren as he co-leads a School of the Prophetic and Healing. Praise God many students are seeing amazing healing miracles among their families.*
- *PRAY for Loren as he prepares to speak for a week in our University on the topic of "The Holy Spirit".*

Pray for 8 unspoken requests. **Praise:** Several unspoken requests have been answered in the past few weeks.

War in Ukraine: **Pray** for peace and for surrounding countries as they are receiving refugees. Pray for the Romania team as they return on Saturday: Matt Wheeler, Seth & Annie Ringger, Bill Beachey, Noah Crockett, Milly Fox, Barb Wulliman, and Sheree Barkley.

Pray for families that will be hosting displaced Ukrainians and for the families that will be giving support to the host families. Pray for the August Romania trip members. More information will be shared during the July 10 evening service concerning hosting and supporting these families.

Persecuted Church: In more than 60 countries around the world, believers are taking life-threatening risks to publicly profess their faith in Christ through baptism. **Pray** that they may continue to grow in their faith in Jesus and for their safety after their public declarations as followers of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Envive: Jayne Mann (physical need)

Home: Charlotte Linn (recovering from treatments at Cleveland); Anita Wenger (receiving cancer treatments); Joe Schwartz (rehab; also experiencing severe headaches); Andy Dawson (continues treatment)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Alice Sprunger | • Craig & Lora Sprunger |
| • Bob & Debby Reusser | • Becky Jackson |
| • Mary Zuercher | • Karen Bauman |
| • Brent, Emily, Silas & Collin Michael | • Logan Sprunger |
| • Chris, Jennifer, Ben, Katelyn & Zach Dubach | • Kurt, Katie, Derek & Max Cline |

PRAYER....

Lord, help us to remember that it takes effort, intentionality, and work on our part to bring about unity in the church. But may we also understand that You did not make the church to be an "orchard" – You want to see Your church produce a diversity of fruit. Help us to not forget that Your desire for each of us is to give of our unique talents to work together as a body of believers to further Your Kingdom. And through our diversity, may we be of one mind, one purpose, and do what You've called us to do – to glorify You, and to reach out to a suffering world with the saving message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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