

The St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry knit shawls with prayerful intention for anyone needing comfort and healing. The shawls are normally displayed one Sunday a month, frequently in or near the parish hall or lounge before and after the 10 a.m. service, and are always available in an unlocked cabinet just inside the door to the lounge. All shawls should have attached a message from the (anonymous) knitter and care instructions.

In addition to shawls, the Prayer Shawl ministry makes small (approximately 4" x 4") knit squares, designed for someone to carry in a pocket or purse. These are generally made with small quantities of yarn; thus the knitters welcome donations of often leftover balls from knitters' projects. Such donations may be left in the lounge cupboard. The group also makes "Twiddle Muffs," knit tubes to which buttons, small toys, etc. are attached; these are used to comfort mentally-fragile adults who are often comforted by fingering them. These two items are also available in the lounge cabinet and are displayed with the shawls when space is available.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets in the lounge from 10 a.m. - noon one Saturday a month, usually announced in the newsletter and Yellow Sheet the week prior. All knitters and crocheters, regardless of experience or expertise, are welcome. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Wilkerson or Georgie Kettler at epw3m@virginia.edu or gakettler@icloud.com respectively.