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MEMORY JOGGERS FOR OCTOBER

<u>The 4th</u>	<u>The 11th</u>	<u>The 18th</u>	<u>The 25th</u>	<u>SUBSTITUTES</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>
Preaching Dave Thompson	Preaching Dave Thompson	Preaching Dave Thompson	Preaching Dave Thompson	USHERS Pat Clark Kay Doss Chris Eriksen Tom & Ginny Helmer Earl & Sharon Henderson Biff Hogue Diane Noddings Charlie Reed Don Reed John Thompson	Kay Doss Tom & Ruth Drummond Bob & Linda Fedric Tom & Ginny Helmer Earl & Sharon Henderson Biff Hogue Bob & Barb Muir Marge Myhra Ralph & Jane Myhre Betty Ann Nesmith Charlie Reed Bob & Shirley Shirley Lucile Weisbeck
Greeters Tom & Ruth Drummond Eleanor Reinecke	Greeters Jim Hummel & Paige Spalding Megan Lorentz	Greeters Carl & Vickie Johnson Pat Clark	Greeters Bob & Norma Thiesen Jo Albin		
Ushers Bob & Cathy Culbertson Earl & Sharon Henderson	Ushers Royal Johnson Kurt & Mary Grabow Sharon Mathews	Ushers Janet Brown Bebe Spring Craig & Denise Hash	Ushers Jim & Biff Hogue Ken & Barb Eichenberger		
Liturgist Jeff Gruizenga	Liturgist JoAnn Jones	Liturgist Kay Doss	Liturgist Robyn Bauer		
Van Driver Charles Leggate	Care Board Chuck & Cindy Leggate	Care Board Tom & Ginny Helmer	Care Board Edna Carlson		
Sound Booth David Bauer	Van Driver Don Harr	Van Driver Kate Mitchell	Van Driver Heather McLean		
Communion Don Reed Ken & Barb Eichenberger Sharon Brady Kay Doss	Sound Booth Jeff Gruizenga	Sound Booth Chuck Leggate	Sound Booth Bob Culbertson		

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PASTOR'S PEN

"A Great Exploration"



In November of 1914, a British explorer by the name of Ernest Shackleton embarked on one of the most dangerous excursions known to humankind: to be the first explorer to cross the entire Antarctic continent on foot. With temperature reaching 70 degrees below zero and winds as high as 100 miles an hour, Antarctica is a place of rugged beauty and dangerous elements. In a test of human endurance and sheer determination, this expedition is regarded as one of the greatest adventures of all time. Antarctica was the last continent reached by explorers.

Shackleton saw his expedition as the last great polar journey of the heroic age of exploration. He placed this recruitment notice in local papers: "Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages. Bitter cold. Long months of complete darkness. Constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success." In all, five thousand applied, but only 27 were accepted.

The ship they sailed upon, the *Endurance*, was one of the best built sailing ships of the time. Yet in spite of its high degree of craftsmanship, it was no match for the rugged ice and dangerous conditions. After having been trapped in an ice jam, the ship sank as it was torn apart by the shifting ice.

Trapped and alone thousands of miles from home, the purpose of Ernest Shackleton and his crew became survival. In an unthinkable journey that took them by a small lifeboat, five of the men, including Shackleton, set their sights 800 miles away to South Georgia Island, the closet whaling community. When it was all said and done, Shackleton returned to Antarctica to rescue his entire crew and return them back home to England. Shackleton would later write, "In memories we were rich. We have suffered, starved, and triumphed. We have seen God in his splendor. We have reached the soul of man."

As I have learned more about this incredible journey, the one thing that impresses me most about this story is not the courage of these men, or their rugged persistence, but Shackleton's purpose in getting his crew home safely. He was unwavering in his determination that not one of his crew be lost.

In an even greater exploration, God sent his son to transcend human time and space, to walk our earth, and in the end to save us from our impending deaths. Our purpose should be that of God's: to bring the Good News of God's saving grace to all people and to bring light to a darkened world. May we continue to be persistent in our ministry and mission, and may we do so with unwavering determination. I look forward to all that God has in store for us as we press forward toward the goal of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Dave

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Cardboard Box City at Rocky Mountain College: Saturday, October 3
Presbyterian Women Luncheon in Fellowship Hall: Wednesday, October 7 at 12noon
New Member and Visitor Luncheon: Sunday, October 11 after worship
Youth Pie Auction and Luncheon: Sunday, October 25 after worship
Global Village on display in the Fellowship Hall: Sunday, November 1
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1

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Church Info

Office Hours:
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Worship Celebration @ 10:30

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Youth Ministry: Orrin Feddes
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Accompanist: Sandi Rabas
Choir Director: Janie Sutton
Choir Accom: Bev Wornom
Custodian: Kent Fellingham

SESSION MEMBERS

Clerk of Session:
Marlene Spencer

Class of 2016
Samantha Cormier
Heidi Duncan
Chris Eriksen
Jenice Fugere

Class of 2017
David Bauer
Ken Eichenberger
Sharon Lincoln
Sharon Mathews

Class of 2018
Kathy Baskett
Marv Brown
Jeff Gruizenga
Sandi Schoenberger

Session Notes:

The session met on Tuesday, September 8.
Pastor Dave reported that the ministry fair will be held on Sunday, September 13, which is the Sunday that worship services will return to the 10:30 hour. Sunday School classes will begin on September 20.
The ice maker is now in good working order. It was voted to have a new company fix the lock on the kitchen door.
The annual block party was well attended and the fellowship committee is already making plans for next year.

Financial snapshot

2015	Income	Expense	Net
September	\$ 26,389	\$ 35,766	\$ (9,377)
Year to Date	\$392,469	\$358,728	\$ 33,741

The elevated expenses reflect a deposit placed upon the new garage that is being built for the church bus and van

SEPT.	2015
6TH	151
13TH	181
20TH	210
27TH	205
2015 SEPT AVERAGE	187
2014 SEPT AVERAGE	183

Church Women United Gathering

Friday, October 9th at 1 PM
Mayflower Congregational Church
2940 Poly Drive
World Community Day
Bring items for Gateway House

Sermons available on-line

Did you know that you can listen to sermons on-line at our website at www.fpcbillins.org? Just click the "Listen to Sermons" tab on the upper right front of our church's homepage. Stay connected even when you are away. Sermon for the past 12 weeks are archived on our church's website.

Church Mice recognize Jack Bell

Many claim to be Christians, but few live their faith. Jack Bell lives his faith not only in our church, but throughout the community. Jack has been the "music man" for our church block parties, he is a Stephen Minister and is on the mission committee. Jack is also instrumental in the West Park Ministry in which he serves as a Commissioned Lay Pastor for our presbytery. West Park Ministry has developed into a very viable program for the people who live there. Thank you Jack for all you do for everyone.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

Our church was one of the first churches in Billings to designate a monthly Food Bank Sunday. We invite you to bring some non-perishable food items with you on the first Sunday of each month as we help local people in need. Our next Food Bank Sunday will be held on Oct. 4

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our flower sign-up sheet is located on the back table in the narthex. We invite you to sign up for a particular Sunday to sponsor the flowers either in honor or memory of someone or a special event such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. Suggested donation is \$25. Special thanks to those who donated flowers during the month of September. They are: Linda and John Luse in honor of their daughter, Sarah; Suzanne Braun in honor of her grandsons, Maxton and McLain; and Sharon Lincoln in memory of Cecil Lincoln.

Dinners of Eight

Another year of Dinners of Eight is here. I know that everyone is busy. DO NOT MAKE IT HARD OR STRESS OVER IT. This is a fun time. If things are happening so you cannot have it in your home- go to a restaurant.

If you find that you cannot host, give someone on your team to do the hosting. Do not let this time fall through. There are times that you just cannot host an event, but someone else may be happy to do it, give them a chance. The Host(s) (first name(s) in cell) picks a couple of dates during the subject Month that is convenient for you and calls your guests. If you are short of guests (someone may not be able to come), fill in the spaces with new faces with substitutes listed below or anyone not involved in dinners of eight (don't forget new members or older members). Let your guests know when and where to come and what side dish or beverage to bring if any. (If you do not hear from your host call them, they may have forgotten.)

If you are a guest at dinner and cannot make it please let the hostess know.

This is a very flexible program. Any activities to accompany or follow your dinner are up to you. Even the dinner format can be modified to a brunch or whatever creative ideas you come up with including eating out. Enjoy your dinners! It is not necessary to have 8 people for dinner, any number is OK.

If there are any questions or problems, etc., please notify Pat Hastings immediately at 696-0281 or pathast@msn.com (be sure to title it Dinners of Eight). Please note any new names on the list or changes. Also, if you have a change in your email please let me know. I am getting some back.

Dinners of Eight September/October Schedule

Stovall	Juanita		259-9219	Ascherman	Jason	Meghan	259-1336
Muir	Bob	Barbara	325-8016	Drummond	Tom	Ruth	656-5977
Spring	BeBe		252-7898	Brown	Marvin	Janet	256-0257
Mercer-Wallace	Jody		656-4150	Albin	Jo		656-5600
Lohnbakken	Gary	Judy	656-2046	Jones	JoAnn		652-3185
Laftko	Jody	Boden	591-8060				

Hogue	Jim	Biff	259-9114	Lorentz	Megan	855-5427
Hastings	Pat	Mike	696-0072	Brown	Phyllis	702-7040
Erskine	Tom		656-0496	Repka	Sarah	238-0092
Fugere	Jenice		252-9641	Baskett	Kathy	Bassingthwaite Mark 544-9857
Carlson	Edna		534-6211	Culbertson	Bob	Cathy 655-7826
Pierce	June		245-7989	Gore	Pam	694-6381

Morrow	Beth	656-2292	Lorentz	Bill	Colleen	656-8163
Brady	Sharon	655-9046	Eichenberger	Ken	Barbara	248-8563
Myhre	Ralph	Jane	325-8033	Reed	Don	252-5316
Swanson	Jerry	655-5448	Reineche	Eleanor		248-8293
Spencer	Marlene	252-5027	Dayton	Bob	Shari	256-3130
Taubert	Carlene	Mark Parker	698-2205			

Stephen Ministry Update

A new training class for Stephen Ministers will begin on Thursday, October 8 from 6:00-8:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Please pray about becoming a part of this valuable ministry service to the members of our congregation. More information about this training is available through JoAnn Jones, Doris Backus, Jack Bell, Shirley Shirley, or Pastor Dave.

Block Party Appreciation

The Fellowship Committee wishes to "Thank" everyone that worked to make our All Church Block Party in August a huge success. I especially wish to "Thank" all those individuals who volunteered and those who just "showed up" and lent a helping hand. These functions are not possible without your support. —Sandi Schoenberger, Chair of the Fellowship Committee. Here are a few pictures of the big event.



Special Community Program

Angela’s Piazza invites you to a Feast of St. Francis program, “Caring for Our Common Home” on Sunday, October 4, 2015, 4-5 p.m., at First Church (3rd Ave. N. & N.27th). “Caring for Our Common Home” explores how to understand and apply Pope Francis’ encyclical on healing our broken world. There will be an opportunity to walk or meditate at First Church’s indoor illuminated labyrinth, featuring John Philip Newell’s “Prayers with the Earth” from 1-4 p.m. The labyrinth will also be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 3.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				19-11 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 1 Mission Committee Meeting 7 CE Committee	2 Church Office Closed	3 10 Gluten Intolerant Group (GIG) Cardboard Box City RMC
4 Food Bank Sun 9:15 Sun School 10:30 Worship 11:00 West Park worship 3 BB Open Gym	5 12noon BLT 6 Billings Child Care Association Meeting (BCCA)	6 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study 6 Sigma Mtg	7 9-11 BSF Lead 10 Grief Group 12 PW Luncheon 6 Youth Group 6 Deborah Circle 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adults	8 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 11 Fellowship Committee 6-8 Stephen Min. Training Begins	9 Church Office Closed	10 PEO Bazaar in the Fellowship Hall
11 9:15 Sun Sch 10:30 Worship Visitor Luncheon after worship 11:00 West Park 3 BB Open Gym	12 12noon BLT 12 noon Men's Group in Fireside Room	13 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Women's Bible Study 7 Session Meeting	14 9 BSF Lead 9:30 PW Board 6 Youth Group 6 Deborah Circle 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adults	15 9-11 BSF 12 Congregational Care Team 4:30 Stephen's Ministry Super. 6-8 S.M. Training	16 Church office closed	17 10 PEO group in the Fireside Room
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25 9:15 Sun Sch 10:30 Worship 11 West Park Pie Auction/lunch after worship 3 BB Open Gym	26 12noon BLT 12noon Men's Group in Fireside Room	27 9:30 Staff Mtg. 9:30 Women's Bible Study	28 9-11 BSF Lead Circles Meetings 6 Youth Group 6 Deborah Circle 7 Choir Rehearsal 7:30 Young Adult	29 9-11 Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) 6-8 Stephen Min. Training	30 Church Office Closed	31 

Presbyterian Women



We have started a new year of circle meetings. We would love to have new members. All women are welcome. If you would like to join a group of women who love to pray, eat, study the bible, help others and laugh together, this is the place for you. Call Sandi Schoenberger at 610-945-7304 for information. Or ask a lady at church and they will be glad to point you in the right direction.

We will have our annual Thank Offering Luncheon on Wednesday, October 7 at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall. Come and join us for a time of food and fellowship. If you are not in a circle, please RSVP to Marlene Spencer at 252-5027.

We continue to collect items for Gateway House. Current needs are blankets (please label the size), dish towels, dish cloths, large bottles of shampoo, toothbrushes, feminine products, knives, forks, spoons, large spoons, can openers, drinking glasses, plates, cereal bowls, light bulbs, new pillows, and salt and pepper shakers. Thank you so much!

Young Adult Study Opportunity

Our church’s Young Adult Bible Study group continues on Wednesday evenings at the home of Trina White, 1145 Delphinium. This group is studying the topic of Integrity in Today’s Modern World and will include discussions about keeping commitments, speaking the truth, and practicing self-control. Call Trina White at 698-8899 for more info.

New men’s group has formed

A new men’s group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, beginning on Monday, October 12. Join other men from our church for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. The group will be studying the book of 1 Peter from the New Testament. The group also plans to do some service projects throughout the year. Our church has a number of groups specifically for women and we want to provide a group for guys to get together on a regular basis. For more information, please talk with Pastor Dave or Orrin.



Words of appreciation from Charlie and Audrey Reed

“We cannot begin to express our appreciation enough to all of you for your support these past nine months during the illness and loss of our son Jeff. Thanks for your weekly caring at church, for all the prayers, cards, memorials, gifts of food, attendance at Jeff’s services, and most of all for the love shown us in the loss of both our sons. Also special thanks to Pastor Dave for all he has done for us each time. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless all of you.”

Church & Society Class Schedule for October

Church and Society class meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM in the C & S Room. A different guest speaker presents each week on atopic relating to church and society. Shari Dayton welcomes suggestions for guest speakers. Here is the schedule for the coming month:

OCTOBER 4: Kurt Kochner, Retired MSUB Administrator, and the Rev. Susan Thomas, Coordinator in Pastoral Care at Billings Clinic. They will share “A Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage.” Kurt and Susan will describe their journey through Portugal and Spain along the Camino de Santiago with photos, Scripture, and spiritual lessons gleaned from their travels.

OCTOBER 11: The Rev. Marcia Muir will discuss, “Caregiving: A Way of Life for the Christian.” Rev. Muir will help distinguish among the different caregiving ministries provided at our church. She will also explain how chaplaincy differs from some of these ministries.

OCTOBER 18: Suzanne Braun, Permanency Planning Specialist, Region 3, DPHHS-Child and Family Services. Having worked for Child and Family Services for over 27 years, Suzanne will discuss child abuse and neglect in Montana, necessitating the need for foster and adoptive parents. She will intertwine several Biblical stories which speak about adoption and Scripture verses which talk of caring for the poor, the needy, and the fatherless.

OCTOBER 25: Orrin Feddes, Children’s and Youth Ministry Director. An important ministry at our church is to our children and youth. Orrin will detail the varied programs, including the annual mission trip and Vacation Bible School, and his vision for the ministry. He will be accompanied by several youth who will express the impact of these programs on their religious and personal lives.

Youth News:

Happy Fall! It's the best time of the year with the crisp air, leaves changing color, the start of football season, but most importantly the start of FPC Youth! We had a wonderful beginning of youth group for the month of September! The students are crazy as usual and the time of fellowship and going through God's Word is amazing!

On September 25th, we teamed up with the youth group from Absarokee for an epic night of nerf war! The objective was to stop Mr. X and his henchmen from world domination. Considerable damage was inflicted to the organization, but Mr. X was able to escape. Now there is intelligence he is somewhere in Europe. Stay tune for more information!



Coming up on October 3rd is Cardboard box city. This is a great event to help raise awareness for people who are homeless. This event is for our high school group, so if you are interested please get in contact with me.

A couple things to look forward to in October would be our annual pie auction! Please join us on October 25th after church to help raise funds for our youth group! Sign up to bring a pie, enjoy a free lunch, and bid on some delicious pies! Please see me for information about bringing a pie.

Our annual Fall retreat had to be moved from its normal date, and now will be held October 30- November 1. This is a great time for grades 7th through 12th to go up to Rockhaven and spend some time studying the Bible, connecting with other students around Montana, and just a great time enjoying God's creation! More information will come in the near future.

We do offer Sunday school for grades 7th-12th, as well as, for children in grade school. Sunday school starts at 9:15 for those who would like to join.

How can you get involved? First, your prayers are needed. There is power in prayer and when you pray, great things happen! Pray that the LORD opens the hearts and minds of the students, and pray for the youth leaders too! If you would like to provide a meal on Wednesday nights, please contact me so we can get you signed up. Last, but not least, if you have a passion for teaching kids, we would love to have you teach for those who are at Sunday school at 9:15. Please let me know if you would like to help out.

Thank you for your continual support through prayers, volunteering, and through your financial giving as well!

In Christ,
Orrin Feddes (406-697-0994)

BASKETBALL OPEN GYM

Basketball open gym will begin on Sunday, October 4 at 3 PM in the fellowship hall. All players age high school and older are invited to join us. Come join us for some exercise and fun. All skill levels are welcome to play.

Upcoming Committee Meetings in

(All meetings are in the Fireside Room)

Mission Committee	Thursday, October 1 at 1 PM
Property Committee	Tuesday, October 6 at 12noon
Fellowship Committee	Thursday, October 8 at 11 AM
Worship Committee	Monday, October 12 at 10 AM
Session Meeting	Tuesday, October 13 at 7 PM
PW Board Meeting	Wednesday, October 14 at 9:30 AM
Congregational Care Team	Thursday, October 15 at 12noon
Deacons Meeting	Monday, October 19 at 4 PM

On a Personal Note

Congratulations to Mike and Jileasa White on the birth of their son, Brayden Michael. He was born at the Billings Clinic on Friday, September 25, weighing 7 lbs. and measuring 19 1/4 inches. Proud grandparents are Bill and Trina White.

We extend our sympathies to the family of Bob Merrill. Bob died on September 23 and his service was held at our church on September 30.

We extend our sympathies to Charlie and Audrey Reed on the death of their son Jeff. He died on September 15.

