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Deadline for  
the March  
Oak Leaves is  
- February 12 -

February  
2011

## CHANGES FOR THE 2011 FEBRUARY FORUM

Please note that February Forum 2011 will be during the Education Hour (9:15-10:15 AM) on Sundays, February 20 and 27.

Oak Grove will be having Rev. David Stark preach at both services on Sunday, February 20. Rev. Stark will preach and present during the education hour the needs and challenges of the future for mainline denominations. Rev. Stark will help us, as a church see and learn what will keep our church growing, vibrant and most important, relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. This significant day is not directed to just the session members but to all the ministers in the church. Please mark this important day on your calendar.



ALSO on Sunday, February 27 during the education hour Rev. Stark will summarize what was discussed the previous Sunday and will be open to questions and conversation.

## Welcome New Members:

**Kurt & Mark Bilalat** are brothers, born in the Philippines. Kurt enjoys music and singing. He is employed at a medical assembly facility. Mark enjoys movies and social networking. He is a production line lead for a local company.

**Milissa Carter** and her husband Eric have two children: Matthew, 4 and Allan, 2. She is a IT consultant for a local company. She enjoys cooking and sewing.

**Ocuon Cham** is Simon Omot's cousin from Sudan. He lives with Omot and Sunday. He is a senior in high school and enjoys soccer.

**Ron & Sue Cavanaugh** taught in the Bloomington Public Schools and are now retired. They spend their summers in Park Rapids, MN. Ron is a former member of Oak Grove, a fisherman, and a reader. Sue does crafts such as sewing, knitting, and card making.

**John & Mary Crampton** are former members of Oak Grove. Mary is a retired teacher and John works in the "web video" business. Both love the outdoors. Mary is a reader and enjoys sewing. John is an environmentalist, especially interested in water quality.

**Harry & Barbara (Babs) Estes** moved into the condos across from church, having lived in Florida for the past few years. They are both retired. Harry has worked in many fields such as corporate accounting and corporate planning. Babs enjoys playing bridge, reading and sewing. Harry loves to fish, read and play bridge.

**Al & Carol Frechette** are both long time Presbyterians and have held many offices in the church. Carol is retired; Al is a manager of health and inspections for Scott County. Carol enjoys many activities (reading, water aerobics, card making, biking). She LOVES Clear-water! Al likes photography, fishing, playing guitar and a new project of his is selling old coins on Ebay and donating the profits to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund.

New Members continued on page 10...

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**It's a Party!**

Make plans now to join with us to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of Judy Cooper's and Nancy Hauser's service to Oak Grove!

On April 3rd, immediately after the 10:45 service, the entire congregation is invited and encouraged to join in Gideon Pond Hall to offer a hearty "Thank You and Well Done!" to both members of our excellent music staff. Judy Cooper has been smiling at the choir, waving her arms, (and even occasionally accompanying various groups) since 1986, and we've been enjoying Nancy Hauser's quality organ playing and choir accompaniment for even a bit longer than 25 years!

Those wishing to contribute to the gift fund for this event are invited to make their (non-deductible) donation payable to: "Oak Grove Choir".

**Singles Fellowship** On Friday, February 25 we will meet at church at 10:00 AM to carpool to the Arboretum for the orchid display (over 100 varieties). We will stay for lunch. Cost is \$7 at the gate plus lunch. Call Jane

**Oak Rovers** We're going to *On Golden Pond* at Old Log on Feb. 17

Leave: 11:00 AM Cost: \$35

Dinner: 12:00 Noon Curtain: 1:30 pm 5 menu choices

Sign up: Jan.30 & February 6

Contacts: Rich Miller or Joan Stanko

**Intergenerational Retreat: March 4 - 6**

**Clearwater Forest - Leaning Tree Lodge**

Cost: \$58 per room per night + \$15 per person for food (\$8/child)

Final costs will depend on the size of your group

Example: fee per couple - \$116 (2 nights/room) + \$30 (food)

Sign-ups will begin in mid February.

