

Handmade'ns Minutes for February 21, 2017

Those present: Sarah Austin, Tina Bell Midgett, Jane True, Jeannine Jones, Jean Eriksen, Barbara Littleton, Bonnie Bihary, Carmonlene Anderson, Betty Gray, Harleen Denk, Pam Thompson, and new member, Charlie Krawchuck.

- Gathering, coffee, prayer & welcomed new member, Charlie
- Christ candle lit.
- 2 prayer shawls in Chapel closet.
- Blessing services 1/29/17, 32 shawls given away, into the next week.
- Original-style PS cards ready for all current shawls, new sample at March meeting.
- Prayer shawls labels: Bonnie ordered 100 more labels. We will use our current fund to reimburse her \$84 for 100 ordered in November and ones ordered in February.
- It was decided by consensus that we will not have a blessing service on 3/8 (Lenten Lunch). She will work with Pastor Scott to schedule one after Mother's Day or before Father's Day.
- Shawl sizes-average/large/child. Members were given blank labels to attach to shawl or on plastic bag noting the width & length. It has been noticed that brighter colors are more popular than dark brown, navy or black.
- At the 1/29th Contemporary service someone who works with Breast Cancer patients asked if we would be willing to knit pink shawls for them. Members decided they will knit/crochet shawls & Sarah will contact this person as to how this will work (#s needed, how often, colors of pink, etc).
- Knitting other items: by consensus decided if asked, we will knit blanket & hat for new babies and hold off on cowls for now. Giesla Fehr told Jane of square lap robes (approx. 38" x 32") being made by a blind lady who asked her who might need them. Jean Eriksen's daughter, Stephanie works at a nursing home and they can use those we have. Are there other places that might need them? Jean, is there still a need for prayer cloths for soldiers?
- We have lots of yarn, so please take some!
- Sarah went with Harleen to 'Flying Fingers' at the Swansboro 1st Baptist Church, enjoyed the fellowship and is now crocheting! She mentioned it to new member Charlie, who has now been several times and likewise felt very welcomed and enjoys the group. It's available every Tues, 1-4pm, a friendly group where you knit/crochet anything you bring. There's lots of experience there to answer any questions.
- Those needing a prayer shawl.
- Blessing of the shawls.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2017 10am, Barnum House

Soup lunch to follow the meeting (Carmonlene will provide the soup & Harleen will provide the bread!
Everyone bring your own bowl (BYOB)!