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## Winter 2024 Call

**Prairie View United  
Methodist Church  
Oelrichs, SD**



# Prairie View United Methodist Church

## Builders Club Call ~ Winter 2024

*What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. – 1 Corinthians 14:26*

Prairie View United Methodist Church is a small, rural church in the southwest corner of South Dakota. It opened in 2010 after four struggling rural congregations (Oral, Smithwick, Oelrichs, and Buffalo Gap) decided to join together as one worshipping congregation. They dared to dream big and take a huge risk in the hopes they could continue to live out their calling to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and offer hope and healing to a broken world.

The people at Prairie View UMC see themselves as more than just a congregation, they are family who plays together, works together, laughs together, cries together, and most importantly walks in faith together. They have also been great at financing together to support the church and its ministries.

The congregation was able to pay for both the new church building and parsonage with no mortgage needed. But with any structure, maintenance and repairs are needed. The parsonage is in need of many updates to ensure its safety and comfort for the pastor. Among the projects to be done are replacing the windows, flooring, smoke alarms, base covers, bathroom faucet, and painting. Plans are also in place to fix the fireplace, repair the driveway, paint the garage and trim, and repair the deck in the future.

Because of Covid, the church took a hit on both attendance and their financial stability. They have had to make cuts to their budget and had to go from a full-time pastor to a part-time pastor. Despite the difficulties, the congregation has been faithful in contributing hours of labor, extra financial assistance and organizing fundraisers to help fund these projects. By assisting with the cost of updates to the parsonage, Prairie View UMC can continue to teach and reach many who need to know the love of Christ.

We are so grateful for your continued support of the Builders Club and ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to support Prairie View UMC. The gifts for this call will be received until March 31, 2024.

***Hettinger UMC thanks you . . . . \$9,500 granted!***

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## Because you gave...

Builders Club is unique in that it is a partnership of hundreds of individuals, organizations, and churches across North and South Dakota. Individually the gifts wouldn't make much of a difference, but together, they provide the support and opportunity for change. In the same way, a single church being helped doesn't make a big difference, but the number of churches that have received support of the years has added up and thousands of lives have been reached for Christ because of it.

## Make a difference

Each year, the Builders Club chooses to support the building projects of four churches across the Dakotas. The goal of Builders Club is to assist churches in need of financial support for their building, remodel, or expansion projects. By providing support for the building projects of churches, it allows them to grow current ministries or build new ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

**“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.”**

**1 Corinthians 3:10**