

Open Ballot Calling Process for Deacons

York First Church of the Brethren

This Sunday we will enter a time for calling people to serve as deacons for our congregation. According to our Church's understanding of Deacon Ministry as described in the 1997 Annual Conference statement, "Deacons are called to be dedicated caregivers who use their spiritual gifts in a shared ministry of concern for the total well-being of God's people."

Deacons are caregivers and encouragers, and they are assigned various tasks including ministries of greeting cards, visitation, preparing and assisting with services including Love Feast, Communion, Baptism, and Anointing. Deacons may deliver meals, provide transportation, and check on those who require attention within our body of faith.

Deacons are ministers, spiritually healthy people who have experienced times of both strength and weakness, ones who are mature in faith and aware of God's promises of rebirth.

Members of our church are urged to prayerfully consider names of people who you believe would serve well as Deacons and offer their names on this form. Deacons must be members of the congregation, dedicated to its life and work, and eager to support the pastor and whole community of faith.

Following the service today, the Deacons will gather the suggested names and prayerfully discern together those who we will call to the role of Deacon. Those members will be contacted at a later date and informed of their call, invited to accept as they are so led. Deacons serve three-year terms, with no limit to the number of terms to which the church may call them.

Thank you for taking part in this important process. Please see the reverse side of this sheet to record names.

Members currently serving as deacons and continuing in their respective terms:

Deb & Greg Klinedinst - 2025

Loretta Bachman - 2024

Diane & John Gibble - 2025

Mary Esther & John Anderson 2025

Members currently serving as deacons who will be retiring from service, having ministered faithfully for many years:

Arlene & Ed Martin

Anna & Glenn Miller

Helen & Leonard Stoner

Please offer names of people you believe would serve us well as Deacons: