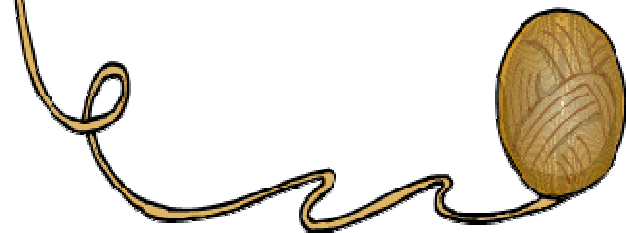


Shawls have
Been made
For centuries;
They are
Universal and embracing;
They comfort and enfold;
Wrap and warm;
Mother and hug;
Provide shelter and beauty.
Those who knit
And receive shawls are
Loved and blessed."



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ö people knit shawls for many different reasons. Shawls celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, friendship and love and professional and personal achievements. Shawls console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, bring hope to those who are in despair. Parents knit shawls for their children; children knit shawls for their aging parents. The reasons to knit a shawl are as numerous as the people who knit and receive them.ö

- Adapted by Susan S. Jorgensen from the original by founders of the Shawl Ministry, Victoria A. Cole-Galo and Janet Bristow



The Shawl Ministry is calling all men & women knitters and crocheters and wannabe knitters and crocheters...

The Shawl Ministry is an informal, nationally-growing ministry of making shawls for others during their times of hurt or need, triumph or celebration.

We use knitting as a time of contemplative prayer when we knit alone and a time of fellowship when we knit together.

The one-page pattern for the shawl is easy for beginners to follow but can be challenging for experienced knitters through the choice of yarn color, texture, size and decorations such as beads and/or sequins. We also make lap blankets for men and sweaters and mittens for the homeless.

All shawls are given away ö to someone you know that is ill or troubled or having a special occasion ö or to someone you don't know who is the victim of a disaster, homeless or alone. Upon completion, each shawl is passed around the group for silent or open prayers and tagged with the first name of the knitter and a special two-line prayer for the receiver.

Whether you knit or crochet or want to learn, we invite you to come and join us.

The requirements are simple:

§ Come to the church for knitting fellowship on the third Thursday of the month from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. or knit at home and bring your projects in for blessings when they are completed.

§ We have donated yarn available or you may use your own. Each shawl requires three skeins of yarn, four skeins for men's lap blankets and four skeins for crocheted shawls.

§ Bring size 11 to 13 knitting needles and size M crochet hook or size you need for gauge.

§ We will provide you the basic pattern which you may use as is or use your imagination to modify!



With great joy the Shawl Ministry also welcomes new infants into the church at their baptism with knitted and crocheted baby blankets. You are invited you to work on these special gifts as well as prayer shawls.

For more information on the Shawl Knitting Ministry contact:

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