

PRAISE & PRAYER
August 12, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You because You invite us to ask, seek, and knock. Thank You that we never have to wonder whether You hear us. You listen when we pray, You hear the cries of our hearts, and You know the needs and desires we carry even before we speak them. May our prayers not only seek Your blessings for ourselves, but also lead us to love others, treat them as we would want to be treated, and become a blessing to those around us.

Pray for all of our workers of the week.

- Workers can often feel as though they've sown much with little harvest. **Pray** for their strength and endurance to run the race—that the Lord would remind them that He is working deep in hearts even when it seems like nothing is happening.
- **Pray** that our workers remain close to God, rooted in His Word, and dependent on the Holy Spirit. **Pray** that He will renew their faith and give them wisdom
- Workers often share their faith in situations where trust must be built slowly. **Pray** that their words come with clarity and kindness—and that doors open for Gospel conversations rooted in respect and truth.
- **Pray** that God will strengthen marriages, encourage children, and sustain family relationships when missionaries are separated from loved ones. **Pray** that their families will experience God's peace, joy, and presence.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for students, teachers, and administrators as school begins this week. **Pray** for the Church family DTS that is starting in September, 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. Ryan Sprunger is leaving this week to serve with MDS in Spencer, Iowa, and will be gone for the rest of August.

Persecuted Church: Pray that believers in Mexico who have suffered in obscurity—those intimidated by organized crime, rejected within their families or forced to practice their faith in secret—would know they are not forgotten.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Kenlyn Sprunger (at Adams Memorial following a fall); Jean Lehman (at Adams Memorial for antibiotic treatment)

Envive: Jayne Mann (recovering from a broken arm)

Swiss Village: Louise Lehman (in rehab following hip surgery); Myrna Bauman (**praise** that her nausea and pain have diminished; **pray** that the cause of these issues will be found soon); Leona Neuenschwander (on hospice)

Home: Cindy Habegger (was scheduled for a biopsy on Thursday for a lump in her breast; **pray** for peace and wisdom as the results come in); Floyd Liechty (recovering from back surgery Monday at Lutheran); Norman Sprunger (recovering from cataract surgery on Monday in Fort Wayne); Alvin Lehman (at home after a brief hospital stay because of a fall); Gyneth Sutton (scheduled for a TAVR heart valve repair today); Cheryl Walker (home after a hospital stay; **pray** for her to gain strength); Sue (Phil) Wulliman (has been diagnosed with recurring colon cancer); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Lindsey Bluhm | • Parker Collingsworth |
| • Mary Zuercher | • Charles & Louise Lehman |
| • Jessica Lehman | • Christian Sprunger |
| • Bob & Debby Reusser | • Karah Meyers |
| • Brent, Emily, Silas & Collin Michael | • Chris, Jennifer, Ben, Katelyn & Zach Dubach |

PRAYER:

Lord, give us a heart of a servant. Teach us to seek ways to love others, and to knock when there is an opportunity to make a difference. Help us take our eyes off our own wants and place them on the needs of others. Use us to encourage the discouraged, strengthen the weak, comfort the hurting, and bless those who cross our paths.

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