

PRAISE & PRAYER
September 16, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for Jesus, our solid Rock. When the trials of life come, thank You for helping us stand firm because our lives are built on You. May we recognize the authority of Jesus and follow His teaching with faithful hearts.

Pray for our workers of the week: Eldon & Jan C.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

- In their six-week rotation, Jan and another lady will lead Bible studies at the Redemption House, a transitional home for ladies in their last six months of a jail sentence. Please **pray** that the Word of God will penetrate their hearts to make Jesus Savior and Lord and bring change.
- In October, a new group of refugee and immigrant ladies will begin English classes at the International House, and other programs will resume as well. Last year Jan's class represented six countries from the Middle East and Africa. Jan will be one of the Christian volunteers, so please **pray** that as the Gospel is shared, the refugee women will be drawn to Jesus.
- We were thrilled last March when a refugee man, "S", prayed to embrace Jesus! **Pray** that as he learns the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit will draw him in powerful ways to become a strong disciple. In a miraculous event four weeks ago, we met a Christian couple from Bangladesh, now living in New York, who came to Fort Wayne on a visit. As we talked, we were all amazed to discover that they had met "S" 12 years ago in Thailand, through helping him when he was ill and in trouble in a refugee detention center. For 10 years they have wondered where "S" was....and found him in Fort Wayne through us—PTL!
- Please continue to **pray** that refugee families who are here legally will very soon get their "green card" documents. They are required by law to apply, but have waited many months, and even years, to receive them.
- Jan continues in the monthly Evangelism team for street outreach and in nursing homes in the winter. Please **pray** people will be impacted as the Word and prayer are shared with them.

Thank you for praying with us!

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for those who are part of the DTS and **pray** for our first training session on Sunday. Bill Beachey is serving with MDS in Hawaii until October 10. **Pray** for daily strength to be able to accomplish the task before him. **Pray** for those in the church who are involved with jail ministries.

Persecuted Church: Pray for Nepal as news has come that a number of Christian gathering places were damaged or destroyed in the flashflood, and many followers are missing, now presumed dead. **Pray** for the believers in Nepal as they are seeking how to help; may local followers be salt and light in this distressing time. ALSO: **Pray** for the families of martyred believers. Ask God to continue to bring comfort, care, and peace as they mourn their loved ones and adjust to their "new normal".

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Kenlyn Sprunger (in rehab); Louise Lehman (in rehab); Dale Sprunger (shoulder injury from a fall)

Home: Helen Fox (recovering after a recent hospitalization following a mild stroke); Mark Sprunger (recovering at home after a recent hospitalization); Sue (Phil) Wulliman (**pray** that she can continue to receive chemo treatments); Cindy Habegger (breast cancer surgery was today at 7:00 a.m.); 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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| • Naomi Lehman | • Conner Hyman |
| • John Brewer | • Abby Tumbleson |
| • John Foster | • Steve & Mary Beth Huser |
| • Corbin, Ava & Duke Hirschy | • Roger Von Gunten |
| • Chris & Michelle Sealscott | • Zack, Becca, Eden & Isaac Sharp |

PRAYER:

Lord, teach us to trust You, follow Your truth, and make Your teaching the foundation of our lives. When we hear Your Word, give us willing hearts to obey. Help us remember that Your words are sure and lasting, and may our lives reflect our faith in You each day.

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