

PRAISE & PRAYER
September 30, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for the Day of Atonement and for what it points us to through Jesus Christ. He entered the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not with the blood of animals, but with His own precious blood, securing eternal redemption for us. We rejoice that because of Christ's sacrifice we have forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace with You. Through Him we can draw near to You with cleansed hearts and confident faith.

Pray for our workers of the week: Chuck & Carole F.

Much love and greetings to all!

- We thank God that in addition to Chuck's Ethnologue role as Dispersed Languages Editor, he can serve in the role of Regional Editor for Europe.
- Please **pray** for the people of minority languages and sign languages in Europe that have limited access to God's Word in a language they understand best.
- We thank God that Chuck's work in his half-time position is meeting critical needs for the Ethnologue and is a good balance in maintaining his stable physical health as well.
- We are so thankful that Carole is now sharing her skills as a Coaching Specialist with SIL Global, a close partner organization with Wycliffe.
- **Pray** for discernment and wisdom in responding to a special opportunity: Carole and a colleague have been asked if they can coach several people in a West African country by Zoom. Her French would definitely need some dusting off very quickly!

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in sub-Saharan Africa who follow Jesus, despite the risk.

CHURCH: Pray for strength, patience, and wisdom for those caring for loved ones with memory issues. Bill Beachey is serving with MDS in Hawaii until October 10; **pray** for daily strength.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Annie Humphrey (in rehab following her recent hospitalization); Kenlyn Sprunger (in rehab); Dale Sprunger (injured his shoulder due to a fall)

Home: Helen Fox (was able to come home from Lutheran Hospital); Sue (Phil) Wulliman (**pray** for minimal effects and strength as she is scheduled for another chemo treatment this week); Cindy Habegger (recovering after breast cancer surgery); Renee Liechty (scheduled for breast cancer surgery on October 1)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Heidi Lehman | • Jim & Mary Carol Schwartz |
| • Louise Miller | • Jeff & Becky Bryan |
| • Clayton Trausch | • Phil & Amy Tumbleson |
| • Eldon & Jan Claassen | • Orlyn & Lois Lehman |
| • Jamie, William, & Skye Sheets | • Dave, Kelly, Spencer, Caroline, Walker, Jane, & Quentin Keim |

PRAYER:

Lord, You gave Yourself completely to us. You bore our sins, reconciled us to the Father, and made a way for us to come boldly into His presence. The Day of Atonement points us toward the wonderful truth that Your sacrifice is sufficient and complete. Help us to turn away from sin and walk faithfully before You. Keep our hearts humble and grateful for the mercy You have shown us. May we never take Your sacrifice lightly, but live each day in obedience, holiness, and faith.

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