

Welcome to the Kent Memorial Lutheran Church Mini Barn Quilt Trail

Although the practice of painting patterns on barns has been around for centuries, the “barn quilt” concept is relatively new. A woman named Donna Sue Groves started what are now the oversized, brightly colored barn quilt squares appearing on barns throughout the Midwest and East. In Ohio in 2001, she made the first remodeled block of a barn quilt square in honor of her mother, a master quilter.

The Barn Quilts displayed here are each 2 feet by 2 feet, ½ inch thick, exterior plywood coated with exterior primer and exterior latex semi-gloss paint. The eight patterns have been chosen because they bring to mind passages from the Bible.

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For more information on Barn Quilts, please visit www.barnquiltinfo.com.



Genesis 2:8-10

“And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground, the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.”

The bright colors were chosen to represent the flowers of the garden, and the blue field divided into fourths to represent the four rivers.

Garden of Eden Quilt Block

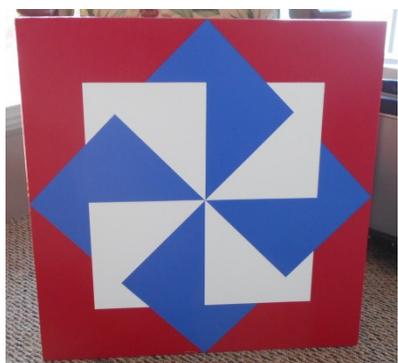


Genesis 37:3

“Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he made him a long robe with sleeves.”

This quilt has the most colors in a patchwork order to represent the coat of many colors. The pink in the center is a reminder of Jeri Hunter, an important member of our church family who loved pink roses. The quilt was given in her memory.

Joseph's Coat Quilt Block



Isaiah 40:31

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

This patriotic color combination reflects the gratitude we feel for living in our country.

Wings of Eagles Quilt Block



Fishes Quilt Block

Matthew 4:19-20

“And he said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they let their nets and followed him.”

The combination of the green and blue illustrates the relationship of the fish and the water.



Cross and Crown Quilt Block

Matthew 16:24-25

“Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘if any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.’”

The purple was chosen as the color of royalty over the brown of the cross.



Storm at Sea Quilt Block

Mark 4:39-41

“And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?’ And they were filled with awe and said to one another, ‘Who this is this, that even wind and sea obey him?’”

The combination of the teal, gray and black symbolize the struggle of life’s storms.



Log Cabin Quilt Block

John 14:2-3

“In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”

This quilt block is in memory of Mary Gordon who was a charter member of Kent Memorial Lutheran Church and was the first bride to be married at Kent. She was also an avid quilter. The Log Cabin was one of her favorite quilt patterns, as were the colors.



Priscilla (Golden Wedding) Quilt Block

Romans 16:3-4

“Greet Priscilla and Aquia, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I but also all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks.”

The yellow shows the wedding ring, while the blue and purple represent royalty. The white cross in the middle puts Christ at the center of our lives.