

Praises for the “Bless-ed Pillows”

The following comments were contributed by women who received a Bless-ed Pillow.

Receiving these bless-ed pillows was such a blessing to my life. The labor of love was heartwarming during my recovery. Words can't express how thankful I am for your mission to support women going through a challenging period in their life. God bless all of you. I will be out of town and will miss the “Blessing of the Bless-ed Pillows.” That is what I call my pillow, a bless-ed pillow (pronounced with two syllables bless-ed). I have had breast cancer twice and each time, I had the honor of receiving a breast cancer pillow. They allow a survivor to provide a comfy cushion to a surgical or treatment area allowing relief from pain. The pillows emanate a spirit of love and caring from the church ladies that make them all the way to the cancer recipient. It is important that the hands that make these pillows know that this is an “act of healing.” The pillows also provided me comfort and stability at home, traveling in the car, and visiting family and friends. I am truly blessed that I received both my pillows. Charlene

These pillows are the perfect shape. A stretched heart to send love and provide so much comfort! I was blessed to be given a pillow before my surgery. Mona

I really treasured receiving my soft and comfortable pillow prior to surgery. By chance, it was lavender. I love shades of purple and this reassured me that everything would go well. It still gets used for positioning my arm when lymphedema flares up. Knowing that it was handmade with love and prayed over makes me so grateful. Thank you for this ministry of love. Yvonne

Thank you for the pillows of love. They were the right prop up when I needed a lift. They were there for me to grip, cuddle, and lean on during my healing time. I keep them close and still use as support. Thanking you! Kathy

My curved pillow was my security blanket during chemo. I rested my arm on it and hugged it to give me comfort during my twelve treatments! I still use it regularly to rest my left arm. It provides a lot of comfort to me. Lauren

Knowing that strangers made, blessed, and gave me this pillow, this tangible object of comfort, I could actually feel the love and was overwhelmed with gratitude. During the cancer journey, there are many things you give up, but this heart pillow is a keeper. Thank you! Elizabeth

I really enjoyed my pillows! They are getting me through! I was able to finish radiation and ring the bell with them! Alice

When I got my pink pillow, it helped me to sleep better for a time. It relieved the pain under my arm. It was a godsend then and it still is one now after four years. Valeria

The pillow meant so much to me when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. A loving and caring group of women thought about me, and it immediately lifted my spirits. I will always remember my then eight-year-old son's excitement with the pillow gift. He loved to snuggle up next to the pillow and me as I healed and recovered. Thank you for your special gift and a lovely tradition. Karen

I always saw these pillows as the perfect shape post-surgery, and through my role in church communications, I was proud to let the church know what the UMW had accomplished and as a member of the church, help pray over the pillows. The pillows took on a new meaning when I was diagnosed with breast cancer and became the recipient of a pillow. It stood for faith, comfort, and the faithful who prayed over these pillows. Ever grateful. Kat

I was gifted a pillow by Rose and fellow pink sister, our very own Kat Griffith from Tucker First. It made me cry when I saw it was hand made by ladies in the church then blessed. I had no idea how helpful it would be either as I had back-to-back surgeries and getting comfortable was a chore. Sleep eluded me unless drugged. The pillow! The pillow actually helped! So, I am thankful for the pillow helping mend my broken body and heart! May God bless all our cancer sisters and their families and the UMC. Meg

When Rose McKeever first brought me my pillows, I felt a special warmth when I saw them. It was meaningful to me to think about a group of ladies working on providing comfort to other women in a time of crisis. However, when I road home from the hospital after having my surgery, those pillows were a lifesaver. We left the hospital at 7:30 pm and were in search of a pharmacy. Every bump and pothole on the Atlanta streets caused great pain. Thankfully I had packed one of the blessed pillows in my hospital bag. The ride was still uncomfortable but manageable. The pillow was more than just a physical comfort. It was also an emotional comfort knowing that other women had taken the time to make these and pray for those of us who would receive them. Thank you for providing this comfort. Angela

After I had my lumpectomy, I was on the pier at the National Harbor in Maryland waiting to board a boat tour up the Potomac River to see the Cherry Blossoms with my heart pillow securely tucked under my arm. A gentleman, also waiting for the tour, jokingly asked me if I always carried my heart with me. I answered, yes, don't you? Little did the gentlemen know that the pillow I carried and hugged onto provided me with protection just in case someone accidentally ran into me which ultimately resulted in an incredible amount of pain. The pillow that day and to this day forward has served and will continue to serve as a constant reminder that the ladies of the Tucker First UMC had taken their time to make the pillow and to offer up their prayers for my complete recovery. Thank you, ladies, for being part of my support team. Diane

I am so honored to be invited to be a part of the "Blessing of the Blesse-d Pillows." As a nurse navigator for many years, it has been an honor to give hundreds of the "bless-ed pillows" to ladies going through breast cancer surgeries and treatments. Each patient heard the story of the church ladies who made them and the congregation and pastor who pray over and bless the pillows before they are donated into the community. You ladies have made hundreds of pillows over the years and have never missed a year! What a special mission it is for the United Methodist Women to minister to the community in this unique way. How special indeed that on this day, we can all be a part of the prayer blessing and at the same showing our gratitude for this labor of love. Rose

The bless-ed pillows are a boundless blessing to me. When I use the pillows, I feel like I am receiving a hug of love as the pillows provide physical and emotional support. Not only do they relieve physical pain and discomfort, but for me, the softness and unique shape of the pillows also provide a sense of comfort, relief, and peace. When I use the pillows to combat the pain, I experience a sense of relief and calmness that reminds me that God's got me. I cannot thank you enough for letting God use you to bless me through the bless-ed pillows. These pillows are an ongoing tool in my healing process from my first surgery, until now as I still use them three years later. God bless you for blessing me and so many others. Thank you! Syreeta

Pillows, pillows, such a simple word. A mere item to lay upon. No, not so. The pillow that I received was truly a blessing to me. You cannot truly understand its blessing until you've had breast surgery and radiation. Trying to be brief expressing my feelings about my pillow is impossible. What I will say is my pillow made it possible for me to sit, sleep, ride in a car and have needed comfort and relief to function daily. I will never be able to totally explain or express the appreciation I have for the loving hands that made my pillow. Lastly, I need you to know that this month is ten years of survival for me, and I STILL use my pillow. The comfort and love continue. Celest