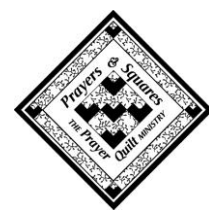




Prayers & Squares International

The Prayer Quilt Ministry

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President's Message



WE ARE BACK!!!! Our last newsletter was published in Spring/Summer of 2014. At that time, the Board of Directors decided to suspend the newsletter in favor of trying something different. We have had feedback from some of our chapters that the newsletter provided a connection with the Prayers & Squares International Community. We heard you! The newsletter will again be published quarterly. The newsletter is enriched by the stories we hear from chapters. We encourage you to send your stories and pictures to our Newsletter Editor, Peggy Dunn. You can reach Peggy under "Contact Us" tab on the top of the website home page.

Since our last newsletter, we have continued to experience steady growth in this prayer quilt ministry. We have been particularly encouraged by people who have been in a Prayers & Squares chapter and then start up a new chapter when they move to a new area or a new faith community. Check out our new chapter list. We are alive and well.

We extend a warm welcome to Chellee Sanders, our newest Board Member as a Member at Large. Chellee comes from Chapter 1095, Prayers & Squares of Simi Valley, CA. Thank you Chellee for your service.

Lastly, I would like to share a quote that inspired me and represents the passion I feel for quilting and this ministry. It is from a book by Mickey Lawler, [Skydyes](#). In the introduction she says: "...allow a sense of awe to be your daily companion. You probably already recognize the signs: the clock becomes irrelevant, and a span of fifty lifetimes doesn't seem long enough to pursue all the ideas that come to mind."

Blessings,
Corky

Welcome New Chapters



Wow! We are indeed alive and well! Since our last newsletter, we have added **63 new chapters. Internationally**, we have 2 chapters from **Australia**, 3 chapters from **Canada**, 1 chapter in the **UK** and 1 chapter in **Belgium**, which is a military chapel. In the **USA**, we have new chapters in the following **23** states: **Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington.**

In future newsletters, we will add comments we receive from each chapter (my favorite part!) In this issue of the newsletter, due to the volume, we will simply list the number, name and location of each new chapter.

