Sew Precious In His Sight



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GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN

"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:14



Mission Statement: Our mission is to show parents the love of Christ, especially at a time when their personal pain is hard to endure, and let them know that God is faithful. Through acts of obedience and donations, His work can and will continue. We pray that this ministry will have an impact far beyond our expectations.

Our Purpose: Threads of Love is a sewing ministry meeting the needs of newborns and tiny premature infants.



Trusting you all had a wonderful Christmas and wishing all of you a Happy New Year.

2020. Not just a new year, but a new decade.

Take time to reflect back on what you have done and where you have grown.

Make new goals. Make them attainable, but not too easy. Make goals that you can actually see when you have reached them. We all would like to do something better, but what does better look like?

CONFERENCE TIME April 22-24, 2020 555

Do you have a PHD in sewing? I do! <u>Projects Half Done</u>. Better known by many as UFO's. Well you will love the new format for the conference. This year there are fewer classes but they are <u>longer</u>. That way, you won't go home with unfinished projects. I already have a drawer's) full of them and don't need more.

The ladies at Greenwell Springs have been working since last conference. They have some great classes in store. Notice a few ALL DAY classes. Yes, you will get a break to eat.

If you have never been to a conference, I can't stress enough how fun and informative they are. Not to mention that you will eat some of the best food you've ever had. The men of the church go all out.

Watch for information on hotels. We usually have a block of rooms.

NOTE: Watch for the packets for the conference coming out on March 15th.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in April.

PLEASE: If I sound like I'm begging, it is because I am. If any of you have anything to go in the newsletter PLEASE let me know. Is your chapter making something that others may be interested in? How are your meetings going? Do you need suggestions or ideas? This is YOUR newsletter.



Joyce Daniels never disappoints in her classes. She is a great teacher.



Thread Catcher and Pin Cushion All Day

Every seam's will love one of these handy thread catchers for their sewing table! We will incorporate shark's teeth and cathedral window techniques in the whimsical design and discuss how these same techniques can be used to embellish other items such as adult garments or bereavement items.

Petite Puffing Child's Dress All Day

Learn heirloom techniques such as puffing and lace gathering and shaping while you construct this beautiful child's dress. The dress features a beautiful heirloom bodice treatment and a full skirt with tucks. Finished off with a lovely ribbon sash, this dress has 'twirl' appeal for any young lady! We will be making a size 12 months in class, but full pattern and instructions will be provided for sizes from 3m to child's 8.



Some Teasers

We have already begun planning for the 2020 conference. This is the Sew Together Bag that will be taught at the next conference. It's a cute bag with 3 zippered interior pockets and another zipper makes the handle for carrying.





This bag is ideal for carrying all of your sewing supplies to class or used as a beach bag. Prairie points made the quick and easy way, how to sew on vinyl mesh, and tips on making French seams will be learned.

Most of us in California have to buy grocery bags. So, these make excellent bags for that purpose. The vinyl mesh (also I've heard it called pet screen) makes them very strong. I've made several, but not this fancy.



Buttons, buttons who has the buttons.

Make a pin cushion from a picture frame. You can also use a plain picture frame and embellish it with buttons, ribbon, whatever your imagination comes up with. It will be fun to see the different ideas.

Cover a square tissue box. You can cover it with sewing fabric to match your pin cushion and use it in your sewing room.

These are both going to be done in one class.

Being taught by Renee Brogdon





Glue gun works great. If you want to take this class, and can manage a glue gun in your suitcase, please bring one. I will have one also. We will have some buttons for you to use. You may have some from your Mother or Grandmothers sewing box that you may wish to bring and use.



We don't know what our future will bring, but we can know for sure we can have happiness by seeking and finding how to serve others.

Your giving of your time is a great way to serve. We are doing something we are all passionate about and at the same time serving. You can't beat that.

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free." Ephesians 5:7-8

We are not serving ourselves, although we have a passion for what we are doing (sewing), but we are serving the Lord by giving to those that are hurting or are in an uncertain place in their life.

So, when you get discouraged and feel like you may not be making a difference, remember those families that you are serving.

I have a friend that is a nurse in the NICU at a local Children's Hospital. She shared that she was grumbling one day that she had to work on Christmas Day. Then, she realized that these families would love to have their baby home on Christmas Day. We do give up time to sew. But remember that the family that will receive the items you are sewing will be giving up so much more.

Blessing to all of you as you sew. And as you sew, make it a rule to pray for the family that will receive the items.







You will not want to miss the conference. If you are a new chapter, I highly urge you to make the sacrifice and come. You will get new ideas, eat, meet new friends, eat, see long time friends, eat, take fun classes, and did I say EAT. Some of the TOL husbands, will help is serving up some great meals.

Most important, you will learn more about Threads of Love. I promise, you won't be disappointed.