

PRAISE & PRAYER
July 8, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for inviting us into a deeper relationship with You through fasting. Thank You for teaching us that fasting is not about being noticed by others, but about turning our hearts toward You. Thank You for calling us to humility, surrender, and a deeper dependence on Your presence. We praise You for being the source of our strength when we deny ourselves and seek Your will. May our fasting honor You, our motives please You, and our lives reflect Your holiness.

Pray for our workers of the week: Lo*** and P**.

Pray for 7 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for safety as families travel this summer for vacation.

Pray for Josie Pfister, Josie Shoaf, Josh Linthicum and Jackson Shoaf as they serve as camp counselors this summer.

Persecuted Church: Pray for wisdom and resilience for underground churches in places like China, Laos, Yemen, and Iran as they navigate intensified surveillance and pressure. Ask the Lord to provide creative ways to grow in their faith and to continue sharing the Gospel. **Pray** for those who persecute underground believers. Ask God to lead them to encounter His loving kindness and saving grace.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Myrna Bauman (struggling with nausea and pain; **pray** for relief and that they will find the cause of these issues); Leona Neuenschwander (on hospice); Twyla Sprunger (on hospice)

Home: Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory); Abby Tumbleson (**pray** for her continued recovery)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Drew, Lily & Cade Hollman | • Jay Sprunger |
| • Fred & Elsie Wulliman | • Jeff, Julie & Audra Chrisman |
| • Jane Velasco | • Darrel & Fay Williamson |
| • Liz Chrisman | • Charlie Habegger |
| • Deb O'Dell | • Ryan & Brenda Beitler |

PRAYER:

Lord, as we practice fasting, teach us that it is not merely giving something up, but making more room for You. Empty our hearts of selfish ambition, worldly distractions, and misplaced desires. Fill us instead with Your Holy Spirit, Your wisdom, Your peace, and Your strength. Help us fast with joy, humility, and sincerity, knowing that Your approval is greater than any earthly recognition.

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PRAYERS:

- Lo***: **Pray** for recovery of health as he was in ICU three weeks ago with a head wound from an accident. He was back in the ICU again on Monday after extensive travel and high stress with strong heart pain. He had a wonderful trip to Sri Lanka and had an amazing time seeing the Ho** Sp*** work in the lives of around 20 people there. He has some amazing stories from there.
- P**: **Pray** for overall health for our family.

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