Contacts: Larry and Priscilla Pearson

**Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Save the dates: Performances March 19th and 20th

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, February 20, 2011, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of:

- Receiving the 2011 budget,
- Receiving the 2010 reports from committees,
- Approving the terms of call for Pastor Chadwick,
- Transacting any other business as is appropriate

The youth will serve a pancake brunch in GPH and the meeting will follow immediately after the brunch.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for all who helped us to get to a "balanced" budget in 2010 and projected for 2011! As to 2010 as of early December it looked like we might finish \$20,000 in the red, even using our reserve funds, but we finished \$300 in the black!

As for 2011, as you know from the letter that went out at the end of December that the Session was looking at a sizable difference between budget requests from committees and projected income. We said we would address the issue with a three-pronged approach: cut spending, use our various funds (Session Designated, previous years' surplus, etc.) appropriately, and let the congregation know of the need and our hopes to once again increase mission giving by 10% and to give staff raises after giving none a year ago. All three have come through and we will be able to present a balanced budget for 2011. So thanks to those of you who have reached down and given more. Thanks to those who have given in the past to establish the funds. And thanks to those committees who pulled back on their requests. And praise God for all of it!

We could have hunkered down, severely cut committee budgets and slashed mission giving, but we felt that the Spirit was leading us to accomplish these various ministries and missions. So, we have a spending plan for 2011. As we move further into the future and hope to continue a vital presence in this community we will need to do two things: increase financial giving by our younger members and encourage giving beyond that of the annual pledge by those who are able (bequests, charitable gift annuities, etc.). Elsewhere in the Oak Leaves you will read about informative luncheons on this latter topic to be held March 6 and May 22.

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We are modifying the job descriptions of our communications team. Beth Angerhofer, our Office Administrator, will over the next few months take on the responsibility for most of our traditional print media, such as Blue Sheets and Oak Leaves. Penny Nesbitt, our Communications Coordinator, will be freed up to focus on technology (social media, website, Google ads, etc.) and cutting edge communication. We don't even know what all of that might be at this point, but if we are to reach out to younger folks we want to do that as effectively as possible. Penny and our Technology Committee (Gordon Goodwin, chair) are always open to suggestions.

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That introduces the topic: What will the church of the future look like? What is God calling the church to be and do and how is that different from the last fifty years, or even the last five years? David Stark will help us look at these questions in the February Forum (info elsewhere in the Oak Leaves). I STRONGLY encourage EVERYONE to take part both February 20 and 27. ....Continued on page 5

**WORSHIP FOR:  
FEBRUARY 6 – 27**  
—  
**Sunday Mornings  
Services at  
8:15 and 10:45 AM**



**FEBRUARY 6**

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
Beth Hart-Andersen

**FEBRUARY 13**

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
Bill Chadwick

**FEBRUARY 20**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
David Stark

**FEBRUARY 27**

*8th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Sermon by  
Bill Chadwick

**“Growing Future Generations at Oak Grove”**

The Legacy Gift Giving committee invites you to a free lunch & learn event on **Sunday, March 6, 2011** immediately following the worship service. Our goal is to find ways to support the next generation to worship at Oak Grove Church. Steve Keiser, Development Officer Presbyterian Foundation will lead a workshop entitled **“Creative Giving--Ways to Support Christ’s Church beyond the Annual Pledge”**. Steve will provide valuable information that you can use in making your estate a lasting legacy of faith. He will also discuss options you may not have considered to provide for your family, reduce your taxes, and support the church and other ministries of your choice. If you are involved in estate planning, this luncheon is a must. **Please contact Al Netten or Bettie Egeberg if you plan to attend or would like more information.**

## Social Justice Committee

**Joint Religious Legislative Council  
Day on the Hill**

Founded in 1971, JRLC (Joint Religious Legislative Council) is the largest and most inclusive inter-faith public interest group in Minnesota — —people of diverse faiths bringing vision and wisdom to the public realm for the well-being of Minnesotans. JRLC is authorized and governed by four Sponsoring Members: the [Minnesota Catholic Conference](#), the [Minnesota Council of Churches](#), the [Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas](#), and the [Islamic Center of Minnesota](#).

