

**This Week's Prayer Focus:** Viola

**Week of:** January 27, 2019

**Location:** Viola United Presbyterian Church, Viola, KS

**Mission:** The Viola congregation has a long history of local and denominational mission support. Besides supporting the denomination's special offerings, the congregation also receives the Blankets Plus offering from the Church World Services. Though the congregation may be small, is a vital part of the community, Members are active as civic leaders and volunteers. By supporting local projects, the congregation strives to show the love of Christ in practical ways through: the Community Care Committee - which hosts family dinners following the funeral of a community member; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; the Community Easter Sunrise Service; community emergency shelter, and the annual Fall Ice Cream Social. Within the congregation, members continue to grow in faith and support one another through: special worship services; bible studies, fellowship dinners; monthly birthday parties; and gifts and prayers of support.

**Prayer Request:** New people continue to move into the community and surrounding area. Viola seeks to be a welcoming presence to all who come to live in this small, friendly community and pray that they can share their own faith journey as followers of Christ with those seeking to know God better.

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