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FROM THE CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRESIDENT

The Rev. Deacon Judy Graves



As the Holidays are now over and we mourn the loss of our Treasurer, Rebecca Markert, please keep her and her family in prayer. Cai Armstrong, Jane Pomeroy and I attended Rebecca's Funeral on January 10, 2026, in Nashville, TN. Cai and I were included saying a Prayer with the Daughters of the King. During the reception after her funeral, we heard many wonderful stories on how Rebecca was there for everyone. She was always doing something for someone. She was so loved by her Parish and her Friends. She will be greatly missed!!!!

Cai Armstrong will continue her term as Treasurer of The Church Periodical Club.

We were very busy when we were in Nashville changing accounts over to different names, We got everything accomplished so now we start again to seek out contributions for our club. If you have donations, please get them sent in as our Granting Session will be in June of 2026. Thank you.

When the weather is cold, snowy or stormy, it is a good time for us to read a good book. Let's look for people who do not have the privilege of reading a good book or students in need of books for a library and get the applications sent in. There is now a need because of the storms we have had this past year. We need to reach out and find these people. Remember we give grants for secular books as well as religious books and they must be affiliated with an Episcopal Church, Episcopal Diocese, within the Anglican Communion.

It is now time for our Quilt Raffle to start. There are many quilts this time so please take your time and buy tickets for the quilt(s) you would like to win. Our Quilt Raffle will run from February 2, 2026, through March 31, 2026. Pictures of the quilts are shown below.

As I close, please keep Rebecca and her Family in your prayers. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any prayer requests for the next issue to cpc.tech.cai@gmail.com by March 31, 2026. Thank you.

Three of our fellow club members have gone on to larger life recently. Please pray for the souls of Rebecca Markert, the Rev Karen A. King and Carolyn Barras. All three women will be missed by all those who loved them; pray for the comfort and support of all who morn.

From August 2015 CPC Quarterly: It is an honor to serve as your president during the 2015-2018 Triennium. I am following in big footsteps. Rebecca Markert not only stayed in touch with the provincial representatives, bishops and others dedicated to CPC, she also redesigned the CPC web site and printed materials with the help of professionals she knows. We are fortunate that Rebecca will serve as treasurer for the current Triennium.

From the Editor: I have known Rebecca since 1994 when she became the Province IV representative to the CPC board. There was a conflict between the provincial CPC and ECW leadership that year. Rebecca healed and strengthened both ministries through her dedication and leadership. She served CPC faithfully, including serving as president in the 2012-2015 triennium and as treasurer from 2015 until her death. She was a bookkeeper for Ash Busters, a chimney sweep company in Nashville. Her fellow employees called her "Mama Ash". She was also a member of the Church of the Trinity in Nashville, a historic church downtown, and a Daughter of the King. She was also a skilled seamstress and quilter, sharing her needlework ministry generously.

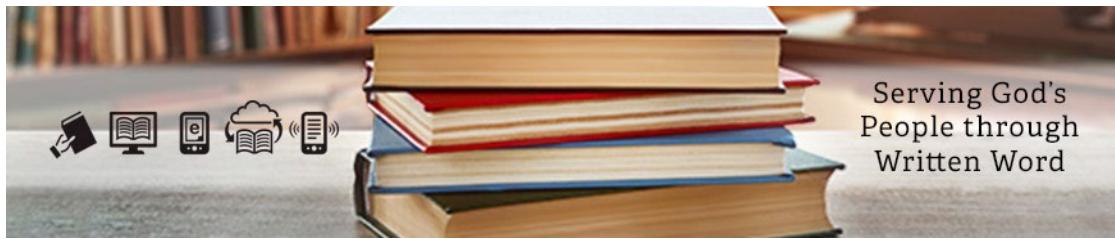


From Maryfran Crist: It is very a heavy heart I notify you of the unexpected death of Rev Karen King yesterday morning (January 3, 2026) at age 70. Many of you will remember she was a speaker at one of our annual meetings. She assisted Rebeca's with Tanzania NBF grants she was a supporter of our ministry.

From the Editor: Karen was the keynote speaker at our 2019 annual board meeting at the DeKoven Conference Center in Wisconsin. She brought home to us the wonderful people of the diocese our ministry supported.

From Jane Pomeroy: Carolyn Barras was the diocesan director for the Diocese of Louisiana. She attended the 2025 annual meeting the day before she died. She was an active and dedicated participant in our shared ministry.

From Cai Armstrong: Thanksgiving prayers for Ken Armstrong who not only drove Cai to Nashville, but also picked up Judy and Jane, did all the driving during our visit, and helped pack and mail or carry home several boxes of treasurer's records. Thanks, Ken!



NATIONAL BOOK FUND (NBF)

Grant requests come from schools, libraries, agencies, dioceses, provinces and parishes throughout The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. Funds to cover the requests are donated by individuals, parishes, dioceses and provinces. Friends of CPC are encouraged to contribute regularly to the fund or to sponsor specific requests. Grants are made once a year in June. **The application deadline is March 1 each year.**

SEMINARIAN BOOK FUND

The total amount to be granted is determined at the annual meeting. Each Episcopal seminary in the United States receives an equal portion of the amount granted.

