

Prayers & Squares Annual Fall Retreat 2021

Prayers & Squares will hold its annual Fall Retreat on Friday, October 22, and Saturday, October 23, from 9 am to 4 pm, in Linder Hall. *If you are vaccinated, you are invited.* We will be observing all Covid restrictions, including masks, that are still in place on those dates.

These two days have much to offer: learning a new quilting skill, enjoying the fellowship of friends, and inspiration from two lunch time speakers.

Our leader will be Kay Kent, who will teach a pattern called Fabulous Frames. Kay is a legendary artist and quilter. She will be leading us in learning a skill that may be new to you: mitering corners.



Fabulous Frames allows for some choices to be made as far as the number of blocks to made and the arrangement of the blocks.



Fabric Requirements



Your first decision is whether you want to make 20 blocks and add a border or make 30 blocks without a border.

We have lots of fabric available in our stash that you can choose from. You will need a focus fabric, a large, bold print; and three coordinating fabrics for the frames. You can choose your fabric at our next meeting on October 9, 9 to 11 am, in Linder Hall 4. Choosing your fabric ahead of time means that you can do your cutting and some sewing before the retreat.

Twenty Block Prayer Quilt –

Focus Fabric - 2/3 yard

Frames - 2/3 yard of each of 3 coordinating fabrics

Border Fabric – 1 yard

Thirty Block Prayer Quilt – 1 yard of Focus Fabric.

Frames - 1 1/3 yard of each of three coordinating fabrics, no border.

If you are sewing you will need to bring your machine, its user manual, neutral thread, and all your favorite sewing tools.

If you don't wish to bring your sewing machine and sew, there will be plenty to do. We will have tables set up for layering prayer quilts and putting in ties. You also might help by pressing seams for the people who are sewing. You can just "hang out" with us for the fellowship that is a hallmark of Prayers & Squares.

If you have an UFO (UnFinished Object) from an earlier retreat or workshop, bring it to work on.



At lunch time, we will pause for inspiration. We will have two speakers who will feed our hearts as we feed our bodies

On Friday, Rev. Tamara Walker will tell us about growing up as a child of missionaries in Africa. Tamara is a member of Prayers & Squares, yet we have not yet heard this story.

Mary Beth Klauer will be our lunch speaker on Saturday. She has been working for several years with ministries whose goal is welcoming recent immigrants and helping them to get settled in new homes. These immigrant families have had to leave their homes because they have worked with the United States military as translators.



Lunch will be BYO – bring your own lunch. This will keep us within the Covid guidelines and keep the cost low as well.

There is a soda and water machine near the office, or you can bring something to drink. Also, there will not be coffee available as in past years.

We are doing **reverse** door prizes this year! Please bring one or more articles that can go in a sewing basket for an immigrant woman. These can be gently used or new. They need all kinds of sewing tools: scissors, pincushions, seam rippers, pins, thread, etc. Also, check your supplies for items you purchased but didn't use: zippers, bias tape, buttons,

Please RSVP at the October 9 Prayers & Squares meeting or reply to this Email. RSVPing is especially important if you are bringing your sewing machine. We need to know how many people to set up for. You can pay at the October 9 Prayers & Squares meeting or at the door. The cost is \$10 per day. Come either day or both.