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Not Having It Your Way

All of us experience times when we have reached the end of what we physically and emotionally can do. Usually, we then give the situation to God (realistically, we should have given it to Him sooner, but, we're human).

Then, for most of us, the waiting begins. We wait for God to do something, but we see little or no immediate progress. Frustrated, we take the situation out of God's hands and place it back in our own (let's face it, if we couldn't take care of it before, what makes us think we can do it now?)

In all fairness, once something is given to God, it's His. It's His to do with as He wishes, using His methods, and in His time. After all, God is too big to be micromanaged.

Somebody once said that the trouble with "living sacrifices" is that they keep crawling off the altar. So, the next time you give something to God-let it go. This is how we practice our faith. This is how we demonstrate our trust in Him. Nobody said faith was easy. He who created time does not run on our schedule.

Also, note that giving our problems to God does not burden Him. Quite the opposite, it gives Him another way to demonstrate His love for us. It provides a reason for communication and relationship. That's why troubles exist.

Thankfully, God doesn't say "Have it your way!" Cast your cares upon Him, and watch what miracles unfold.

Relax.

November Classes

Lace for Beginners Tuesdays November 10-Dec 1 7 PM – 9 PM Here's a fun class for an entry level knitter. The biggest problem with knitting lace is seeing the stitches. We've solved that problem by choosing a simple project done with bulky yarn on large needles. You'll learn the basic lace stitches and how to visually recognize them, all while creating a easy lace shawl. The class fee is \$50, and does not include materials or tools. Class is limited to 6 students.

Knitting Socks Wednesdays November 4 – Dec 12 7 PM – 9 PM Socks are one of the most popular knitting projects because of their size. They are very portable, and can accompany the knitter tucked in a purse or pocket. In this class you'll use a basic sock pattern and double pointed needles to knit a pair of socks. You'll learn how to rib, turn the heel, and close the toe. The class fee is \$60, and does not include materials, tools or the pattern. Space is limited to 4 students. This class will not meet on November 25.

Beginning Weaving Thursdays November 1- December 4. 7 PM – 9 PM If you are interested in weaving on a floor loom, this is opportunity knocking. This class starts at the beginning. You'll learn how to plan a project, dress the loom, and weave a piece. This class requires extra studio time, so plan on at least one Sunday "Open Workshop". The class is limited to 2 students, so there will be a lot of individual help. The class fee is \$130, and includes the materials for the project, use of the loom, and studio time. This class will not meet November 26.

I am happy to say that not everything is made in China. We carry products from all over the world, including some from our own backyard. We even stock fiber locally produced here in McHenry County. If you want to buy "Made in America", we carry yarns and equipment from Harrisville Designs (New Hampshire), Green Mountain Spinnery (Vermont), Alpaca With a Twist (Indiana), Brittany (California), Briar Rose (Michigan), Buffalo Gold (Texas), and a host of others. We also carry yarns from New Zealand, Australia, France, Canada, and Asia. You can shop the world without ever leaving Richmond! You can touch the world right from our shelves. Stop in and see what's new.

Tickets for the 2010 Winter Retreat are now available

The 2010 Winter Retreat will again be held at the Little Switzerland Inn in McGregor, Iowa. The dates are January 29-31. The cost is \$80 per person, and includes 2 nights lodging, two breakfasts, and lunch on Saturday. We do have some limited space remaining. Stop in the shop and reserve your spot today!

Penny and I will be attending the Wisconsin Spin-In at the Washington County Fairgrounds in West Bend on October 30th – November 1st. The shop will be opened for regular business that weekend. Stop in and say "hello"!