

***7 Weeks x 70 Churches: unleashing the unlimited power of prayer  
For our Prairie Central District UMCs***

**October 10-November 21, 2021**

**Centerpieces for prayer at home (choose 1!)**

- 1) Create a flower pot centerpiece like those shown at church:
  - Needed: large popsicle sticks, a flower pot, dirt or gravel or beads: some kind of material to hold up the popsicle sticks! Marker to write names of churches on popsicle sticks, glue or tape to affix the prayer concerns
  - Your church emails the document with prayer needs of the 7 congregations; cut out and tape these to the popsicle sticks. Put the pot on your kitchen table or someplace well-traveled in the house!
- 2) Create a hanger mobile:
  - Needed: a coat hanger, ribbon or string or yarn, clothespins, stapler or tape
  - The document with prayer needs and church names.
  - Tie or staple or tape 7 pieces of ribbon to the hanger, cut the 7 church prayer strips out, fold each in half, and put each folded strip in a clothespin. Tie the clothespins onto the ribbons, so each hangs from the hanger. Suspend this in a well-traveled part of your house.
- 3) Create a basket or bowl of prayer:
  - Needed: a basket or bowl with a relatively thin edge; 7 clothespins; decorative filler if you like; ribbon or message tape for outside of bowl or basket, centerpiece in basket if you like...
  - The document with prayer needs and church names
  - Fill your basket or bowl with a plant, rocks, a flower or cross centerpiece as you like; wrap the basket or bowl with ribbon or affix a message to the outside; cut out church prayer strips, fold in half, and pinch into each clothespin. Stand the clothespins upside down over the edge of the basket or bowl, to create a ring of names and prayer concerns around the edge of the bowl or basket. Put the bowl or basket in a well-traveled part of the house, such as the kitchen!
- 4) Create a ribbon of prayer:
  - Needed: a hanger, a piece of wide ribbon, 1-3 inches wide, 2-3 feet long; stapler or tape.
  - The Document with prayer needs and church names
  - Fold the end of the ribbon over the bottom of the hanger and staple the end to the ribbon. If you like, create a banner heading you can cut out and place at the top of the ribbon saying something like "Pray for one another". Cut out and staple or tape each prayer strip (do NOT fold them) to the ribbon. Hang this in a well-traveled place in the house.

Each day of the week, pray for one of the churches and their prayer needs. Starting Oct. 10, we pray for each of these churches 7 times! Each week your congregation will lift up one of these churches in Sunday morning worship. Thank you for joining us in prayer!