Each year they organize a “Day on the Hill” at the state capitol. This year, the event will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The day begins with prayer, followed by a keynote speaker, issue briefings, and afternoon meetings with your state legislators. The theme this year is “A Stronghold in these times... (Psalm 9:9)

A few key areas of interest are hunger, early care and education, environmental stewardship, and human rights. For specifics go to [jrlc.org](#).

The Social Justice committee invites any Oak Grover to join us for this day. Registration is \$40 (\$30 by Feb 1). Any questions, contact Ron Dubis.


***“Living Simply So Others Can Simply Live”***

Because we are all connected, our choices indirectly or directly affect others. For the month of February let's try to remove violent metaphors or colloquialisms from our speech when referring to benign things. Examples are *I haven't decided yet; I'm not ready to "pull the trigger."* Or *Let's "kill" that idea.*

Please join us in examining our speech for the month of February and see *if* and *where* we are using violent language.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kris Jacobson,  
Social Justice Committee

**SUNDAY ADULT ED HOUR (9:15-10:15 A.M.)**

- February 6 Oasis for Youth—what is happening with the Oak Grove mission and looking ahead on issues of youth homelessness, presentation by Bev Bliss and the members of CAHY. Frank Bliss will also share his ideas on helping one family at a time.
- February 13  The SCHOOLS for PEACE project is presenting a fun, hands-on opportunity for both children and adults to learn more about the project and the cultures of Afghanistan and Pakistan. This will be a wonderful way for everyone to become involved in this new mission project of Oak Grove.
- February 20 **February Forum presentation by Rev. David Stark.** Rev. Stark of Changing Church Ministries will speak to the challenges of the church and the church leaders to thrive in a 21st Century.
- Due to a schedule conflict Rev. Stark will present his February Forum lecture during this education hour. Rev. Stark will also preach at both services
- Annual Meeting** will begin after the 10:45 am worship service with a pancake breakfast, meeting will follow immediately.
- February 27 Rev. David Stark will give a summary of his presentation on February 20. He will also be open for questions and discussion.

**Mid-Week Gathering—Wednesday Evening—6:30-7:30 PM**

*“Dinner and a Movie”* Come, have dinner...the movie will begin at 6:30 PM. The movie will be *Bill Moyers’ presentation ON FAITH & REASON*. There will be time for discussion after each segment of the movie.

## Pastor’s Page continued...

Oak Grove has a wonderful history and an exciting present. We want to be *faithful* as we move ahead! Please pray for this event and plan to participate.

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Finally, what a grand worship service on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with the jazz sounds of the Barbary Coast, third-grader Chloe Traeder doing an *excellent* job as liturgist (standing on *two* wooden steps to see over the pulpit) and the reception of 20 new members, including folks from Laos, Sudan, the Philippines and Guyana! We are blessed!

Faithfully,

**Pastor Bill**

## Schools for Peace Project

With enthusiastic support from Session, the Mission Committee has committed to a new international building project - raising money to build a school (or maybe even more than one!) in Afghanistan and Pakistan. We will be working through the Central Asia Institute, the organization founded by Greg Mortensen, author of Three Cups of Tea. \$50,000 will build one school and provide for its support for three years. We have committed to this project for two years - from March 2011 to March 2013. We hope to establish partnerships in our endeavor with local schools and faith communities.

Together with Adult Ed, Youth and Childrens Committees, we are planning an **Intergenerational kickoff event on Sunday February 13** between worship services. This will be a fun, hands-on opportunity for both children and adults to learn more about the project and the cultures of Aghanistan and Pakistan. We also have a blog on the internet for you to learn more and follow along with the progress of our Schools for Peace project. Put the following address into your internet browser: <http://ogpcschoolsforpeace.blogspot.com> and check out the information there.

