

“Do Justice, Embrace Kindness, Walk Humbly with God.”

KUCC Deacon’s Ministry (via Zoom)
October 12, 2021
Minutes

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

Kathy opened the meeting with prayer.

Review of Spiritual Care and Transportation Sections of Strategic Plan

“Spiritual Care” and “Transportation” sections of the KUCC strategic plan as pertaining to the diaconate were reviewed. It was agreed Jackie and Pastor Amy would draft a letter to the congregation articulating the types of spiritual and physical care and support available through the church. The difference between the needs of those with resources (family support, financial, etc.) and those without resources was discussed. The need to be appropriate in our care and to manage expectations was noted. The church role is to fill in the gaps in support, not to be the entire support system.

Particular to providing rides to and from doctor appointments, etc., it was discussed there are many things for the volunteer drivers to consider beyond their schedules, including mask wearing, vaccine compliance, and more.

Currently two members are fairly regularly, perhaps too often, depending on volunteer drivers from the diaconate. In both cases boundaries have been lovingly discussed and seem to be accepted.

Pastor’s Updates

Pastor asked the diaconate to continue to pray for her specifically as members of the congregation navigate and in many cases rail against, the restrictions of Covid-19 pertaining to the use of our building. She mentioned that with broadcast of services via YouTube she has learned that it is best practice to *not* say names during prayers, for privacy purposes since the YouTube recordings are permanently in the public arena.

Several updates were given by both Pastor and members of the diaconate regarding a number of church members, some of which have proven not able to be contacted. Deacons and Pastor will continue to follow up on members in need, and those we just haven’t seen in too long.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 9, 2pm, via Zoom

Brenda offered the closing prayer.

Other Notes:

Most of the Diaconate is involved in Laity Sunday, October 17.

Fritz Barker’s memorial service is October 30.

Barb and Karen will assist with communion “kit” distribution November 7.