

What is a prayer shawl?

It is a garment—knit, crocheted, woven or sewn—that symbolizes the warmth and all-encompassing love of God.

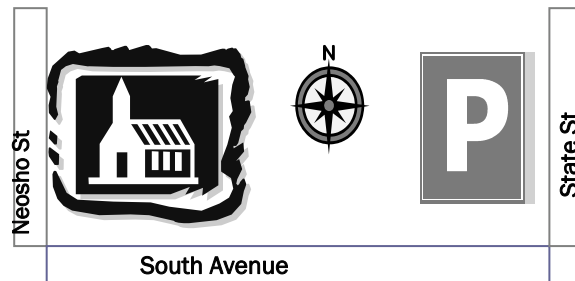
Makers of prayer shawls begin by praying for the recipient and continue to pray while working on the shawl.

While many people wear prayer shawls during their daily devotionals, others simply enjoy the shawl's warmth and beauty.

May you always experience God's grace.

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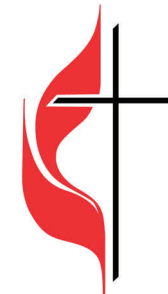


We meet monthly on the fourth Sunday at 4 pm at the church. Feel free to join us for prayers, knitting & crocheting instructions and Christian fellowship.

For information on the originating prayer shawl ministry, visit <http://www.shawlministry.com> on the Web.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

hands in service to God



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"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made..."
Psalm 139:13-14

Why we give shawls

We believe that God uses our hands to create shawls that provide comfort during

- medical procedures and illnesses
- bereavement

Enhance our time in

- prayer or meditation

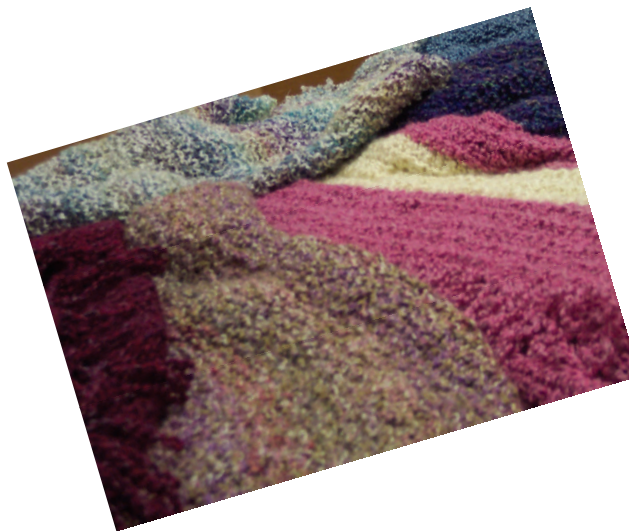
Celebrate

- commitment or marriage ceremonies
- new life

Our ministry personalizes each shawl with a cross charm (most are removable prior to washing) and we bless completed and in-progress shawls at our monthly meetings.

About the prayer shawl ministry

Ours is one of many shawl ministries across the US and the world. This ecumenical ministry was founded in 1998 by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut.



The members of the Grace UMC prayer shawl ministry have felt the power of this ministry firsthand as we have dealt with illnesses, mourned losses, celebrated new

birth and acknowledged spiritual growth. Our participation in this ministry allows us to offer to others the comfort we have received (2 Corinthians 1:4). We rejoice that God can use our hands and our love of knitting and crocheting to His glory.



If you have been moved by this ministry, please consider starting a prayer shawl ministry within your faith community. Or, join one if it already exists. By continuing to pass along the gift of God's love, we pray that one day the whole world will know Him and His peace. Amen.