

PRAISE & PRAYER
September 17, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Lord, thank You for the powerful account in Nehemiah 8—that You turned Your people’s hearts toward spiritual renewal through Your Word. Thank You that we, too, can draw strength and life from Your Word and Your Spirit working in us. Thank You for the truth that “the joy of the Lord is your strength”, and that it is not a shallow or temporary happiness, but a deep, lasting joy rooted in the knowledge of Your saving grace.

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

Prayers:

- **Pray** for P** as she has training in South India on Oct. 6.
- **Pray** for Lo*** as he is traveling for two meetings and will be speaking in one conference. In late September he’ll be traveling to Georgia.

Praises:

- **Praise** that P***’s first module for ladies who either have a small business, or mostly who haven’t started yet, went well. This module went deep into how the Kingdom impacts poverty and how Kingdom entrepreneurs can make a difference with uplifting people. **Praise** that six or seven have signed up for the next module.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

CHURCH: Pray for the six individuals being baptized Sunday morning.

Persecuted Church: Pray for Christians in the U.S. who are being persecuted because they follow Jesus. **Pray** for boldness to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Pray** for those who are persecuting, that the Holy Spirit would change their hearts and turn them toward God’s gift of salvation through Jesus.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Matvii, son of Andrii and Inna Saveliev (born at Riley Hospital for Children and is in NICU following surgery last week); Roger Beck (at Adams Memorial rehab following a fall); Sheree Barkley (at Parkview and is scheduled for surgery on Sept 24; **pray** for her sugar to be regulated and for more strength)

Swiss Village: Doyle Lehman (in rehab); Carol Lerdal (**pray** for continuing strength)

Home: Danielle Alberson (pray as she recovers after her recent hospitalization); Megan Linthicum (recovering from surgery last Wednesday); Lora Sprunger (will continue immunotherapy through the end of the year); Suanne Sprunger (continuing chemo; **pray** for minimal side effects and healing); Emily Michael (scheduled for ankle surgery on Sept. 23)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Modjeska & Lori Hawkins | • Jeff & Sondra Lehman |
| • Joe & Jilaine Graber | • Wilmer & Kenlyn Sprunger |
| • Angie Hartman | • Stan & Tammy Becher |
| • Jenn Reusser | • Jeff, Cheryl & Maria Liechty |
| • Stephanie, Jaidon & Gracie Paterson | • Andrii, Inna, Davyd and Matvii Saveliev |

PRAYER:

Father, we come before You today inspired by the profound hunger of Your people in Nehemiah 8. When they heard Your Word they wept, but were then filled with great joy because they understood Your grace. Just as they gathered with a unified heart longing for Your Word, we pray that You would ignite that same passion within us. We pray for attentive ears and receptive hearts, that we would not just read Your Word, but truly hear it, understand it, and be transformed by it. May our hearts be so filled with joy that it becomes our strength, enabling us to live as You have commanded.

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