

What Do the Deacons Do?



Presbyterian Deacons are called to a ministry of “compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress” (G-2.0201)

If you are not familiar with the Deacons or what we do, here’s a little introduction. The Deacons are a committed group of individuals who provide outreach and service to our church members and the wider community. Some might even say that the Deacons are the hands and feet of the church.

Deacons traditionally serve our church family and the community at large in several ways:

- Delivering flowers
- Visiting with church members in need
- Transporting church members to services who lack transportation
- Dispersing funds to various community causes / non-profit organizations
- Fundraising to award students with scholarship money
- Ushering and greeting at church services
- Assisting with communion

Thankfully during the pandemic, we have been able to help people in need within our community. Recently, Deacon and Social Services Coordinator, Ed Hess helped forty homeless men who were living at a school in Camden. He wisely used the Social Service funds to assist the men by getting them food, temporary shelter, and medical supplies. Ed is also working to help a mom of two who is in need of essentials such as a queen-sized mattress and towels. We love every opportunity we can get to “serve the least of these” (Matthew 25).

One particular area of service that we miss dearly is transporting our elderly church members to Sunday worship services. Because we all enjoy going to church, and being with our family of faith every week, we understand how meaningful it is for the older members to get to church. It means so much to us to help the older members of our congregation so that they can be a part of their faith community. This is one of the many ways we show love for our church family. We are hoping and praying that one day soon we will be able to resume all of our normal activities. We truly miss you!