



Stages of construction for the Blessing Wall

A guiding theme for the season of Lent in 2013 was “blessing.” Our congregation was asked to consider how they have been blessed and in what ways they strive to be a blessing for others in their daily lives. To help visualize this and make it tangible, we created a “blessing wall” which hung in our narthex area. It was an interactive installation that remained in place through the season. Presbyterians tend to think perhaps a little one-dimensionally about the season of Lent: “this is the season for repentance.” Our blessing wall invited persons to expand and deepen their understanding of the season as a time for self-reflection and self-examination, not just of sin but of how God is present in our lives, and a resulting awareness that we should manifest God in the lives of others. These are the words that were provided with the art installation during the season:

*“During this holy season of Lent, please consider how you have been blessed by God and how you may be a blessing for others. Using the pens and fabric provided, write a word or phrase or image. Clip your swatch from the larger piece and glue it to any of the panels hanging here. May this act in itself be a blessing to you.”*