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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From Carol Petranek

FCQ cares about our community. Donations of "love quilts," as well as Komen, TAPS, and Linus quilts demonstrate our concern for those in distress and our desire to show we care. Some of our members seek to extend their charitable service and are doing so through their work with the group, Caring Hands. Although we are not formally affiliated, we are mutually supportive.

Caring Hands originated at the old Bear's Paw quilt shop on Route 40 and was introduced to us in 2006 by FCQ members PEG MCCLELLAND and BETH BOHAC. For the past thirteen years, FCQ and Caring Hands have worked independently and, at times, in tandem on projects.

Members are provided with materials and patterns to cut, hand sew, or machine stitch. Recipients of the group's ongoing projects include St. Agnes Hospital, Howard County Hospital, Loan Closet, Howard County Breast Center, and First Presbyterian Church Head Start. PEG and BETH will organize special projects on request and always welcome suggestions. Their dedication to this group for so many years merits our respect and appreciation.

Caring Hands meets twice a month on Wednesdays from 9:30-3:00 in Lyle Buck Hall. All are welcome to attend. Peg observes that working on community projects fosters camaraderie. A schedule for this year's meetings is in this newsletter. For those who cannot attend daytime meetings, projects can be done at home. For detailed information on current projects or to learn more about Caring Hands, please contact either PEG MCCLELLAND or BETH BOHAC.

COMFORT QUILT CHALLENGE

From Stephanie Sanidas

Over fifty FCQ members are sewing and quilting their Mystery Challenge Comfort Quilts. Recommended sizes are baby (32" x 40"), lap (40" x 60") or twin (60"-70" x 85"-90") quilts. After our April 2020 Quilt Show, challenge quilts will be donated to the charity of your choice: Howard County Department of Aging Project Holiday, Loan Closet of Howard County, Sleep In Heavenly Peace, Bridges to Housing, Grassroots, St Agnes Hospice, Komen Race for the Cure, Howard County General Hospital, Alpha Pregnancy Center, TAPS, or Project Linus. See STEPHANIE SANIDAS if you have any questions or need backing fabric.

\$10 AND UNDER TABLE IDEAS

From Lauren Swanger and Nancy Meier

You're creative, you love our guild, and you want to contribute to the \$10 and under table for our 2020 quilt show, but feel a slightly stumped about what to make? Don't let a little thing like not knowing what to do stop you! Here are some great websites to stoke the fires of your imagination: sewmamasew.com/diyjoy.com/sewing-crafts-to-make-and-sell/ www.allfreeseewing.com/ crazylittleprojects.com/25-things-sew-30-minutes/ www.bhg.com/crafts/sewing/accessories/easy-sewing-projects/ <https://www.sewcanshe.com/blog/diy-tiny-quilt-magnets?> We're planning a sew-in in the near future; we will announce the date and time when both are confirmed.

CHURCH PARKING

From Carol Petranek

At the August Church User Group meeting, we were asked to **encourage** people to park in designated parking spaces (that are marked with white lines) and not along the edge of the driveway by Lyle Buck Hall. Parking along that bend is a safety issue when other cars and emergency vehicles go by. I further discussed this with Woody who emphasized that it is most important to **never park** on the Rain Garden/dumpster side or next to the sidewalk/curb because having cars on both sides elevates the tight squeeze and safety issues. If members choose to park along the right edge of the driveway, do not park at the very top of the driveway where it meets the street. That blocks emergency vehicles from making a right turn into the street; therefore please keep your car **behind** the large tree where the end of the driveway meets the street. We continue to encourage FCQ members to park in designated parking spots and in the Park-and-Ride.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAYS

From Carol Petranek

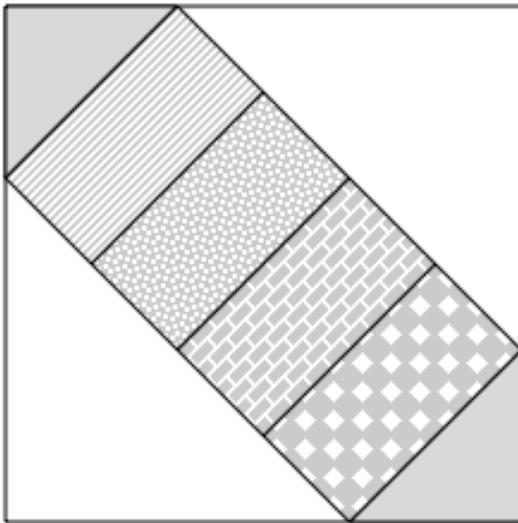
With hurricane season and winter approaching, members are reminded that when Howard County schools are closed or delayed, FCQ will not meet. There are both safety and liability issues at stake if people come to the church when it is officially closed. Thank you for adhering to this policy.

A HEARTFELT THANKS!

From Virginia Fry

Thanks to everyone for their love and get well wishes during my illness! Hope to see everyone soon!

From Linda Schiffer



Crosswalk Square

This block reminds me of a cross walk. In honor of school starting again this month (September), I have chosen this for our block of the month.

The large triangle background shapes should be made from white or white-on-white fabric; the smaller corner triangles (shown in gray in this drawing) should be made from asphalt (or other dark hued) gray. Make the 'steps' across the walk from bright prints of your choice.

Cutting Instructions:

*From white or wow background - cut one 9" square in half diagonally to yield two right triangles.

*From dark gray corner fabric - cut one 5" square in half diagonally to yield two right triangles.

From four different bright prints, cut one piece (each) - $3\frac{3}{8}$ " by $6\frac{3}{8}$ ".

*You might want to starch this fabric before cutting to control the bias 'bloom.'

Assembly Instructions:

Sew the four bright print rectangles to one another as shown above.
Sew a dark gray corner triangle to each end of the print rectangle 'row.'
Sew the white background triangles to this 'stack' as shown above.

The drawing for this block will be held at the October general meeting on the first Thursday.

2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

From Joanne Brazinski

Our Membership drive begins September 1st, 2019! Since we now have the online directory, our process is slightly different. Please use the directory to look at your current information. If it's correct, please print out the attached membership form and check the box "All information is correct! Just update my membership." (Please be sure to put your **full name on the form**, so we know who you are!) If membership information is not correct or is missing data, list the corrections/additions. New members will, of course, fill out the entire form. Please turn in your form and payment by October 15th, 2019. After October 31st, non-renewing members will no longer have access to the directory.

It's so easy to use the new directory! From your computer, go to www.instantchurchdirectory.com and click on "member sign in." Click on the "create a login now" link next to "first time signing in" and follow the instructions. Be sure to use the same email address you asked us to list—only people in the directory can view it. Once you have created a password, it can be used with the mobile app and will enable online access.

To install the mobile app on your phone, go to the app store (or wherever you usually buy/add new apps). Search for "instant church directory." It's free and once installed, you can see the directory anywhere you go!

We also periodically download the directory to a password-protected pdf on our website. Go to <https://faithfulcirclequilters.com/> and chose the Members Area. Scroll down to "Membership Directory" and click the link. This file is password protected. Contact Membership chair or a board member for the password. (This is not the same as the password on your individual login.) You can print out this document if you choose, but our member data is always changing and your printout will not. Logging on to the Instant Church Directory will ensure the most up-to-date information available.

SPRING RETREAT- SAVE THE DATE NOTICE

From Tonya Tiffany

The Spring Retreat will once again be at the Black Rock Retreat Center in Quarryville, PA. Save-the -Dates of May 14-17, 2020 (Thursday-Sunday). This will be another UFO retreat with a couple of mini-tutorials during our time there. Cost for the retreat will be \$340 per person, for a double occupancy room. A deposit of \$50 is due at sign up and the total balance is due Feb. 1, 2020. Deposits will be accepted beginning December 1, 2019.

PAULA HENRY has done a fabulous job coordinating the retreat for the past 5 years and has passed the baton on to me. She will be helping me with the transition, but please address your questions to me so that I can learn all aspects of how to coordinate the retreat successfully. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please feel free to send them my way! Looking forward to the retreat!

Faithful Circle Quilters

2019-20 Member Application

Date: _____ Primary Group: Monday PM Thursday AM Both

Your Name _____ Name for Badge (if different) _____

Returning members, please check your information online and update any changes/errors:

- All information is correct! Just update my membership
 The following information needs updating **OR** I'm a new member:

Street Address/Apt. No.	
City/State/Zip	Birthday (Mo./Day Only)
Home Phone	Cell or Work Phone
E-mail Address	

We need your email address to give you access to the online directory.

Do you need a name badge? Yes No

FCQ members must complete a membership application every year.
Our membership period runs from Nov. 1, 2019 thru Oct. 31, 2020

Annual Membership Dues is **\$25** for a full year (or \$15 each for two or more members living at the same address or \$12.50 for partial year for new members after April 1)

FCQ's community service project (Love Quilts) is partially funded by donations collected at membership renewal. See www.faithfulcirclequilters.com/donations/donations.html for more info. Please consider a donation towards Love Quilts at this time.

Annual Membership Dues Paid \$ _____

Make your check payable to: FAITHFUL CIRCLE QUILTERS and bring it with this form to any meeting or mail to: FCQ, P.O. Box 6231, Columbia, MD 21045. Forms must be received by October 1, 2019 to be included in the annual directory. Questions? Email membership@faithfulcirclequilters.com or contact Joanne Brazinski.

Our newsletter is available online (www.faithfulcirclequilters.com). Do you need a printed copy? No Yes

Note: By selecting 'No' for this option, you help lower guild printing and postage expenses.

Do you want to receive email news about guild activities? Yes No

What suggestions do you have for workshops, classes, programs, or lectures? Use back of this form if needed.

Would you be willing to teach a workshop or lead a sew-in / demonstration at a guild meeting? Describe topic(s). Use back of this form if needed.

Do you have special training or professional skills to contribute to our guild? Some examples are:

- Accounting/Auditing Writing or Editing Desktop Publishing
 PR or Media Relations Digital Photography Web Design / Support
 FCQ Board/Committee Chair Other

Comments?
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Cash / Check # _____	Date _____	Rec'd By _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Database _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Badge _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Packet _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Email _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Bday _____

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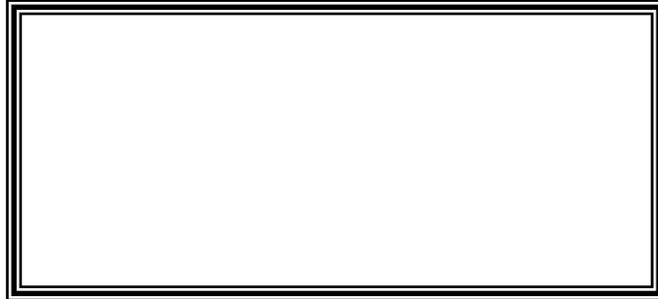
Faithful Circle Quilters
welcomes anyone
interested in quilts and
quilting.

We meet Monday evenings
from 7 to 9 pm
AND

Thursday mornings
from 10 am to 2 pm

At the
First Presbyterian
Church on
Rt. 108 at Rt. 29
Columbia, MD

Please come join us and
visit our web site at
www.faithfulcirclequilters.com



Betty Kilroy's September Birthday Party

- 01 Jane Sinek
- 08 Sue Ellian
- 12 Barbara Buchanan
- 13 Eleanor Howe
- 18 Ann Corbett
- 19 Judi Warren
- 23 Barbara Herron
- 23 Rita Plonski
- 23 Joyce Ritter
- 26 Kenzie Preston
- 28 Nancy G. Martin
- 29 Della LeConte
- 29 Sheila Riess
- 30 Debbie Castner
- 30 Claudia Pearce

CALENDAR

- Monday Sept 2 Labor Day - **No Meeting**
- Thursday Sept 5- Love Quilts
- Monday Sept 9 - Love Quilts
- Wednesday Sep 18 - Caring Hands