

FROM THE DEACONS

There are so few places that we can pray out loud together: consciously acknowledging God and asking for guidance. Most of don't think of "doing business" as a time for prayer. But what better place and time than in God's house, doing God's "business"? The deacons open our gathering with a prayer and close with communion. Once a year each deacon brings the opening prayer for the monthly meeting. (12 months 12 deacons)Some deacons write their own, some bring scripture which inspires them, some find poems or other literature which speaks to the moment. We have found that praying calms our hearts, opens our minds to each other and to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Communion brings us together, strengthens us go into the world and strengthens us in purpose. In addition to "From the Deacons" we will publish our opening prayer. This month there are more than one, several of us were inspired! The Deacons hope that other committees will adopt this inspirational practice. There can never be too many prayers.

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