



Prayers & Squares International



The Prayer Quilt Ministry –September, 2008

President's Message:

Hi everyone! Is the weather wilder this year or is it just me? Please keep our sister chapters in your prayers for safety during this tough hurricane/flood season!



San Diego Quilt Show: The Tierra Santa Lutheran (Chapter 4) gals are pictured above at work at the P&S booth that was generously donated to us. Over three days we sold 17 books and 68 P&S pins to chapter members! We also heard some amazing stories. The day I worked, a young guy walked up to our chapter board and told us he found a prayer quilt from Foothills UMC in the dumpster behind his apartment. He so loved the concept of it that he felt God was telling him to start quilting and he did! He bought a machine and has made 4 quilts! We offered to try to contact the family of the original quilt owner and he said, "No. This is my quilt now. God wanted me to have it."



This is one of the best parts of the show. As you know, quilters are some of the most giving, spiritual people and they have stories to prove it! The second picture is of the gals at Foothills UMC, (Chapter 3) working.



Our good friend Jo Ann Roth, who is leader of Chapter 195 in Apopka, Florida, sent in a wonderful story about a day of prayer they recently held at their church...

Our Prayers and Squares group had the hour of 4-5p.m. yesterday. I was so very pleased to have nearly every one of my ladies there with their husbands. One of our members talked about faith, God's promises and blessings and had prepared a little silk bag, maybe 1 ½ by 1 ½ with a ribbon to hang around their neck with one single mustard seed. It was wonderful. As each member in the room read a promise scripture I hung one of the mustard seed gifts around their neck. It was so moving I just had to share it with you.

This ministry has brought prayer even more to the forefront of our church than we could have ever dreamed. Our thoughts and prayers go to you and your staff there for having the faith, and desire to share this ministry with so many.

That reminded me of one of the things we do at Foothills UMC which I may have mentioned. Whenever a quilt recipient calls us to tell us that the quilt was a true blessing in their recovery, we put up a pink balloon with our quilts hanging in front so we can talk about answered prayers and being "in the pink".

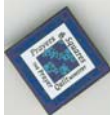


P&S Sales News:

Last month we gave you a business update and here are the reminders:

New Member fee will now be \$50 and The Giving Quilt will be in each new member packet.

Prayers & Squares pins with our logo are available at \$5.50 per pin (shipping included). There is a **minimum** of 5 per order.



Our **book of devotions** written by P&S members is also \$5 (shipping costs will vary)

We have red **lanyards** that say Prayers & Squares that are \$3 each with a minimum of 5 per order.

And we have **tote bags** from the conference that are \$7 each (shipping will vary).

Here is a picture featuring the whole package:



You can order by sending an e-mail to Prayerquiltpres@cox.net and we will figure out costs for you. Payments through Paypal will expedite your delivery! All of these items are a great way to spoil yourselves AND your chapter members!

And don't forget our great book, The Giving Quilt! 10 patterns for \$20! You can't beat it.



Here is a devotion from our wonderful book, "Under A Blanket of Love". Enjoy!

The Language of Prayer Quilts

Editor's note:

Bonnie Brooks is in a chapter of Prayers & Squares at her Pagosa Springs, Colorado, church. She is not a seamstress, but she can add ties to quilts and she can pray. And she got to thinking about language:

I was a tier, I said a prayer, and others were tiers and said prayers.

When I looked at that word "tier," I also saw the word "tier," a layer, not like a hen but like a layered cake, a three-tiered cake. A quilt is multiple layers of fabric, tiers of fabric. The yarn ties produced tiers with tiers (layers) of prayers. In the wintertime we are to layer our clothes to keep us warm, we are offering a prayer quilt with layers of prayers to give someone peace in the knowledge the Grace of God will heal them. Prayers for healing, strength and believing, and prayers for families, doctors and caregivers all a part of tying knots on prayer quilts.

A quilt from Prayers and Squares is the gift of many people and many prayers as one wraps their quilt around themselves to feel the love of all who have prayed for them. The healing power, the love, of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, is ever present with each prayer, each layer, each tier, and each quilt.



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