

## DEACONS

### Caring for the Physical and Material Needs of PCF

Numbers 33:1 - "Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron." The overall leadership of the Deacons is coordinated by Rob Birmingham. He is responsible for monthly meetings as well as overseeing anything asked of the Deacons, from visits to maintenance to financial needs. Rob also meets monthly with Pastor Stephen Witmer and the other Elders to bring them up to date on current Deacon events.

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#### Card Ministry

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 states that Christ's people "should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." PCF's Card Ministry welcomes new visitors as well as new babies, sends cards of encouragement and "Get Well", shows concern for those on PCF's prayer list and rejoices with church members looking forward to a wedding, a new job or a new home. This ministry is led by Kathy Piantaggini.

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#### Financial

1 Corinthians 8:7 asks us not only to excel in faith, speech, knowledge and love but to "also excel in this grace of giving." An important arm of the Deacons' ministry is financial assistance administered with loving concern and anonymity for the requestor. The two treasurers serving PCF are involved in all things financial and budgetary and are both required to serve as Deacons. Currently, Jim Deignan is Treasurer and Jim Gibson acts as Assistant Treasurer.

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## Mercy Ministry

Micah 6:8 - "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Our Mercy Ministry wears many faces. This would include visits to our parishioners in hospitals and nursing homes, transportation to medical appointments, errands run and groceries purchased. Gayle O'Connell is in charge of this ministry.

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## Meals Ministry

Psalm 23:5 - "You prepare a table before me...." Our Meals Ministry involves providing the food, whether it's canapés, casseroles or gooey desserts, for all those wonderful occasions that bring our church family together: pot luck suppers, mixers that encourage and develop closer relationships within the body, snacks for after church gatherings, newcomer social events. This ministry also includes providing meals when someone has been ill, during bereavement, or after having a baby. Megan Doehring is in charge of this ministry.

Opportunities: An announcement is made and a sign-up sheet is put out when meals are needed. Open to anyone who can cook. Also, drivers are sometimes needed to help deliver the meals

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## Special Events

Zephaniah 3:20 - "At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home." The Special Needs ministry at PCF is a rather large umbrella falling over many aspects of our church life. Under its coverage falls Special Events preparation, which includes Easter, Christmas and other special church services including weddings and funerals. Working with Meals Ministry, our pot luck suppers and socials are implemented. Coffee service after church is part of this ministry. But special needs also includes church snow removal, yard work for someone who cannot manage due to illness or perhaps it will be helping someone to move. We have two men who have agreed to take up the mantle of maintenance for both facilities. Vicki Trieby is in charge of overall Special Events Ministry.

Opportunities: Help is always needed setting up, cleaning up, and providing refreshments.

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## Usher Ministry

Psalm 107:30 - "...he guided them to their desired haven." Michael Burns heads up our Ushers Ministry and is in charge of setting up and breaking down chairs at church services, keeping PCF well supplied with ushers who guide us to our seats, provide Bibles, put out extra seating. This ministry also facilitates our monthly Communion service.

Opportunities: Ushers serve on a rotating basis about once a month. There are usually openings on the team.

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