

"Do Justice, Embrace Kindness, Walk Humbly with God."

KUCC Deacon's Ministry (via Zoom)
September 14, 2021
Minutes

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

Jackie opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Amy introduced the topic of Communion, i.e., success/areas for improvement after Sunday's return to worship in the sanctuary. Reactions to returning to the sanctuary were very positive. It was generally agreed some basic instruction on opening/discarding of the "kits" which hold the elements is needed. Suggestions included written instructions in the bulletin and/or a video demo to be shown in the sanctuary.

Fall Communion: Jackie and Brenda will prepare elements for each communion service, including tracking usage and reordering of "kits." Two deacons will offer the kits prior to service. October 3 is World Communion Sunday, Pastor Amy will display bread and cloths on the altar.

Communion Assistants

October 3 – Barb and Fay Ann

November 7 – Barb and Karen

December 5 – Kathy and Bill

Stewardship Questions: Ministries were asked to answer how each has lived out the mission and vision of KUCC this past year and how it plans to live it out in the coming year. This is in preparation for the narrative budget. Discussion included prayer, visits, communion, distribution of various all member bags/packets, cards, funeral assistance/presence, etc. Jackie will draft a response and make it available to the diaconate for input.

Pastor's Updates Celebrations of Life are still, in many cases, on hold due to pandemic restrictions. Pastor expressed it is difficult for some family members to understand KUCC is still following pandemic protocol which currently limits sanctuary capacity to 100 and prohibits meals in the building.

Thanks to KUCC receiving a grant, equipment will be purchased to facilitate live streaming and videorecording of services.

The Congregational and Community Assistance Fund balance is a healthy \$12,464.50. Pastor encouraged the diaconate to be aware of and let her know of needs which could be appropriately met from this fund.

A baptism is scheduled for November 28th, the daughter of Rachael Giltz, granddaughter of Terri and Jim Silver.

Pastor asked the diaconate to continue to pray for her and to pray for Leann (Brenda's daughter) and Whitney (Barb's daughter), and members Noel Reeves, Doris Aeschliman, Carol Horner, Carol Birkner, and Marilyn Dilley.

Deacon Transportation and Visitation Updates Several deacons reported on rides given and visits made including Sebal's keeping in regular contact with Mary and Gerry Homer and Karen handling rides to appointments for Doris Aeschliman. Jackie mentioned a couple of rides she or Bill have recently provided as well. Many of the deacons are making phone calls and sending cards.

Closing Prayer

Jackie closed the meeting with this blessing from Genesis 31-49, *"May the Lord be with me and thee while we are absent from one another."*

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 12, 2pm, via Zoom