

Yarn and Thread Ministries at Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church

Using God's Gifts (UGG)

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They are happy to teach needed skills. Join the group and enjoy being creative while caring for others.



KNIT TOGETHER: *the Prayer Shawl Ministry*

This program began in early 2007 as knitters – both experienced and those who wanted to learn – came together to share their time and talents in making shawls to be given to those in our congregation who suffer from serious illness, loss of a loved one, or other major trauma. Since then more than 170 shawls have been distributed by our deacon care teams, officers, Stephen Ministers, and Pastors.

Members who have been through difficult times have been touched by the love of our church family represented in these shawls. It is our continued hope that those who will receive shawls in the future will feel that they are indeed enfolded in God's arms and wrapped in the love of church members who are heeding Christ's call to care for His flock.

While there are still some shawls in the closet, we do need knitters and crocheters to make shawls. If you need patterns or directions, contact Barbara Kurz, (329-7362).

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Prayers & Squares

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Prayer Quilts and Pocket Prayer Squares are made to promote an active prayer life. Each Pocket Prayer Square is finished by tying a knot and saying a prayer. Pocket Prayer Squares are made for everyone to use and to share. They are available in the baskets in the Welcome Center and in the Oakland Avenue entrance.



As each knot is tied in, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt. The quilt is a tangible sign of prayer and faith in God. As quilts are needed, they are displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Worship participants may add prayers, tie knots, and sign the accompanying card. You may request a quilt by filling out the form in the basket in the Welcome Center.

Everyone – from beginners to experienced quilters – is welcome to join Prayers and Squares. Even if you don't sew, there are ways that you can help. The Prayers and Squares group meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month. Contact Martee Patton (366-7226) or mcpatton@comporium.net for more information.

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**Would you like to participate in one of these groups?** Contact the person listed. If you can't get to the meetings, you may be able to do something at home. Do you have knitting needles, crochet hooks, and yarn you don't need? The knitters would welcome your donations. Do you have fabric you don't need? The Prayers and Squares group could use that.

**Do you know someone who is facing difficult times and needs to feel the love of our church family?**  
Perhaps a prayer shawl would help.

**Do you know someone for whom a quilt would be appropriate?**

**Contact Rev. Jane Summey Mullennix or your Deacon.**

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