

“Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles...”

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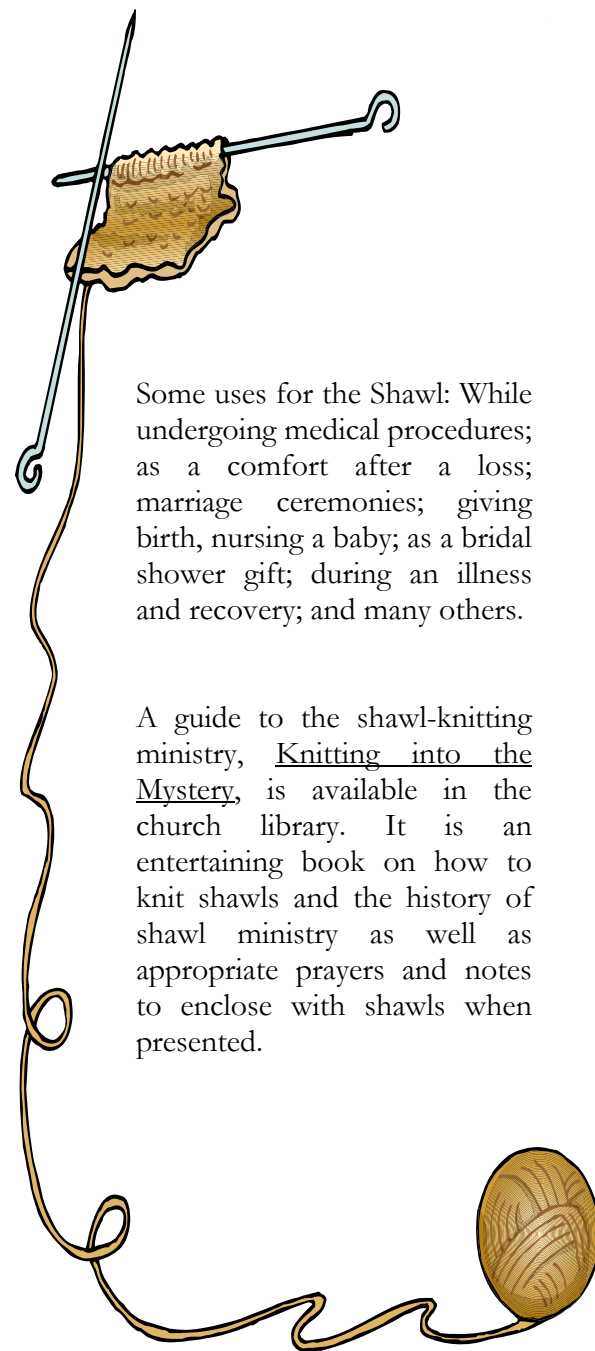
Shawl ministry was begun in 1998 by members of the Hartford Seminary. The prayer shawls combine the love and care of knitting into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort, solace or in celebration.

Many blessings are knitted into every shawl. The knitter begins each shawl with prayers for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final blessing before being given away. A blessing or ritual may be offered when the gift is presented.

May God's grace be upon this shawl, warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing – sustaining in good times as well as difficult ones.

May you be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love.

See the Prayer Shawl Ministry web site at www.shawlministry.com.



Some uses for the Shawl: While undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss; marriage ceremonies; giving birth, nursing a baby; as a bridal shower gift; during an illness and recovery; and many others.

A guide to the shawl-knitting ministry, [Knitting into the Mystery](#), is available in the church library. It is an entertaining book on how to knit shawls and the history of shawl ministry as well as appropriate prayers and notes to enclose with shawls when presented.

The prayer shawl ministry group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:00 am in the library. If you are interested in participating by knitting or crocheting shawls but are unable to attend the monthly meeting, you are welcome to make shawls on your own. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

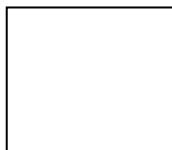
Directions for making the shawls are available in the Parish House Lounge. Kits with yarn, needles and directions are in the Primary Sunday School classroom closet for those wanting to knit a shawl. The simple pattern is knit 3, purl 3 to represent the trinity.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is under the direction of the Call to Care Committee. Our representative to the Call to Care Committee is Alice-Mae Suits.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl please contact either Reverend Dr. Jay Terbush or Reverend Hilary Dahlberg.



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