DIACONATE BOOK FUND

The total amount to be granted is determined at the annual meeting. Specific details about the fund will be added to the website when they are available.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT – John Crist



From Rory Graves, Archivist & Collections Manager, Dekoven Center, Racine, Wisconsin

I wanted to follow up regarding the church periodical club's archival materials. We're pleased to offer storage for your small collection here at the Dekoven Center archives.

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The agreement provides storage only, with no processing, cataloging, or digitization work included. Materials will remain in their original order and condition as deposited. The annual storage fee is \$100, covering up to five bankers boxes. The agreement runs for one year and may be renewed annually by mutual consent.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions in the meantime — we're glad to help ensure the collection is safely housed and preserved here.

The contract has been signed. John took the archive boxes to Dekoven Center, and they are now safely stored.



The Church Periodical Club



QUILT AND FIBER ARTS FUNDRAISER 2026

Text and pictures by Maryfran Crist; Rally-up site by Christine Budzowski

The Church Periodical Club Annual Quilt Raffle is our major fundraiser each year. This year, we have more quilts and fiber arts items than ever before. Our thanks to the generous donors from Provinces V, VI, VIII, and IX, and from affiliated organizations: Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King, and United Thank Offering. We also received donations from across the country, thanks to the tireless efforts of Maryfran Crist.

The link is <https://go.rallyup.com/cpc2026/Campaign/Details>

Entry sales start: February 02, 2026, at 1:00 am PST

Available until: March 31, 2026, at 11:00 pm PDT

Drawing date: April 01, 2026, at 6:00 pm PDT

10
entries

Buy for \$10

40
entries

Buy for \$25

75
entries

Buy for \$50

200
entries

Buy for \$100

Star Quilt from Province VI **Size:** 96 x 96



Beth Agar was the sender. She states this quilt was a gift. It is a unique design. She showed it to her quilting shop expert, and she did not recognize it. It is long arm quilting and very intricate. The quilting is hard to see due to fabric colors. The front has 3 stars in corner. The quilting intricacies are easier to see on the back.



Here is Sue Haffke's reply:

I am so happy the quilt will help fund the Church Periodical Club. It has been several years since I made the quilt. The blocks were oversized then cut to skew the block for interest. Thank you for sharing where it went.

B. Crochet cozy blanket and bears from Province V

Size: 52 x40

This is an Afghan and three little bears - faith, hope and love. It is from an NBF recipient with a note"

"Thank you for getting us those books. I was told you raise money by selling quilts. I can't quilt but I hope this Afghan will help." I asked if I could use her name and location, but she declined. Bears are faith, hope and love. Maryfran will see if her office supply store has tags to put on each one.



C. Dominican quilts Province IX **Sizes:** Large quilt with pattern is 90x53; smaller one (pink and lavender) is 90 x 31; plans are to divide it into two lap quilts. The whole group might be bundled together.

There are two quilts. One is a print with a burgundy back. The other is pink and lavender and a cross stitch; it might be divided into two lap quilts. These are summer quilts as nothing heavy is used in the tropics.

The quilts are machine quilted on a multineedle quilting machine used for quilting fabric and mattress pads. These quilts would best be used as baby play areas or to cover furniture to protect it from children and pets.



They are fine to put in the dryer on low heat/delicate cycle. They would make a great gift for a family with young children, or to have in the car when traveling or to use for picnics, etc. The thread that is used is plastic and invisible on top. Amanda de la Cruz recommends washing on cool and **line drying** as thread may melt in the dryer or if



ironed.

Amanda de la Cruz included two magnets, one from Columbia and one from Rep Dominicana. She was able to bring them to the US when she came for Thanksgiving.



The quilts show how much the ministry of CPC means to the people of Province IX

D. French table linen Province V Size: 60x 120

The yellow is a linen tablecloth never used from Nice France made at Tissus Torselli linens. The maker mark is on corner border. The company web site is tissustoselli.fr/en. They are known for Provençal fabrics and started in 1933

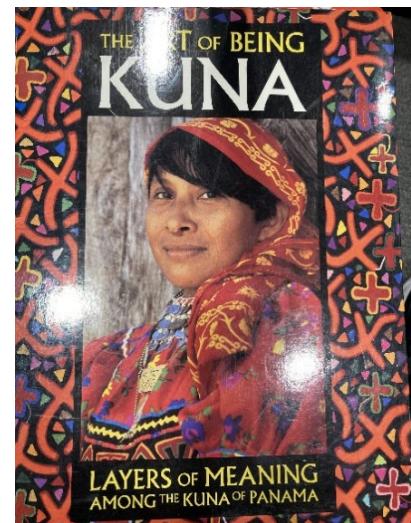
The border is olive branches. It was given to us as family moved mom to nursing home. They said she brought home awhile back for her trip but never used it.



E. Leaf quilt Province V Size: 48 x 60



The leaf quilt is not hand made. It is a combination of appliqués, hand sewing and machine work. From farm family in El Paso Illinois.



F. Molas Province V

These were purchased while ECW went to Honduras to support school Our Little Roses. While there the group painted and stenciled walls. Then they



brought back molas by the Punta Indians that persons could give a donation and use.



G. DOK quilt Province V
Size: 58x64

This quilt is being made by Susan O'Brien Past national president of the Order of the Daughters of the King® is making this quilt. She says she loves to quilt.



H. Farmer's Market quilt Province V Size: 41 x 57.

This was a gift from Farmers Market in Pontiac Il.

The farmers market near Maryfran Crist opened June 7. Shar, a quilt acquaintance, gave us this quilt. She names her quilts This is "All things bright and beautiful". It is a winter lap quilt Long arm stitched with fleece backing and washable cotton filler.

I. Province VIII quilt bright and flowers Size: 72 x 55



Lap quilt from Hawaii, donated by Diocesan Director Sandy Leialoha's sister Judy.

This quilt has made an amazing trip. Created at request of Province VIII by Louise Lani Aloy, it made about 90 miles from me in Kenosha Wis The next leg of trip was to go back to Hawaii and then back to me in Illinois.

J. NW Washington State porch quilt Province VIII

This is a quilt made in 2021 by a quilter named Mary. We stopped at a senior center on our vacation that was having a mini fair. I was intrigued with this quilt. Best explanation is it was made for a porch swing. It could also be a coverlet for a twin bed.



Note that it is made from scraps and so far Maryfran has only found 6 pieces that are the same. Happy hunting for matches.

K. Guild of the Christ Child Pontiac Province V Size: 56 x 54

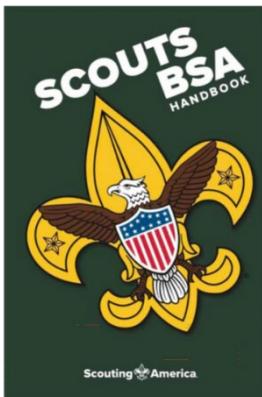
From St Mary's Catholic Church in Pontiac. MI; Made by Guild of the Christ Child.



Editor's Note: Quilts are donated throughout the year and are welcome at any time. We already have one quilt donated for the 2027 raffle and another one has been promised. Contact president the Rev Deacon Judy Graves at cpcpresident1888@gmail.com for more information about where to send quilts and other fabric items.

FROM THE MILES OF PENNIES FUND CHAIRPERSON, Francesca Onyejuruwa - Fall Grants 2025

Date and Grant Number	Amount	Name	City and State	Diocese of Recipient
11/10/2025 251110	\$774.69	Boys Scout troop #248 of St Faith Episcopal Church	Cutler Bay FL	South Florida
The Scout BSA Handbook is required for all children new to the Scouting program. It is designed to help children develop their leadership skills, build self-confidence, and learn important life lessons. This grant will help families defray the cost of joining Scouts by covering the cost of the handbook				



Dear Ms. Onyejuruwa,

Thank you very much for the wonderful news and for your support through the MOP grant. We truly appreciate it!

We'll be happy to share pictures of the children with the books purchased once everything arrives. Please confirm that this email address is the best one to send the photos to.

Thank you again for your generosity and assistance.

Warm regards, Brad Hadley, Scoutmaster Troop 248

DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Church Periodical Club (CPC) is funded by voluntary contributions from clergy, lay people, Episcopal Church organizations, and other dedicated friends throughout the Church. CPC is supported by the prayerful concern, time, talents, labor, and money of those who believe in the Ministry of the Written Word. These donations allow CPC to function as a non-profit source for written materials provided through grants to those who cannot otherwise obtain them. New gifts can be made at any time and in any amount to any of the CPC funds. Unrestricted gifts are especially welcome. Donors may also make memorial, thanksgiving, and honor gifts to recognize whomever the donor wishes.

To donate online, go to: [Donate | Church Periodical Club](#) If you wish to allocate the funds to one or more specific funds, please send an email to cpcpresident1888@gmail.com with the fund name(s) and amount for each donation.

To donate by mail:

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Membership dues help fund operating costs. The goal is to have enough members so that all unrestricted gifts can be used for book fund grants. Use the donation button and email or the form to join as an annual or life member.

- Dues are \$20 per year
- Life Member dues are \$250, paid at one time or \$50/year for five years
- Church and Organization Life Member dues are \$300

[**Print out the Membership Form**](#) and fill it out. Make checks payable to **Church Periodical Club** and write "Membership" on the memo line. Mail check and form to: CPC Membership, 320 S 3rd Ave. #903, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. (Be sure to include an email address, if you have one.)



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A world map showing the provinces of the Anglican Communion.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB PRAYER

Bless O Lord, The Church Periodical Club, that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world. Grant to its officers wisdom and patience, to its members perseverance and the spirit of sharing that asks no return. Bring more to take part in its mission and ministry. Bless our gifts and those who receive them, to the enrichment of individual lives, that we all may be servants of the risen Lord. Amen.

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