

“WARM UP AMERICA” PROJECT

Don't forget it's on-going!

During the past few years, 124 afghans have been made by volunteers at First and given to people to help them stay warm.

Some of the groups who have distributed the afghans are Harmony House, The Domestic Violence Shelter, Winchester Nursing Home, CHAP, Candle in the Dark Ministries, Lutheran Disaster Response, the American Red Cross, First English's Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky, Visiting Nurses Association, Dayspring, and the Salvation Army's Brighten-a-Christmas program.

Once the afghans are assembled, they are displayed briefly on the railing in the Narthex and then given away to those in need.

If you have knitted or crocheted pieces in the past, please continue to put your finished pieces in the box in the narthex. If you would like to begin making pieces, patterns are available in the church office. This is a great way to use scrap yarn for something useful! If you don't knit or crochet, you can donate yarn by putting it in the box in the narthex. Anyone can pick up donated yarn to work into pieces!

Additional volunteers are needed to make a single crochet border around the finished pieces and to sew pieces together into afghans. *Please call Karyne Carey 419-589-7253 if you could do either task!*

A big **thank you** to all who have reached out to people in need in our community and beyond with this project of caring.