



February 16, 2026

Dear Church Family,

Being part of the faith community at Kent United Church of Christ means that a “shepherd” deacon will be assigned to you and your family. It is important that everyone in our congregation feels cared for, supported, and loved. We are honored to be members of the Kent UCC Diaconate and to serve as your shepherds. ***Some of you already have a “shepherd” deacon, and thus it is not necessary to fill out this form again.***

We recognize that everyone’s needs are different, and we certainly don’t want to intrude on you or your family. But we want you to know that if you or a member of your family need any encouragement, prayer, or support, we are available to you. Please know that as a member of our “flock” we will be praying for you regularly.

Included with this letter you will find a survey letting us know your preferences (please see other page). Please return it to the church. You are special to us and an integral member of our church family.

What is the role of a Deacon at Kent UCC?

The ministry of the Kent UCC Diaconate focuses on service, presence, and care. Deacons are the spiritual lay leaders of the congregation, seeking out the face of Christ in everyone. In close collaboration with our Senior Pastor, the Deacons help to sustain the spiritual life of the church:

- Deacons assist with the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism
- Deacons assist with funerals and memorial services and follow-up with family members
- Deacons make pastoral visits to the sick and the homebound
- Deacons provide transportation for our members when needed
- Deacons pray for the congregation and others who are in need of support
- Deacons provide encouragement, care, and a spiritual presence
- Along with the Senior Pastor, the Deacons administer the Congregational and Community Assistance Fund (CCAF) for the care of sick and needy individuals and families within the congregation and the larger community.

With anticipation and many blessings,

The Kent UCC Diaconate: Kathy Robinson, Lee Drewette, Carol Ewers, Pat Hayden, Judy Kletzien, Jill Khol, Linda Morris, Nancy Paterson, Kathy Robinson, Fay Ann Sebaly, & Rich Werstler

Please return this page to the church.

You can place it in the offering plate, hand it to a Deacon or Pastor Amy, or mail it to the church.

How often would you like to be contacted?

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Yearly
- I/we do not feel the need to have you contact me; I/we will contact you if a need arises.

Do you prefer to be contacted by:

- Phone
- Email
- Text message (please provide cell phone number below)
- In person
- Card/note
- Comment: _____

Best time to contact me/us (please check all that apply):

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening
- Weekdays
- Weekend

Other needs for me/my family:

- Home Communion
- Call from Pastor Amy
- Visit from Pastor Amy
- Stephen Minister (a confidential one-on-one care giver)

- Please list: _____

A “shepherd” from the Diaconate will be assigned to you unless there is a specific deacon with whom you would be most comfortable.

If so please write the name here: _____

Your name(s) and contact information:

Comments: