

KUCC Deacons' Ministry
02.09.2021
Notes

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

Prayer and Welcome – Jackie read a prayer of openness by Rev. T Michael Rock; introduced all to new member Sophia, Brenda already acquainted with everyone.

Reviewed Responsibilities (as stated in our KUCC By-laws 01.03.2019)

"The Deacons' Ministry is responsible for the spiritual life of the church. The Ministry assists the pastor(s) in the administration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism; assists with funerals, funeral receptions, and follow-up with the family members; aids the Minister of Pastoral Care with visitation to the sick and shut-ins and with other ministry programs designed to give care to those in physical, emotional and spiritual need of care. The Deacons' Ministry **in conjunction with the Senior Pastor** administers the **Congregational and Community Assistance Fund** for the express care of sick and needy individuals/families within the congregation and larger community.

Serving in the time of Pandemic – will focus on access to worship service, focus on prayer, specifically ask how we can pray and be aware of potential needs that can be met by CCAF, continue making contacts. Veteran members shared ways in which making contacts has been especially rewarding.

We talked at length about how to help people access the vaccine registries and appointments but made no progress really in how we would do that other than deacons will ask when making calls if help is needed and then try to navigate from there how to help.

Focus for the next month – several on the call volunteered to drive/deliver Lenten packets, Jackie will follow up via email.

Other News and Concerns – Pastor shared need for prayer and contact for Bruce Hansford and Ray Aschelman whose spirits are suffering a bit as well as some physical decline. Also, we have two members who are incarcerated and should be held in prayer and maybe letters/cards sent – Jason Reeves and Devon Dorr. Pastor also shared that Shana Barker's rehabilitation plan has not yet begun, as Shana's whereabouts is currently unknown.

Deacons were encouraged to think creatively about Holy Communion on Easter (April 4).

Sophia shared she has been accepted for this fall to seminary in Denver at the ILLIFF School of Theology. KUCC is her Member in Discernment sponsor.

A brief description of Pastor Amy's Sunday morning class on contemplative prayer was given.

Kim remarked how much the clients at Coleman Professional's "Rhodes" (might have been "Rose") House appreciate Pastor Amy.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Amy read a poem/prayer by Ann Lewin, *Prayer is Like Waiting for the Kingfisher*

Meeting ended at 3:20pm