

**QUILTING BEES OF MURFREESBORO**  
**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
**1267 N. Rutherford Blvd. Murfreesboro, TN 37130**  
**2nd and 4th Thursdays, 10 a.m.**  
**March 2025**

Our Guild celebrated the end of 2024 with a Christmas Party in December. Highlights included a cookie and hand-made ornament swap, excellent food, Christmas caroling, and wonderful fellowship.

We started the new year with a brand-new Board: Karen Dye is President, Susie Gortmaker is Vice President, Carol Tessmer is Secretary, and Rebecca Quan is Treasurer. So far, we have had a great working relationship and have planned several fun events for the guild throughout the year.

Several members participated in the National Sew Day for Quilts of Valor in February at the Lebanon Farm Bureau. Not only did we help to complete several blocks at the workshop, but we took three kits home to be completed by those who could not attend.

Also in February, one of our members taught an English paper piecing class using Lucy Boston's Patchwork of the Crosses pattern. Several members attended and completed some beautiful squares. A sampling can be seen in the Gallery section of the newsletter.

We are busy preparing for Assembly Day this coming July. In January, we had a sit-and-sew to make one of the gifts for the Goodie Bag. As we near this exciting date, we have many more activities to complete and feel good about our progress.

As we look forward to warmer weather and Spring, we will host a trunk show and a sewing class in March, and we have a retreat scheduled for April. Plans are underway for a Sew Shop and Hop to the Chattanooga area in June, with many more activities planned for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Tessmer, Secretary