

## **Minutes of Board of Deacons Meeting September 2, 2021**

**Attendees: Frank Arren, Diane Thomas, Katharine Redmond, Kathleen Jasaitis, Rev. Dennis Calhoun**

### **Parish Concerns**

We are advised that Don Gardner has tested positive for COVID-19. Mimi Hollister will be tested on Tuesday but is optimistic in both instances.

### **Update on Sanctuary Reopening –**

Services in the Sanctuary will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Masks and social distancing will be required unless reading from the pulpit. There will be no choir, however there will be music for masked congregational singing and two soloists.

Our permit for 8am services at the light has been extended through October. The 8am service will continue to be videotaped. In the event of inclement weather the 8am service will be conducted in the parking lot. Deacons will serve at both services. Each team can determine if both are necessary for each service. Frank will continue to reach out to the congregation for volunteer readers and will advise.

Rebecca has offered to coordinate with the Junior Deacons. The selection of Church Sextons will be determined at a later date..

### **Other matters**

Dennis has informed us that there is a growing list of requests for Baptismals, many by non-active or non-members. It was determined that a minimum donation to the church of \$100.00 would be appropriate for baptisms to offset the cost of the baptismal blankets.

The Deacons Fund remains at \$17,000.00

The meeting was concluded shortly before 8pm

**Adjourn: May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other**