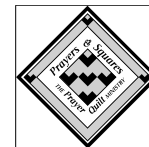


Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry – Fall, 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

My husband, Dan, and I recently traveled to Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina. We had a great time visiting with relatives, river rafting, hiking, and enjoying the beautiful countryside. One of the highlights of our trip was a get-together with several P&S chapters in Mocksville, NC. What a wonderful group of prayer quilters! We left with new friends, plus some great ideas. The best part was that many of the chapters (from several different denominations) had never met before. They were talking about having another “mini convention” again in a few months. I was honored to be there, and we left our ambassador “Patches” at Chapter 148, First UMC for a visit in North Carolina. Thanks to all who attended, and especially to Libby Banks and Carolyn Beaver for organizing the event.

–Wendy Mathson (pictured below with Dan and Patches)



Our newest Chapters are:

Chapter 1014, First Baptist Church - Vancleave, Vancleave, MS

Chapter 1015, Lakeside Baptist Church, Clearwater, SC

Chapter 1016, Brandon UMC, Brandon, MS

Chapter 1017, New Bethel Church of Christ, Bryant, AR

Chapter 1018, Imperial Beach United Methodist Women, Imperial Beach, CA

Chapter 1019, Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines, ON Canada

Chapter 1020, Lillian First Baptist Church, Lillian, TX

Chapter 1021, Woodland UMC, Rock Hill, SC

Chapter 1022, Littlehampton Baptist Church, Littlehampton, West Sussex, England

Chapter 1023, Hopewell Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL

Chapter 1024, New Hope Lutheran Church, Blanco, TX

Chapter 1025, First UMC, Corry, PA

Chapter 1026, Little River UMC, Little River, SC

Chapter 1027, Bedford Presbyterian Church, Bedford, NH

Chapter 1028, First Baptist Church of Dean, Wichita Falls, TX

Chapter 1029, Grangeville UMC, Grangeville, ID

Chapter 1030, Victory Church of God, Greeneville, TN

Chapter 1031, Christ Community Church, El Centro, CA

Chapter 1032, North Morganton Methodist Church, Morganton, NC

Chapter 1033, Cooroora Anglican Parish, Pomona, Queensland Australia

Chapter 1034, West Side Community Church, Traverse City, MI

Chapter 1035, Saint Mary's Anglican Church, Whitby, Porirua New Zealand

Chapter 1036, Corpus Christi Catholic Church Bonita, CA

Chapter 1037, 1st UMC, Cape May Court House, NJ

Chapter 1038, “One of Many”, Emmetsburg, IA

Chapter 1039, Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Aliquippa, PA

Welcome to Prayers & Squares!

Chapter News:

Thanks to the chapters who have sent us news of how their chapters are doing. We love hearing from you all, so send in your stories.

Chapter 1000, St. Brendan the Navigator, Avalon, NJ

Our newly formed chapter held its fourth monthly meeting recently. Our number increases at each session. We have made and presented two quilts; a third will be blessed at an upcoming Mass and presented the following Friday. Watching this group grow and seeing the interest has been so rewarding! Because we had so many inquiries about the group from knitters who don't sew or quilt, we've organized an auxiliary organization which we've named "Needles and Knots". At present we're making scarves and shawls with the intention of giving them to persons with the same sorts of needs as the quilts. I'm not sure that I mentioned in my earlier e-mail that a huge supply of quilting fabric, yarn and needles have been given to us by the husband of a needleworker who died of pneumonia following cardiac surgery last Spring. It was more than a coincidence that the offer of all this fabric and yarn was made at the time when I had been thinking about starting a group of Prayers and Squares! --It was Divine Intervention!

I should add that we live in two very small Summer resort towns along the Atlantic Ocean. There are a number of Summer residents only and five of these attended the meeting yesterday and joined right in as if they'd been coming every month.

We'll keep you posted as to our progress.

--Terrie Cwik

Chapter 949, Epworth Methodist, Cherokee Sound, Abaco, The Bahamas

Just wanted to let you know that Prayers & Squares Chapter 949, Epworth Methodist Church, Cherokee Sound, Abaco, The Bahamas has made and given out our third Prayer Quilt to Mavis Sands.

Ms. Mavis is a stroke victim confined to her bed and a wheel chair. The first night after she received her quilt she asked to go to church. She hadn't gone in many months. She went, she requested a certain hymn and

proudly held her Prayer Quilt tightly on her lap and kept a big smile on her face.

