We are making blankets/afghans for children and senior citizens as one of our Mission Projects. These blankets will be given to nursing homes, Child Saving Institute in Omaha, NE, and to Department of Human Services in Iowa to be given to those in need.

We are inviting people to make blankets between now and the beginning of the General Assembly and bring them to the mission booth at the assembly.

**Fleece:** We also plan to be making tie fleece blankets during the assembly and you are welcome to make some of those at your local churches and bring them with you as well. Fleece blankets should be around 1 ½ yds long.

Instructions on how to make a fleece tie blanket: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTL6bEz8y5c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hTL6bEz8y5c)

**SUPPLIES & TOOLS:**

- Two – 2 yd. pieces of fleece – The two pieces can be contrasting colors or a solid color paired with a print design
- Scissors or rotary cutter & mat
- Tape measure

**DIRECTIONS:**

Project tip: Cut both layers of fleece at the same time.

**Blanket**
1. From each piece of fleece, cut 56” x 70” rectangle.
2. Place fleece rectangles wrong sides together.
3. Cut out one 5” square from each corner of both fleece pieces.
4. To make the fringe, cut 5” into fleece at 1” intervals around all sides of both top and bottom.
5. Knot fringed pieces together around entire blanket, using 1 strand from the front fabric layer and 1 strand from the back fabric layer.

If you have questions about this project you can contact the coordinator Rev. JoAnn Thomas at First Christian Church, Spencer, IA phone 712-262-2945 or by email at revthomasga77@gmail.com.