

You can be a part of Sydenstricker UMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry by making a shawl, praying for the ministry, or requesting a shawl for a friend or loved one who needs to feel God's embracing love and care.

The shawls do not have to be alike. There is no specific pattern to create these gifts of love and caring. You may use any pattern for a shawl.

We meet on the 1st Tuesday (7-9pm) and 3rd Saturday (10am-12) each month in the Church Library.

We welcome knitters and crocheters of all levels. If you don't know how, we'll be glad to teach you.

Come join us for the fun and Christian fellowship. We also warmly welcome those who prefer to participate from the comfort of their own home.



"But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble."

Psalm 59:16

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth ... Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

"May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant."

Psalm 119:76

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13



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Prayer Shawl Ministry



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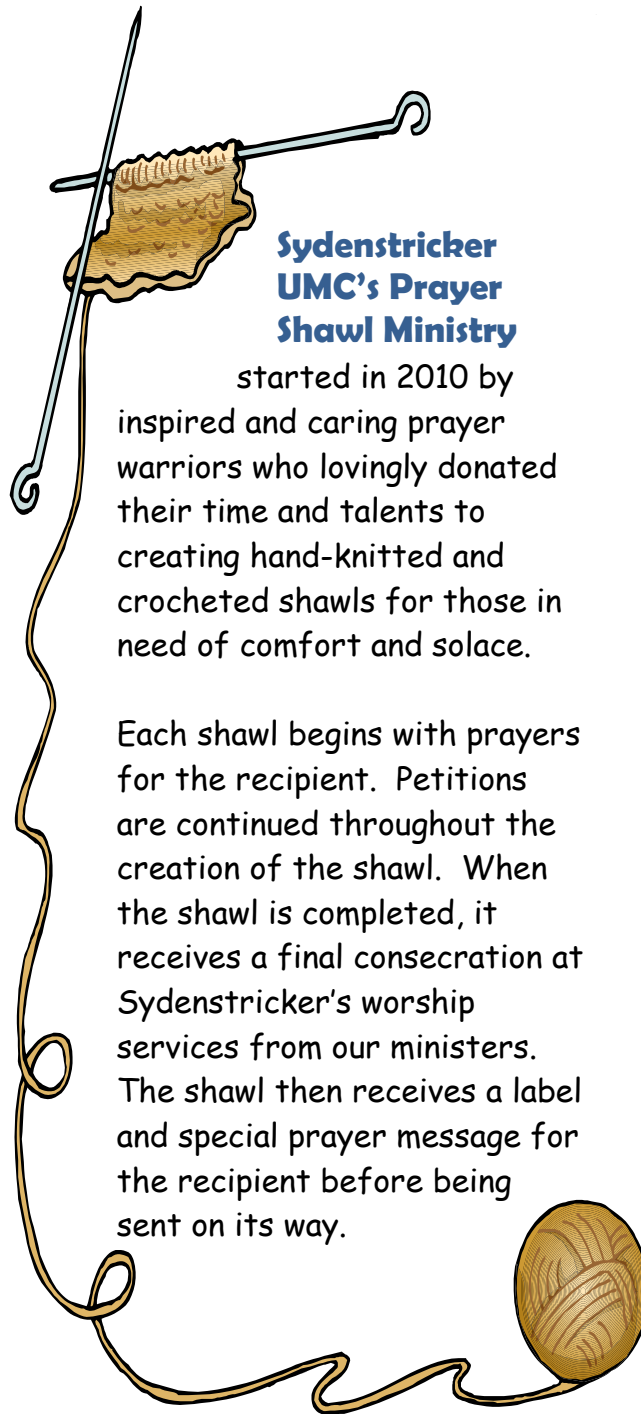
Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

About Prayer Shawls

God has inspired many, many people for generations to serve the Him through prayer using blankets and shawls in diverse ways. Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace, and spiritual sustenance. The prayer shawl ministry's message is simple, universal, and enduring — turns ordinary skeins of yarn into handmade expressions of love and comfort interwoven with countless prayers and blessings.

This ministry is a blessing for both the giver and recipient — both are surrounded by the unconditional loving embrace of a caring God. Prayer shawls become tangible symbols of love when words can't be found to adequately express one's feelings. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.



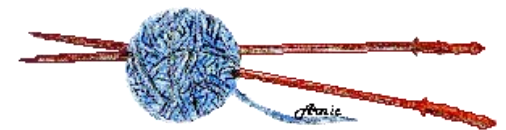
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started in 2010 by inspired and caring prayer warriors who lovingly donated their time and talents to creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need of comfort and solace.

Each shawl begins with prayers for the recipient. Petitions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed, it receives a final consecration at Sydenstricker's worship services from our ministers. The shawl then receives a label and special prayer message for the recipient before being sent on its way.

Some uses for prayer shawls

- ... for those who are distressed (e.g., comfort for the aging, healing during an illness and recovery, solace for broken hearts or bruised spirits, strength for deployed Service members and their families);
- ... for those who mourn the loss of a loved one;
- ... for those who travel or move away;
- ... for those who celebrate the arrival or baptism of a new baby;
- ... for those who take on new responsibilities at graduation;
- ... for those who rejoice in the love of a new marriage;
- ... for those who honor the bonds of true friendship;
- ... there are endless possibilities!



*Hands to Work
Hearts to God*