

PRAISE & PRAYER
July 22, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You because You are greater than every uncertainty we face. You know every need before we speak it, and You care for us more than the birds of the air and the flowers of the field. Thank You for calling us to live with confidence instead of fear, with contentment instead of worry, and with hearts devoted to Your Kingdom above all else. We rejoice that You are always faithful, always present, and always enough. To You be all honor, glory, and praise forever.

Pray for our workers of the week: Conner H.

Thank you for your consistent prayers through my time at Vida220. I have finished my last outreach and will conclude with final class time this week on the base. I am sincerely looking forward to what God has for me in the next chapter at First Mennonite.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

- **Pray** for a strong finish to the program.
- **Pray** that I can stay focused and be present here as I say goodbyes to dear friends made in the last 2.5 years while looking forward to what's next in the states.
- **Pray** for smooth re-entry to the states and travel mercies. I have two weddings in Costa Rica that I'm a part of and family vacation in between.
- I'm bringing a Costa Rican friend back with me for vacation to help with his visa requirements. **Pray** for no issues in that process. **Praise** for being able to bless my friend in this process.
- **Praise** for how God has been working most recently in the Vida Missions groups.

Pray for 7 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Anna Lehman, Jane Velasco, and other family and friends in the death of Doyle Lehman today.

Persecuted Church: **Pray** for Christian communities in Colombia facing threats, limiting their ability to worship and serve openly. **Pray** for displaced churches where violence and criminal control have driven entire congregations from their homes. **Pray** for stability as these believers rebuild their homes and lives.

CHURCH: **Pray** for safety as families travel this summer for vacation. **Pray** for Josie Pfister, Josh Linthicum and Jackson Shoaf as they serve as camp counselors this summer. Josie Shoaf has finished her summer camp ministry. **Pray** for the Church family DTS that is starting this fall, with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for June 21-26, 2027. **Pray** for those whom the Holy Spirit is prompting to be part of this group to follow His leading.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Louise Lehman (recovering after hip surgery); Myrna Bauman (struggling with nausea and pain; **pray** for relief and that they will find the cause of these issues); Leona Neuenschwander (on hospice)

Envive: Jayne Mann (recovering from a broken arm)

Home: Jim Buckingham (recovering from hip replacement surgery); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory); Abby Tumbleson (**pray** for her as she returns to work)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Rick & Nancy Sprunger | • Bill Beachey |
| • Roger & Kay Beck | • Janell Schwartz |
| • Cora Sprunger | • Chuck & Carole Fennig |
| • Mic & Linda Hodson | • Sharon Wulliman |
| • Chris, Alyssa, Danielle, Hannah & Oliva Adams | • Nathan, Amy, Aaron & Ben Hirschy |

PRAYER:

Lord, we confess that we often carry burdens You never intended us to bear. We worry about tomorrow, our finances, our health, and the uncertainties of life. Lift these heavy concerns from our shoulders and replace them with Your peace that surpasses all understanding. Keep our eyes fixed on Your faithfulness rather than on our fears. May our confidence rest not in our circumstances but in Your unchanging character.

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