

Deacons' Responsibilities -- General

(approved 10/2005)

Purpose -- The purpose of the Deacons is to provide overall leadership for the spiritual life of the church, and to this end, to provide guidance and support to the Pastor.

Deacons are expected to:

- attend worship as regularly as possible and to wear their name tags.
- attend Deacons' meetings monthly (length varies, but on average last 1 1/2 to 2 hours)
- Serve as Deacon for the Month at least once a year (see separate sheet for DOM duties)
- Help Set up Communion twice a year on average. (see separate sheet for instructions); help serve and clean up communion about six times a year on average.
- Be willing, on a voluntary and occasional basis, to attend Council meetings if asked (a second Deacon goes with the Chair)
- Be willing, on a voluntary and occasional basis, to be present for weddings and memorial/funeral services to assist Pastor and family members as needed.
- Be willing, on a voluntary and occasional basis, to serve home communion to members who request this. (see separate sheet for instructions).
- Be willing, on a voluntary and occasional basis, to attend orientation classes for prospective new members and participate in their reception in worship and Fellowship Hour.
- Work with the Pastor to help plan and carry out special worship services and events like those for Christmas eve, Tenebrae, Easter Eve vigils, etc.