

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry Report 2022**

**Submitted by: Paula Gross**

### **List of the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team:**

Meg Ouderkirk, Jane Styer-Acevedo, Vicki Waterbury, Jackie Williams, Margaret Rohdy, Pam Loughman, Kathleen Shea, Sue Scaff, Blossom Gica, Josephine Musumeci, Suzanne Cole, Paula Gross

### **As you look at the goals you had planned for 2022, what were you able to accomplish? Please be as specific as possible.**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry enjoyed another year of fellowship and needlework. 16 items were blessed and gifted in 2022, including 5 baby hats! Of special note is our gift to Janice Smith for her loving gift of time and talent in the renovation of our sanctuary.

At Christmastime we sent a HUGE box of warm gifts (hats, scarves, mittens) to organizations supporting Native Americans including the Children of Pine Ridge and White Buffalo Calf Woman (women's shelter). Most items were knitted and crocheted by our members, but Jackie Williams reached out to friends who helped her sew a phenomenal stash of mittens and scarves for children, reinforcing the power of extending our congregation beyond our own doors!

We also had some fun! Last summer, Jane Acevedo took us on a tour of the Lancaster County area where she grew up. In November, we took a road trip to Bethlehem (thanks to Skip Waterbury for driving our van) where we visited a gorgeous yarn shop and had a lovely lunch. We loved that Michael joined us too!

### **How has your ministry's or leadership team's work and goals shifted throughout 2022 (due to COVID or other events)?**

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### **Where is your group or ministry area stuck? Do you need help in discerning who to ask to join your group or to get more involved?**

Everyone is invited to join our group, participating in whatever way they like. Skills in knitting or crocheting are not required! Just be prepared for some fellowship and fun.

### **What do you hope to accomplish in 2023?**

Continue our current work. This year we are hoping for more in-person meetings, starting with one in February.

**What has changed since returning to in-person/ hybrid ministry? How does your group imagine bridging the in-person/ hybrid gulf in 2023?**

Meeting in person every quarter or so. Other times will continue via zoom.

**What are the ways that the church can support your team in achieving your goals for the upcoming year?**

Please let us know of congregation members (current or past) that you believe would benefit from the blessing of a shawl or lap robe.