We're very excited about this new project. If you have ideas to share or would like to be part of the planning, contact Greg Johnson at or [glasm@frontiernet.net](mailto:glasm@frontiernet.net).

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## Taking Heart Inter-Faith Dinner

The February Taking Heart inter-faith dinner will be at OGPC on February 14 beginning at 6:30 pm. What a great way to spend Valentine's Day - opening your heart to our Christian, Unitarian and Muslim neighbors! Join us for dinner and conversation. RSVP to Sarah Olson at 952-884-7365 or [olsonmom@hotmail.com](mailto:olsonmom@hotmail.com).

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## Souper Bowl Sunday

The Youth will collect our annual Souper Bowl Collection at both services on Super Bowl Sunday, February 9. Proceeds traditionally go to VEAP.

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## Recent donations of OGPC mission dollars:

- \* \$3074.52 to HomeWork Connection (tutoring program of Bloomington Public Schools)
- \* \$1000 to Presbyterian Clearwater Forest (our denominational camp near Brainerd)
- \* \$1000 to BorderLinks (provides education about border issues in Arizona)
- \* \$1000 to Green Valley Samaritans (a group several OGPC members volunteer with in Arizona providing humanitarian support to immigrants)

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## Coming up in March:

March Food Share Month - OGPC will collect food all month for VEAP. With the current difficult economic times, more and more people are in need of assistance feeding their families. Please give generously to VEAP, our local Bloomington food shelf.

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## Feed My Starving Children

On March 4-6 Bloomington is hosting a City-Wide **Feed My Starving Children** Mobile Packing Event at the Mall of America, with a Goal of 1 Million Meals, 5,000 volunteers, & \$190,000!!

Oak Grove is one of several churches involved. We have 12 spots reserved for Oak Grove on Sunday, March 6th, from 3-5PM contact Sue Greimel if you would like to help at that time. To volunteer for another time go to <http://volunteer.fmssc.org/Register/mobilepack/event.aspx?event=1103-31a>

### Remember "Invite a Friend" Sunday?

In our new member class in January, 4 of the joining singles/couples came to Oak Grove because they had been invited by a friend.

So remember EVERY Sunday can be an "invite a friend" Sunday.

*Evangelism committee*

### Got Travel?

Do you have a whole closet full of travel size shampoo, conditioner, etc? Put them to good use. During the month of February, we will be collecting these items for the homeless. So, round them up and put them in the special collections box in the entryway. Thanks goes to Eleanor Conrad for suggesting this worthwhile endeavor.

## Budget & Finance

Thro Dec. 31st	2010		Actual vs. Budget	2009
	Actuals	Budget	Fav. / (Unfav.)	Actuals
Income YTD	\$626,384	\$624,000	\$2,384	\$651,199
Expense YTD	\$626,038	\$627,864	\$1,826	\$650,442
Income - Exp.	\$346	(\$3,864)	\$4,209	\$757

Wow - what a December!!! Monthly Income exceeded budget by \$20.1K - isn't that awesome?!! Expenses were also up, but only by \$13K (mostly Mission obligations and snow plowing!!). That leaves us with a small General Fund surplus for the year (\$346), used to offset capital expenses of \$5.7K (the remainder of which was paid for from previous years' surpluses). Our investments also finished the year strong - up 10.88% for 2010! Thanks to all of you for helping us exceed our goals (98.5% of pledges received)!

## Presbyterian Women

### CIRCLE NEWS

Evening Star Circle, meets Tuesday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.  
Call Mary Jones.

Goodrich-Nord Circle meets Wednesday, February 9 at 9:15 a.m. at the church.  
Call Joan Stanko.

Ruth Circle meets Thursday, February 10 at 9:15 a.m. in the Gideon Pond Activity Room.  
Call Ethel Furuli.