It is so comforting to know that we were able to bring a little joy into her life.

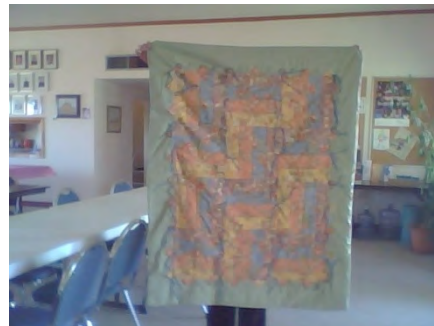
Thank you and your organization for allowing us to be a part of your program.

– Lee Pinder

Chapter 498, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winslow, AZ

I am so pleased to tell you we presented our 100th quilt, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church this morning! Our congregation is small, but our enthusiasm for this wonderful quilt ministry is BIG. We have been blessed. Chapter 498 is alive and well. Again, we thank you for introducing us to Prayers & Squares.

– Bobbi Bealer



Chapter 189, Gateway Community Church, Escondido, CA

Thank you to each one of you for your time and talent. What a wonderful turnout of helping hands and hearts. Blessings definitely go to each one of you. The sewing machines humming and people ironing etc... what a joyful noise!

We wanted to share the wonderful news with you! We will be sending 56 tops to go to the Binky Patrol and then to be quilted and onto Japan for the kids.

We are so thrilled that so many were made and are in awe of what is done. Thanks also goes to those who donated fabric. Chapter 222, and a few special persons! It is truly amazing to see this.

Blessings,

– Donna and Sandy

Chapter 270, First United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA

Members of First United Methodist Church in San Diego proudly display their prayer wear.



Back row (L – R):Karen Anderson, Carol Windham, Brenda Lester, Jackie Renger, Janice McKinnis, Sandy Kirk, Shirley Saffry, Sandy Price, Liz Holcomb
Front row (L-R):Belinda Mathison, Kay Kent, Margaret Shafer, Betty Leal, Nancy Mesrop, Nancy Conrad

And now producing...

We have had a few requests for a Prayers & Squares DVD/Video. The last video was in VHS format so we thought it is time to update. Since we are now Prayers & Square International, we would like to have a picture from at least one chapter representing each country that is home to a Prayers & Squares Chapter.

If you are a chapter outside of the United States, please send a picture of your chapter to the newsletter editor, Peggy Dunn. The e-mail is Newsletter@PrayerQuilt.org

Of course, we also want pictures from chapters within the United States. We would like to have chapters representing all areas of the country. Please send to the above e-mail address.

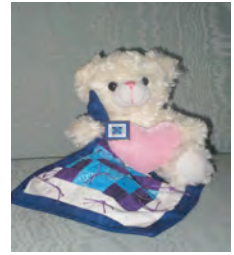
We will keep you posted on our progress.

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE PATCHES AND FLAT PAT?

Patches made the trip from Northern California back to Southern California and then to **Chapter 621, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, San Diego CA**. From there she had a plane ride to Knoxville TN, then traveled by car to Smyrna GA and Asheville NC before she went to visit with **Chapter 148, First United Methodist Church** in Mocksville, NC. Since there are several chapters in the area, she plans to visit with several other chapters near Mocksville over the next few weeks.

Flat Pat is now residing with **Chapter 244, Mt. Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Charlotte TN**

Would you like Patches or Flat Pat to visit you? e-mail Peggy Dunn Newsletter@PrayerQuilt.org



The Loom of Time

*Man's life is laid in the loom of time
To a pattern he does not see,
While the weavers work and the shuttles fly
Till the dawn of eternity
Some shuttles are filled with silver threads
And some with threads of gold,
While often but the darker hues
Are all that they hold.
But the Weaver watches with skillful eye
Each shuttle fly to and fro,
And sees the pattern so deftly wrought
As the loom moves sure and slow.
God surely planned the pattern:
Each thread, the dark and fair,
Is chosen by His master skill
And placed in the web with care.
He only knows its beauty,
And guides the shuttles which hold
The threads so unattractive,
As well as threads of gold.
Not till each loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God reveal the pattern
And explain the reason why
The dark threads were as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
For the pattern which He planned.*

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