

KUCC Deacon's Ministry (via Zoom)
July 13, 2021
Minutes

Present: Jackie Peck, Karen Kaulen, Barb Marken, Kathy Robinson, Brenda Schneider, Ruth Saltzman and Pastor Amy Gopp. Excused Absence: Bill Peck, Kim Sebaly, Fay Ann Sebaly, Sophia Hayden

Jackie Peck opened the meeting with prayer, then asked Pastor Amy to give her updates and reports.

Pastor's Updates: Three Celebrations of Life are scheduled. Deacons are asked to assist with July 31st memorial service and reception for Franklin Smith which will be held in the KUCC chapel at 2pm following a private graveside service in Ravenna. Most of the deacons said they would be available to assist. It expected to be a small gathering. The other two services will not directly involve KUCC ministries other than to attend if desired and are both scheduled for August 8th. Rev. Dr. Ralph Quellhorst's service will be held at Heidelberg College and the celebration of the life and musical tribute for Rob Montgomery will be at Plum Creek Park, Kent.

Pastor explained the desire to move Holy Communion which would ordinarily be held on September 5, a service of hope and healing, to September 12, Kick Off Sunday. Among the reasons for this is that we will still be having worship outdoors on the 5th and the weather is unpredictable. The deacons agreed, Pastor will ask Church Council to approve this change. Jackie is to confirm with Pastor which deacons will serve communion.

To accommodate both the August 8th service of communion at outdoor worship and the September 12th communion at our first indoor worship and still being keenly aware of health concerns, deacons agreed to purchase 300 communion element sealed individual "kits" from Logos. Barb Marken will order these and confirm with Jackie when she has done so.

Long time member Marilyn Skinner is moving soon and Pastor suggested recognizing her and celebrating her long membership in the congregation but given her being an extremely private person it was decided a better idea is to send her welcome cards to her greet her at her new home. Pastor will have Leah send out an email with her new address.

Jackie asked the deacons ministry to consider its role regarding transportation and errand running for members. It was determined this sort of help should generally be restricted to emergency only, and not repeat/routine needs. In the case of needing to provide transportation a possibility is to pay a driving service such as Uber or Lyft and receive reimbursement through the Congregational and Community Assistance Fund. Jackie suggested we could benefit from resources on healthy boundaries and will investigate further.

Deacon Sophia Hayden will be preaching on July 25, which is her last Sunday with KUCC as she moves to study at Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Next Meeting will be in September, there will be no deacons meeting in August.