Our circles are open to ALL women of the church. We especially welcome any of you new members. This year (2010-2011) we are studying the Book of Revelation. We are all learning a lot and enjoying it. Choose the circle that works best into your schedule, then contact one of the coordinators listed above if you are interested.

PW MITTEN TREE – Many many thanks to all of you who contributed knit items to PW's Mitten Tree. We received over 150 items for children and adults to benefit Cornerstone.



Now that the Advent/Christmas season has past, the Worship & Music Committee is looking ahead to Lent. Our plans include producing a Lenten Devotional Booklet. Larry Pearson is leading the committee to produce the booklet. Let him know if you are interested in participating.

We will be asking various members of the congregation to write few paragraphs on a central theme yet to be determined. Each person's contribution will be featured on one of the 40 days of Lent in the booklet.

### New Members continued from page 1:

**Jim Goodermont** has lived in Bloomington for many years and knows a lot about its history! He is retired and likes to bike and walk.

**Georgia May** grew up in Bloomington and is the sister of Sue Cavanaugh. She works at Wells Fargo as a registered broker. She enjoys walking, reading, drawing and boating.

**Eugene and Laura Orr** live in Bloomington. Eugene is a computer technician and Laura is an attorney. Eugene enjoys music, especially piano, and computers and Laura bikes, reads and gardens.

**Marleen Singhrai** was born in Guyana, South America. She has a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade daughter, Christina. Marleen is a trading assistant at Wells Fargo Bank. Marleen likes to garden, cook, and sew.

**Det & Sida Souvannasane** are from Laos. They are very excited about being in a church with other Christians. Det is an assembly technician and enjoys walking. Sida is a seamstress and loves to cook and sew.

**Yvonne Wentz** grew up in Alabama, and is retired. Her interests include reading, cooking and golf.

### February Birthdays

- Feb. 1 Katherine Jacobson (9 years old)
- Feb. 2 Brendan Hobbs (13 years old)
- Feb. 3 Kai Coogle (7 years old)
- Feb. 4 Jim McCarl, Karin Bull (17 years old)
- Feb. 6 Sharon Nolte, Rick Schuette
- Feb. 8 Michael Glausser, Mary Pond, Mark Rysavy
- Feb. 10 Pat Boehne, Sue Greimel
- Feb. 11 Audrey St. Martin (87 years young)
- Feb. 14 Jen Henriksen, Michael Bliss (17 years old), Emma Lang (5 years old)
- Feb. 15 Alta Alonzi (18 years old)
- Feb. 16 Sharron Meier, Georgia West (89 years young)
- Feb. 17 Barb Phenicie, Douglas Duvall (12 years old)
- Feb. 18 Jeanne Castle, Dallas Lindblom (87 years young)
- Feb. 19 Bev Heise, Sandra Sunde
- Feb. 20 Betty Johnson (89 years young), Hilda Pridgeon (85 years young)
- Feb. 21 Margo Karow, Annalisa Pearson
- Feb. 22 Cal Chadwick
- Feb. 24 Stephen Jones, Madilyn Rae Michael (2 years old)
- Feb. 25 Jeri Anderson, Steve Lang, Penny Nesbitt, Lisa Stanford
- Feb. 26 Jennifer Marrone
- Feb. 27 Beth Hart-Andersen
- Feb. 28 Lois Burnes, Nancy Hoaglund

**\*Important birthday**

**\*\* Significant birthday**



(If you don't see your birthday, we don't have that information or you requested that it not appear.)



Pastor Bill Chadwick no longer has a land telephone line at home. To reach him away from church please call his cell phone: 952-738-1783.

**Tax Rules re IRA distributions:** *"The provision that permits qualifying individuals (70.5 yrs or older) to make tax-free IRA distributions to charity of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per tax year has been extended through 2011. These individuals also can elect to treat charitable transfers made during January of 2011 as if made during 2010."*

2011 Per Capita \$30.46

**Visitation Training for deacons and one on one callers** will be offered by Pastor Bill on Tuesday, February 15, 7:00-8:30 PM. in the Community Room. This will be very similar to the one held twice last year. Those who attended then do not need to attend this one, though they are welcome if they would like a refresher. If you are interested in being a one on one caller please attend. Or if you just want ideas on how to be an effective caller with your own friends and relatives you are invited.

