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### Prayer Shawl Ministry - a Pastor's Legacy

One of the enduring legacies of the Rev. Susan Henderson's interim ministry will be the prayer shawl ministry she launched by enlisting the Saturday Stitchers during Lent in 2009. The particular patterns used for CCC prayer shawls were passed down to us by Wanda Antonio (a family friend of the Hendersons) of Cramer United Methodist Church, Seward, PA 15954.

Susan's love of textiles as art, as story-teller, and as spiritual medium is well-known to the congregation. Quilts and banners have been visual landmarks on journeys through Lent. Participants in the Saturday Stitchers have knit or crocheted over 30 prayer shawls. On her pastoral visits to those in need of comfort, solace, and encouragement, Susan invites them to "wrap themselves in the Church." Anyone in the church can contribute to this ministry - attendance at meetings is not required, although everyone is welcome! Women in the stitching group have patterns and are willing to teach, coach and mentor. Contributors include Susan Henderson, Cynthia Page, Barbara Redmond, Kathy Stedman, and Terry Strand.

### Church Life Bulletin Board Tells CCC's Life in Pictures

Check out the new look of the Church Life bulletin board in the lobby. With the assistance of Carl Brandt, the Communications Committee is aiming for a rotating display of pictures that portrays everyday life at CCC. Camera buffs are invited to submit pictures of everyday and special events to the church office and add a brief caption to name the event or group. Carl will place the pictures.

Examples of what we're looking for include children rehearsing for the Easter processional and for "Cool in the Furnace" - as well as pictures of

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the actual event, retreats and camps, small group activities - stitching, book group, scrapbooking, family potlucks -- church school projects, senior adult events, work groups, etc. For more information, contact Jackie Walters, Communications Officer.

## **Quilters, the Musical, is coming to CCC**

This fall **Quilters**, a musical based on the diaries of pioneer women, will be produced by CCC. The seven woman cast creates various vignettes that depict the experiences of pioneer women.

Auditions will be held on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00 and Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 9 pm. Please contact Terry if you would like to schedule an audition. They will be scheduled every 15 minutes. Please prepare a song to present to Steve Cramer, the director. Call Backs will be held from 7 to 9 on Monday, June 28.

In addition, please call Terry Strand if you would like to work on various staging aspects of the play, costumes, set, props, stage crew, pit orchestra, etc. Terry's contact information is 301-942-8883 or [terrys@greenacres.org](mailto:terrys@greenacres.org).

## **Scout Troops Complete Service Projects at CCC**

Scout troops that meet at CCC give back to the church through service projects in return for meeting space. Late this spring, the Brownie Troop that meets at CCC (and led by CCC member Lauren Jones) planted pansies in CCC gardens and petunias in the planters on the steps at the Colesville Road entrance. Christopher Lewis, a horticulturist at Behnke Nurseries, suggested the best flowers for each location. Christopher also purchased the tulip bulbs that Pack 275, led by Cubmaster Jim Hoskinson, planted alongside the Colesville Road steps last November. Together with the pansies in the planters, the tulips provided a colorful display for members and passers-by this spring. Also in November, Pack 275 collected more than 50 grocery bags of food, which they donated to CCC for distribution to Shepherd's Table and Shaw Community Ministries.

## **Minister's Office and Meditation Room Switch Places**

As part of CCC's continuing transformation, the Rev. Amy Lewis joins the other ministers in an office on the second floor. In a coordinated effort led by Bud Dennie, members of the Building and Grounds Committee moved the Rev. Amy Lewis into the Meditation Room and moved the Meditation

Room next door. Bud purchased paint and did all the prep work. Christopher Lewis spent a Saturday morning painting both rooms. Tony Ingram, assisted by sons, Keith and Wade, moved furniture and cleaned. Since the small room now set aside for meditation space houses telephone equipment and the server, Susan Gray coordinated with CCC's information technology and communications vendors to do all the telephone and computer work to effect the switch. One remaining job is to build a custom cabinet to house the equipment that cannot be moved. Cory and Susan Gray will hang the stained glass window to complete the transition. The new meditation space is warm, cozy and intimate, with pillows, plants and comfortable chairs. Church Administrator Dianne Abraham commented that "The hard work this small group did was terrific, and I would like the congregation to be aware of how hard they all worked to get a much needed project done for the ministers."

## Thank You!

Friends at CCC, I would like to thank all the kind people who came to help me when I tripped and fell outside CCC. Your presence and assistance were very reassuring when I didn't know the extent of my injury. Fortunately, it was minor and I have recovered. You have my sincere appreciation for your helping hand when I needed it.

*Barbara Watson*

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