

## **Deacon's 2016 Ministry Plan**

The purpose of the deacon's to to provided a ministry of compassion and caring to the members of the Church of the Covenant and the surrounding community.

In order to carry out this ministry in 2016, the Deacon's shall:

1. Visit/contact the shut-ins of the Congregation in coordination with the Ministry Committee. Deacon's will also distribute Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias to the identified shut-ins.
2. Provide grief support to members of the Congregation by distributing a series of booklets designed to help them through the passing of their loved one.
3. Reach out to our W&J College neighbors by hosing a "Finals Feast" in December and May. Donuts, fruit, drinks and more are provided as the deacon's welcome the students and wish them the best with their studies. An open gym is also made available. Students are also welcomed to attend Sunday services at the church.
4. Arrange for greeters at the 9:43 and 11:00 services. Distribution of alter flowers is also done if needed.
5. Send College Care Packages to the Congregations identified college youth prior to their spring finals. Packages come with a hand written note letting them know their church family is thinking of them and praying for them.
6. Provide volunteers on the Friday's of the Family Promise night at the Church who will feed, provide fellowship and spend the night with the Family Promise families.
7. Provide shuttle service to members of the Congregation who wish to attend church on Sunday's and do not have alternative transportation.
8. Distribute White Gift donations received in December from members of the Congregation to organizations in our community who serve the needs of members of our community.
9. Distribute money to the Salvation Army to provide for immediate needs for members of the community (not members of the Congregation) who enter the church looking for monetary help.
10. Provide some monetary help to members of the Congregation for a limited period of time as the need arises.
11. Assist the Christian Education Committee in the kick off of the Sunday school year at the September Rally Day Picnic by serving / cooking food.
12. Support through gifts, the mission programs of the Church as requested.
13. Raise money to help carry out the Deacon's Ministry Plan by holding an annual Fish Fry on two Friday's in Lent and provided fellowship for Church members and the community at large.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Modorator of Deacon's