

PRAISE & PRAYER
September 2, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

We praise You because You are holy, faithful, and worthy of all our worship. Thank You for saving us by Your grace through faith—a gift we could never earn. Thank You for creating us with purpose. Help us not only to hear Your Word, but to live it out through obedience and good works that bring You glory.

Pray for our workers of the week: Dan & Arlene B.

Our God answers prayers in His time and in His way. It struck me this week that many of our ongoing prayers have been or are being answered.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

- **Praise** Communication with the team in PNG is getting better. I had a great Zoom call with the new section manager (David). He recognized the need for better communication. This gives me hope for better project management.
- **Praise** The Ghayavi people will be hearing the Gospel and "seeing" the life of Christ as the Jesus Film was just completed in their language.
- **Praise** The Nali translation team just finished the consultant checking of the whole New Testament and now move into preparations for typesetting. God brought them through some very tough times to get here.
- **Praise** Dan made good headway on getting some personal finance issues worked out and sees more help on the horizon.
- **Praise** The accountant that defrauded Arlene's sister (Laurel Lynn) was caught and is being investigated by state authorities.
- **Pray** that (David) would quickly gain understanding of his new role and how the project management system can help juggle all the tasks involved.
- **Pray** for wisdom for Dan as he makes modifications to the project management system so it's easier to use.
- I have prayed Joel 2:25 for Laurel Lynn. They have had lots of opposition while running a Godly business in a corrupt town.
- **Pray** for Arlene's parents needing more direct assistance and that can be discouraging. Pray that we would know how to best support them now and in the future.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for Nate & Amy Hirschy and other family and friends in the passing of Nate's mom, Helenia on August 28.

CHURCH: Pray for strength, wisdom and patience for caregivers of loved ones with memory issues. **Pray** for Josh Linthicum as he begins serving with Reach. **Pray** for all involved with Wednesday evening programming as the fall schedule begins.

Persecuted Church: Pray That all those in sub-Saharan Africa who are grieving the loss of loved ones martyred for their faith will know God's promise- that He is "hear to the brokenhearted"

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Home: Sue (Phil) Wulliman (receiving chemo treatment Sept. 9; **pray** for strength and minimal side effects); Cindy Habegger (scheduled for breast cancer surgery on Sept. 16); 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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| • Dale Sprunger | • Marilyn Spurgeon |
| • Sarah Lehman | • Tom & Kathy Fox |
| • Vic & Julie Steiner | • Betty Alt |
| • Janet Miller | • Kenyon & Mary Sprunger |
| • Roger & Jenny Neuenschwander | • Graham, Jenna & Beckett Hart |

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, protect us from becoming false disciples—those who may appear to follow You outwardly but do not truly know You. We don't want to simply live in Christ or know about Christ; we want to personally know You, walk with You, and have a genuine relationship with You. Search our hearts and help us surrender every part of our lives to You. May our words, actions, and choices reflect a faith that is real and alive.

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