We share our condolences with the family of Jim Wempner. Jim passed away on September 26. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later time..

Prayers continue for Carol Limbach who is recovering from surgery in Houston last month She has a rare form of cancer around her appendix. She and John have returned to Billings

Marilyn Mahan continues to recover from a fall that she sustained while on a trip to Alaska. She is currently receiving rehab at Valley Health and Rehab and hopes to return to West Park Village soon.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP CONTINUES EVERY MONTH

A grief support group within our church continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month from 10-11. This group is open to anyone in the church or community who is experiencing grief. Facilitated by Dr. Don Harr, this group provide support, encouragement, and help to those facing grief, loss, or transitions in life. All are invited to join this special group. The next group meets on Wednesday, October 7 at 10 AM.



October Birthdays

- 1 Erin Thompson
- Beverly Pinnick
- 3 Sharon Lincoln
- 5 June Holmes
- 8 Barbara Gullard
- Bob Zent
- 11 Judy Cuff
- 12 Nick McLean
- 13 Scott Murray
- 14 Ruth Ewen
- 15 Ginny Helmer
- 16 Jody Lafko
- 17 Mary Louise Ritter
- 19 Shari Dayton

- Bob Culbertson
- 20 Priscilla Laird
- 21 Wava Knutson
- Megan Lorentz
- 22 Bonnie Grosshuesch
- 24 Juli Dufresne
- 26 JoAnn Jones
- 27 Mary Quandt
- George Rosenfeld
- 29 Janie Quandt
- Kay Doss
- Megan Henderson
- Joel Spring
- Rhonda Stennerson
- 30 Don Harr

- Jerry Koch
- 31 Gary Lohnbakken
- Anniversaries
- 5 Lewis & Sandra Schoenberger
- 7 Jerry & Bobbie Koch
- 20 Mike & Pat Hastings
- 26 Mark Parker & Charlene Taubert



Mission News

Your Mission Committee has been busy organizing some ways for you to help God’s children. On Sunday November 1st Global Village will sell their products in our Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 1:00.

We will continue to collect hygiene items for Tumbleweed. There is a green tub in the coat closet near the office labeled for Tumbleweed. They need large or small containers of shampoos, soaps, deodorant, disposable razors, sunburn lotion, chap stick, hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine products. If you think of something else that should be on this list, feel free to donate it. The small hotel sized shampoos and things are for the homeless kids that keep their belongings in their backpacks. The larger containers are for the “couch surfers” that are staying in a friend’s home temporarily. Opened containers are welcome for anything except makeup. Any brand from fancy to dollar store to generics are welcome. It will be getting cold soon so some warm gloves would be appreciated as well. These kids just want to be clean and feel normal.

Dave gives prayer shawls to our high school graduates and many people in the hospital or in shut in situations. If you would like to make some, here is a simple pattern. If you like another pattern, you are welcome to use it. Please remember to pray for the person who will receive it.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Directions:

Supplies: 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun Yarn, Size 15 needles

Pattern: Cast on 80 stitches. Knit all rows. Knit about 2 2/3 skeins. Before starting to knit with the third skein, wind off enough yarn for the fringe if you are making fringe. You don’t have to make fringe. Make it long enough and wide enough so that a person lying in bed will be covered by it. You never know who will get your shawl. The receiver might need to fold it in half for a lap blanket. That is fine of course.

Choose colors that you like working with. We need some more feminine and some more masculine. Many colors work for both men and women. If you prefer to crochet, that is fine.

Prayers: Please pray for the person who is going to receive the shawl while you are making it. Your prayers will add to the warmth and joy of this beautiful gift.

The Prayer Shawl

This shawl was knit with love and care,
Each stitch made with a special prayer;
To warm you when you feel a chill,
And hold you when you’re very ill.
To give you strength and hope and cheer,
To let you know that God is near.
As you wrap it ‘round you tight,
Know that God blesses you this night.

May God's grace be upon this shawl...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!"