If anyone would like a regular visit from a deacon or church member please contact Pastor Beth Hart-Andersen. And as always, any time you would like a pastoral visit (by either pastor) please contact the church office (952-888-4621).

**CAREGIVERS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA**  
An initial meeting of an Oak Grove Support Group for *Caregivers of People Living with Dementia* will meet on Wednesday, March 2, from 2:00-3:30 PM at Laurretta Racer's apartment at Gideon Pond (Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington), 9901 Penn Avenue South. At this first meeting we will see what sorts of things people need and want, if they want to continue to meet on a regular basis, and how we can be of support to one another. Hilda Pridgeon, Oak Grove member who co-founded the national Alzheimer's Association, and Pastor Bill Chadwick will co-facilitate. Please RSVP to the church office (952-888-4621) if you plan to attend.

**THANK YOU**

Barb Phenicie, our Financial Secretary (a paid staff position), is making a slow but sure recovery from back surgery. Sue Greimel, our Church Treasurer (an unpaid position), picked up many of Barb's duties while she was out.

For several weeks over the holidays Sue worked long hours on top of working and going to school. She was often at church past midnight writing checks, doing books, etc. She got the year-end financials all done on time and did simply an amazing job. Thanks, Sue!!!!

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the last 15 months during our grandson Connor's treatment for brain cancer. He completed his last chemo treatment January 5. We continue to pray that he gets stronger and is able to resume the 'normal' life of a 7 year old.

**Sharon Solomon**

I want to THANK YOU ALL for the prayers and warm wishes I received during my back surgery. So many wonderful cards and notes, the visits, the phone calls, the treats, all made me feel so embraced in warmth and care. What a wonderful congregation Oak Grove has! I feel very blessed to be a part of you! **Barb Phenicie**

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

**Jeannette Dunham**, on the death of her cousin, John Wilson, January 15 in Texas.

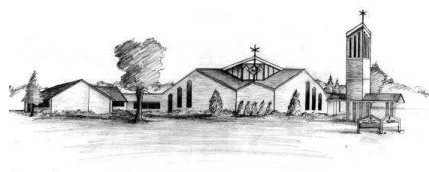
**Yvonne Wentz and family**, on the death of her daughter Cynthia Stover on December 23.

**Richfield Bloomington Grief Support Coalition**  
**Winter 2011**

Thursdays, through February 24  
4:30 – 5:00 pm Educational presentation  
5:00 – 6:00 pm Small groups will be formed to share concerns and experiences

Location: St. Bonaventure Catholic Church  
901 E 90<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington  
Contact: Joan Deluney 952-854-4733

**Check out the Calendar Art in Dakota Room**  
*February:* What could be sweeter than a Valentine treat secretly left for you in the shape of a heart, from someone who loves you...or perhaps, a secret admirer?!



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## ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

"Shawls... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace ,mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles."  
(Written in 1998 by Janet Bristow.)



Different faith traditions have been involved in this ministry for many years. Both beginners and experienced knitters and crocheters are involved in this ministry. Many of the shawls are imperfect just like each one of us, but the mistakes just blend in. Some meet every 4th Tues at 10:00 a.m while others knit in their own homes. There have been over 150 recipients signifying Christ's and Oak Grove's sharing with members and friends' grief, pain, sorrow and joy. We start and end with prayer such as the one that follows: "May God's grace be upon this shawl...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven....a sacred place of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love."

The Presbyterian Women and Deacons provide money for the yarn and one of the circles makes beautiful cards to go with each shawl. There is always room for more participants. Anyone can suggest a person who may be uplifted by receiving one of these. We who knit/crochet or make cards as well as those who are wrapped in a shawl are blessed.