Chapter 1147

Salem United Methodist Church
Salem, MO

Chapter 1148

First Christian Church
Tulsa, OK

Chapter 1149

St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Lima, OH

Chapter 1150

Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church
Rock Hill, SC

Chapter 1151

Benid United Methodist Church
Benid, IL

Chapter 1152

Trinity Lutheran Church
New Brighton, PA

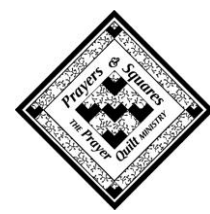
Chapter 1153

Trinity Anglican Church
Monmouth, IL



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Chapter 1154

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Tonya, CA

Chapter 1155

First United Methodist Church of Flat rock
Flat Rock, MI

Chapter 1156

Hillsdale United Methodist Church
Advance, NC

Chapter 1157

Pagosa Springs Prayers & Squares
Pagosa Springs, CO

Chapter 1158

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
Seattle, WA

Chapter 1159

Breakthrough Life Center
Waynesboro, VA

Chapter 1160

Waverly Temple Salvation Army
Glen Waverley, Victoria, Australia

Chapter 1161

Peace United Methodist Church
Fredericksburg, VA

Chapter 1162

St. Andrews by the Sea UMC
San Clemente, CA

Chapter 1163

Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry
Huntsville, AL

Chapter 1164

Inter-Mountain Lutheran Church
Pine Valley, CA

Chapter 1165

Holy Trinity Church
Frome, Somerset, UK

Chapter 1166

Milton UMC Mission Society
Milton, KY

Chapter 1167

Trinity United Methodist Church
Opelika, AL

Chapter 1168

St. John's COGIC
Albany, NY

Chapter 1169

Fairview UMC
Pontotoc, MS

Chapter 1170

Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church
Garland, TX

Chapter 1171

Kirkersville United Methodist Church
Kirkersville, OH

Chapter 1172

Frederica Baptist Church Sewing Ministry
St. Simons Island, GA

Chapter 1173

Cornerstone Ministries Napa Valley
Napa, CA

Chapter 1174

Kingsland Community Church
Kingsland, TX

Chapter 1175

Prospect United Methodist Church
Lawrenceville, GA

Chapter 1176

Sudley United Methodist Church
Catharpin, VA

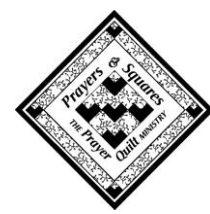
Chapter 1177

Alpine Community Church
Alpine, CA



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Chapter 1178

Glendale City SDA Church
Glendale, CA

Chapter 1179

Flint River Area Presbyterian Churches
Thomasville, GA

Chapter 1180

Edgetts Wesleyan Church
Luther, MI

Chapter 1181

Westview Christian Reform
Grand Rapids, MI

Chapter 1182

Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist Church
Rapid City, SD

Chapter 1183

St. Andrew's United Church
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Chapter 1184

Sharpsburg First Church of the Nazarene
Sharpsburg, GA

Chapter 1185

Covered with Prayers
Mukilteo, WA

Chapter 1186

Heartstrings
Slidell, LA

Chapter 1187

Mary Queen of Peace (US Military Chapel)
APO, AE (Belgium)

Chapter 1188

St. Charles Catholic Church
San Diego, CA

Chapter 1189

Trinity Lutheran Church
Clarks Summit, PA

Chapter 1190

Hickory Stand United Methodist Church
Brasstown, NC

Chapter 1191

Georgia Homemakers Council
Fayetteville, GA

Chapter 1192

Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church
Newport News, VA

Chapter 1193

100 Mile Evangelical Free Church
108 Mile Ranch, British Columbia, Canada

Chapter 1194

Christ the King Church
Oxford, MI

Chapter 1195

Comfort Quilters of Port Hardy
Port Hardy, British Columbia, Canada

Chapter 1196

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Cheektowaga, NY

Chapter 1197

Grace Baptist Church
Bowie, MD

Chapter 1198

St. Andrews in the Desert
Lancaster, CA

Chapter 1199

St. John Catholic Church
Howell, MI

Chapter 1200

Star of Texas
Maroa, IL

Chapter 1201

Syndal Baptist Church
Glen Waverley, Victoria, Australia

Chapter 1202

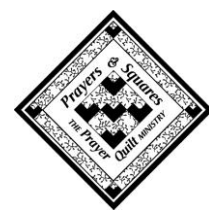
First Presbyterian Church of Foley
Foley, AL



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Chapter 1203

Church of the Rogue/Medford First UMC
Medford, OR

Chapter 1204

Kwiltin Krew
San Diego, CA

Chapter 1205

Maple Grove Christian Church
Jamesville, NC

Chapter 1206

Temecula United Methodist Church
Temecula, CA

Chapter 1207

Sigourney United Methodist Church
Keota, IA

Chapter 1208

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Cunningham, TN

Chapter 1209

Cartecay United Methodist Church
Ellijay, GA

Chapter 1210

Threads of Hope
San Marcos, CA

Chapter 1211

Quilters at the Vineyard
Vineyard Christian Church
Columbus, OH

The following chapters were *re-activated*:

Chapter 94

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Poway, CA

Chapter 1046

Adams Memorial Baptist Church
Jasper, TX

CHAPTER STORIES:

From Chapter 3:

Foothills United Methodist Church
La Mesa, CA:

"We did something different this last meeting. We had a Quilting Bee and Tea.

Here are some pictures and some information for your amusement."

