



Strategic Ministry Plan:
Prayer Quilt Ministry
St. David's Episcopal Church
Vestry approved date October 16, 2017

Mission: (Description of the ministry: i.e. purpose and for whom.)

To offer a tangible reminder of the power of prayer to people in our covenant community who are suffering in body, mind or spirit through the gift of a prayer quilt, prayer square or pocket prayer square.

Needs Analysis: (Why does St. David's or the greater community need this ministry?)

The Prayer Quilt Ministry offers comfort and emotional healing to those in need and their family members.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry also unites the community of quilters in fellowship, reminds the congregation of the power and importance of prayer and deepens the bond between receiver and St. David's through pastoral care.

Expected Outcomes: (Prioritize top three to five objectives. Measurements describe when and how a specific outcome will be measured/tracked.)

OUTCOMES	MEASUREMENTS
<i>Spread the power of prayer</i>	<i>By the number of prayer strings tied</i>
<i>Comfort for those in need</i>	<i>By the number of quilt requests received</i>
<i>Fellowship amongst quilters and needle workers</i>	<i>Attendance at monthly Saturday meetings</i>
<i>Make St. David's know to the community</i>	<i>Labels on the quilts identify St. David's with address. Pocket prayer square with St. David's Prayer Quilt Ministry information included in every Welcome bag.</i>

HOW:

Goals: [What are the short (1-3 years) and long term (3 to 5 years) goals for this ministry?]

GOAL	DESCRIPTION	TIMEFRAME i.e. year one; years 2-3, etc
Provide comfort and healing	Prayer quilts, prayer squares and pocket prayer squares bring comfort and healing through prayer that is tied into each quilt. This is a tangible reminder of God's love.	On going
Fellowship of St. David's community and increase participation	Gathering of quilters, crafters, needle workers and prayer writers. Communicate about monthly meetings through email, bulletin and website.	On going

Activities: (What activities and events occur in this ministry? Describe activities and tasks that will achieve expected outcomes.)

St. David's Prayer Quilt Ministry members will meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. These meetings are open and advertised to all needle workers regardless of quilting experience. This is a time to gather and share ideas, exchange work and received supplies and encouragement.

One of our activities includes the act of praying over and tying a tie on a quilt, whether on Sunday morning or at another time, provides spiritual benefits for both the person tying and the quilt recipient.

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will participate in hosting annually, the Coffee hour on Sunday morning. This will help encourage new participants and help spread the mission of the ministry. Typically we will try to host in the month of February on our anniversary of the year we founded our ministry.

Small pocket prayer squares are available at all times at the church office and in the narthex for anyone to take for themselves or others to help spread comfort and healing.

During 2012 it was decided to include a pocket prayer square in every Welcome bag to new/visiting members. This is a very simple way to spread the word of this ministry and the comfort and healing our community can offer.

A 12 inch prayer square is presented to every new Reach participant before they leave on their journey. This is done to remind them that their St. David's community is with them always.

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Strategy: (What this ministry is, what the ministry is not.)

What it is...	What it is not...
About the prayers	About the quilt. No experience is necessary and all the quilts are beautiful regardless of skill.
Acceptance of prayer from St. David's community	It is not a surprise for the recipient. The recipient needs to know about the quilt and be willing to accept it.
A gift	For sale
Used for comfort and healing	Used for celebration

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

Spiritual Disciplines: (What spiritual disciplines does this ministry support or enhance, i.e. worship, prayer, Sabbath keeping, small group, bible study, tithing, telling your story?)

Worship, prayer, small group and community

FINANCIALS:

Resources Required: (What does this ministry need to succeed i.e. money, staff resources, space, supplies, etc.?)

The Prayer Quilt Ministry needs meeting space on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10am-12 noon. Currently we are using the classroom in the Boslaugh building and our supplies occupy a cabinet in that room.

Twice each year (usually January and July) this ministry holds an all-day event called a "sew in". The date is coordinated with the office to not conflict with other events. The event is from 9am-5pm on a Saturday. The required meeting space is the Adult Ed. Room, Narthex and nursery (Ark). We need these three areas beginning at 6 pm the evening prior to the event. All of this is worked in advance with the church office.

We will need access to communications to advertise monthly meetings and "all day sew in's" dates, times and other Prayer Quilt Ministry needs.

Budget Requests: (Please attach a detailed budget request if you require funds from St. David's to support your ministry.)

We are not requesting funds from St. David's to support this ministry.

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Fundraising: (Plans for fundraising which include the solicitation of or communicating to parishioners events either on or off St. David’s campus, must be a component of the vestry approved Strategic Ministry Plan and confirmed by the Fund Raising Committee.)

- Proposed event(s): none

EVENT DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED DATE	LOCATION	\$\$ GOAL

- a. Potential up-front costs with explanation: All costs for our ministry are absorbed by the participants and donors of materials and/or monetary donations. Soliciting of supplies, i.e. fabric, thread, batting or muslin, are only mentioned in conjunction with advertising of “all-day sew in” events twice a year and are not required or expected by those attending the event.
- b. Source of funds n/a.

HUMAN CAPITAL:

Ministry Leader(s):

NAME	PHONE NUMBER	ROLE
Diane K. Brown	703-858-5826 h 703-819-0742 c	Co-leader
Carolyn Davis	703-729-4709 h	Co-leader

Position Descriptions: (Key positions, assignments only.)

Co-ministry leaders are responsible for:

Setting up the meeting dates, times and activities for the ministry.

Notifying interested participants of meetings and communication with Communications.

Receiving prayer quilt requests-

Prayer writing, quilt selection and advising Communications of quilt on Sunday.

Set up the quilt for tying and readying quilt for recipient.

Fielding questions about the Prayer Quilt Ministry

Arranging for delivery of quilt to recipient.

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Ministry Budget Request:

Item/Activity	Description	New / Recurring Requirement	Current Year \$s	Next Year \$s
None				

Ministry Roster(s):

Name	Position	E-mail	Phone
Diane K. Brown	Co-leader	dkbrown15@aol.com	
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Megan Peach	Member	meganpeach@yahoo.com	
Donna Lewis	Member	lewis4golf@comcast.net	
Bobbie Johnson	Members	mariuscat@verizon.net	
Valier DeJarld	Member	valdjarld@gmail.com	
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Kim Maccus	Member	maccus3@gmail.com	
The Daughters of the King help us write the prayers for our quilts.			



Report of Ministry Accomplishments

Please describe the top-five accomplishments for which this Ministry was responsible this year:

1. As of the end of June 2017, the Prayer Quilt Ministry has given out more than **250** prayer quilts, 90 prayer squares and hundreds of pocket prayer quilts since the ministry began on February 14, 2010.
2. Our day long “sew in” meetings continue to be a huge success and we are able to turn out several quilts in one day.
3. Through the efforts of all our ministry members, our quilt inventory has never fallen below 12 quilts on hand with available quilts for men, women and boys and girls.
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6. 6. We send our new REACH participants to their work camp each year with a prayer square.