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 * Thank God for Our Mothers! *
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 * By Julia Hunt *
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 * If life were without water, where would we be? *
 * If life were without mothers, *
 * There would be no you or me. *
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 * We all need to take hold, of how precious life really is, *
 * and not take for granted the gift of love and the abil- *
 * ity to give. *
 * Thank you to God for creating us all *
 * For giving us our mothers *
 * So we can stand proud and tall. *
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 * Humans are no accident, no mistake or error *
 * We sometimes live our lives in fear of this, *
 * Even to the point of terror. *
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 * But when the truth is told, and recognized by all, *
 * God does not create rubbish. He knew what he was *
 * doing when he created me and you, but the best gift *
 * of all, is giving us loving, caring Mothers who love us *
 * unconditionally through and through. *
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 * None of us are perfect, that includes ourselves and *
 * family. *
 * Hold onto how precious we are and thank God for our *
 * mothers. *
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 * Amen *
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Happy Mother's Day

Twenty-four ladies of EPW attended a Mothers' Day luncheon at Oak Meadow Country Club on May 3. Photos of their mothers and special thoughts were shared with all.

A picnic in the courtyard will be held June 7. All ladies are invited to attend and enjoy.



Please pray for the following:

Tid Turner, Jane Williams, Walt Lowe, Ann Meyers, David Holder, Shirley Vanlandingham, Ashly Steckel, Jesse Garcia, Lee & Karen Miller, Rilee Jane Colbert, Steve Aud, Sabrina Holden, Jerry, Dawn, Carolyn Stitt, Ginny Schroeder Peggy Pennington, Jack Garcia, Linda Coleman, Patty Reynolds, Nick Wilt and the people of Ukraine.

PLEASE NOTE



There will be no printed newsletter for the week of May 16. However, there will be an electronic newsletter. Those of you who have signed up to receive the e-newsletters via your email will receive one as usual. You may also access the newsletter by going to our website - eastminsterchurch.com - selecting "Media" and navigating to the page with all the newsletters.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR COMMUNITY GROUP!

We will be meeting on Friday, May 19 at 6:30
Sign up sheet is in the Gallery



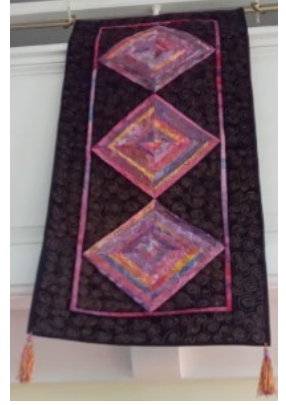
Exploring Eastminster

Have you enjoyed seeing the wall hangings in the Sanctuary? The two – one hung on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and the other hanging now until Pentecost – were machine quilted by one of the founders of the Eastminster Quilters, Susan Clayton, and have been kept in the quilting room. The current quilters had never thought to display them in this way until a chance comment was made one day by a visitor.

The banner hanging now has a wonderful inscription on the back. It is as follows:

“In 2004 the congregation of EPC launched a project. The sewing group committed to make 25 bed quilts for the new Monte Blanco Retreat Center in Bolivia. Many people from the congregation and community were involved in dyeing the fabrics, designing, sewing, and finishing the quilts.

This quilt, entitled “*Joyous Connections*” was made with scraps of the fabric from the project ... as a reminder of the celebration and joy in the shared ministry. “



The quilters’ annual report from that year explains that the group began as a “Learn to Quilt” day organized by the Small Groups Committee in the Spring of 2004. While constructing a sample block, “We formed a bond and decided to continue as a service group. Our mission is to cheer, console, and congratulate with the art and warmth of a homemade quilt.”

The quilting room, located across the hall from the Parlor, was at that point used only as a meeting room, although it had originally served as office space and then as a Sunday School room. The group was given permission by the Session to set it up as their own space, and Community and World Missions Committee, which then sponsored the mission trip to Bolivia in 2005 during which 25 quilts were presented, provided start-up money for needed supplies. And that committee has continued since to include the group in their annual budget.



The sewing room today is equipped with four sewing machines, a serger, and a long arm (finishing) quilter, all of varying age. An additional machine has been donated and is set up in an area of the basement while we are working to make it usable for our purposes. We have a wall of fabric organized in containers by color, thread to match any color combination, patterns ranging from beginner level to skilled, all needed supplies, and large work spaces.

In addition to that large project for Bolivia, the group several years after that made and presented 20 quilts at one time to new Habitat for Humanity home owners when a community of homes was completed on the city’s SE side.

The group today is much smaller, with none of the original members remaining, but still has a goal of making a donation of lap quilts each year to a nursing home or other charitable organization in addition to those given to congregation members. And since the response to the banners displayed has been so positive, members are on the look-out for other religious-themed patterns to make and display for other Church celebrations. You are always welcome to join the group on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00. No experience is necessary!

Eastminster Starfish Ministry
"Helping one Starfish at a time!"

Come see a member of the Starfish Ministry (Beth Bailey, Donna Cooke, Mary Fulkerson, Diane VanCleave) if you are interested in receiving a FREE Life Alert.



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