Prayer Quilt Ministries Quilting Bee & Tea
Saturday, April 23, 2016 Youth Center, Zerbee

We will be having an old fashioned Quilting Bee to make two traditional scrappy quilts together. You will each be making strips and pieces and then moving around the room to share pieces from other people to make your block. The blocks will then be fitted together to make the quilt tops. There will be extra pieces to take home to make your own scrappy quilt.

While you are working, you may enjoy an old fashioned Morning Tea with tea, coffee, and pink lemon aid served on china and crystal with a whole selection of delectable, traditional tea goodies.

Dress is casual and comfy with spring hats/Easter bonnets optional. There will be prizes for hats. I'm wearing mine.

Come for fun, fellowship, and food while serving our Lord.

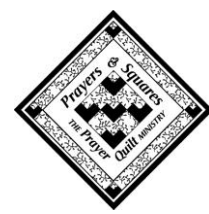




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From Chapter 640:

First United Methodist Church,
Voorheesville, NY:

“Good Afternoon, I just viewed our P&S site, much new information on it since I last visited.

WOW—we have many new chapters added. We are Chapter No. 640:;) First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, NY (since 2007)

We feel very blessed sharing our beautiful Prayer Quilts and Prayers with many to help bring love and comfort to those going through difficult times in many ways.

We are Blessed.

God is Good--- God Bless”

Keep those stories coming. We love to see what our chapters are doing!

Where in the World is.....locating Prayers & Squares Chapters using Zee Maps.

Locating Prayers & Squares Chapters is a click away. On the website click the tab “For Our Members”. Then click on the link “View Prayers & Squares chapters on world map”. This will take you to Zee Maps.

How to Use Zee Maps:

Use the + and – buttons to zoom in and out. If you zoom all the way out, you will see a world map with circled numbers on each continent or geographical area. Click on the area you want. There are “tear drops” in each area, representing a Prayers & Squares Chapter. Click on the “tear drop” to show the name and chapter number, when they joined Prayers & Squares, and a phone number.

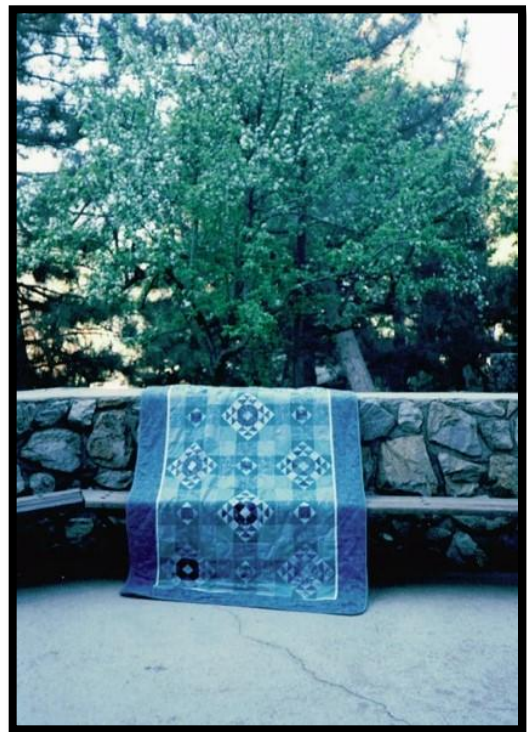
The world map with locations was built on our original data base. Sometimes chapters become inactive and we do not have that knowledge. If your information changes, please let us know.

A big thank you to Board Member Katie Wilson for building and maintaining this site.

Praying It Forward

Corky mentioned in her President’s Message how encouraging it is that Prayers & Squares members start up a new chapter when they relocate. The original “start up” began 20 years ago, when Wendy Mathson moved and began a new Prayers & Squares chapter, Chapter 2: Community Church of Poway in Poway, CA. Look where we are today, with 1211 chapters worldwide. The power of prayer is limitless.

CONGRATULATIONS to Chapter 2 on their 20th anniversary.



One of the first prayer quilts made by Chapter 2 in 1996