

How are Deacons Supported?

Deacons are supported through gifts and a quarterly loose offering collected during the church services. In addition we have some large donor gifts designated for specific uses.

The Nichols/Hassenger fund is for gifts and birthday cards for elderly church members.

The MacKay-Patterson fund and **The Bradner Scholarship Fund** are both awarded annually by the FPC Scholarship Team, on which two Deacons actively serve. The Scholarship applications are accepted January through February, and are awarded in March.



If you know someone who would like to have Home Communion brought to them, a visit from a pastor or to have a deacon, Please contact anyone below with your request!

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DEACON MINISTRIES



*God calls us to worship faithfully.
God calls us to serve lovingly.
God calls us into community:
sharing grace unconditionally,
seeing Christ in all people.*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Friends,
The New Testament word for deacon is servant. Indeed deacons are those who serve compassionately, humbly and joyfully. Our Presbyterian Book of Order describes the ministry of deacon as "...sharing 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." Our deacons serve the redeeming love of Christ to all who are in need in our church and community. We are so grateful for their faithful ministry.



Charles Svendsen, Interim Pastor

Greetings,
As a Parish Nurse, I work closely with the Pastors, Deacons and church staff. I use "Life" to empower people in health and wellness. Parish Nursing is based on spirituality regarding all persons as sacred and worthy of being treated with respect and dignity. A Parish Nurse is an integrator of faith and health, focusing on disease prevention, health education and health advocacy.



Sharon Head RN
Parish Nurse.

Deacons serve Christ and provide pastoral support through:

- Home Communion
- Prayer support
- Visiting those who are homebound or hospitalized
- Hosting memorial receptions
- Sending birthday cards
- Bringing Easter and Christmas flowers to parishioners unable to attend church
- Providing ongoing education, and college scholarships
- Van ministries
- Meal Trains

The Board of Deacons:

Deacons are women and men who have been nominated and elected by the congregation into service. Deacons work alongside the Pastors as "the caring arm of the church." Their role of compassion, witness, and service, follows in the path of Jesus Christ.

First Presbyterian Church is blessed to have over twenty enthusiastic and energetic Deacons.

Deacons meet quarterly and at additional special events throughout the year. The Deacons are organized into the following teams:

- Leadership
- Communion
- Memorial
- Van Ministry
- Visitation

