



BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2023



Members Present: Karla Bradley, Anne Waehner, Sandy Dwyer, Coco Motley, Beverly Crockett, Sandy Murphy, Julie Ludanyi, Kim Kinzler, Carol Owens, Tom Sharon

Opening Prayer and Devotional: Evening Prayer Service

Session Report: Jamee Wilson (submitted by email)

- **Church Life Milestones:**

- **Deaths**

- Darrell Clement on August 11, 2023.
- Erich Peters on August 27, 2023.

- **Memorial Services**

- Gravesite burial on Sept 1, 2023 for Erich Peters. Officiated by Rev. Helen DeLeon.

- **New Members**

- Marilyn Clark – reaffirmation of faith.
- Eric Nielsen – transfer from Clear Lake Presbyterian.
- Lucie J. Patterson – transfer from St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian.

- **Campus Management**

Campus Management led a walkthrough of the entire WPC campus on August 21, 2023 to assist in future planning and prioritization. Attendees included representatives from Worship and Art, Mission, Adult Education/Fellowship, Campus Management & Staff. A list of items to be addressed was created with the repair of the A/C in Bouton Hall identified as a near term fix.

- **Staff Changes**

Keith announced that he will be retiring at the end of this year, 12/31/23 as he and Mary Helen turn their attention to the spiritual formation of their grandchildren. His last Sunday with WPC will be 12/18/23, after which he will use accrued vacation. This was a decision made after a long, discernment process with the guidance of other pastors. Although he has enjoyed his work at WPC, he feels called to retire and turn his attention elsewhere.

Immediate Care and Concerns Handover:

Outgoing Care Team: Julie Ludanyi, Karla Bradley, Alberta Rohlfing

Incoming Care Team: Sandy Murphy, Vicki Smith, Sandy Dwyer
(for Cathy)

- Sandy Murphy will have Pat Brackett, Ruth Leach, John and Roehmel Dewey, and April Stanley on her Immediate Care list.
- Sandy Dwyer will have Phyllis Koenig, Nancy Gustke, Jerry Goodman, and Ardeen Martin on her Immediate Care list.
- Vicki Smith will have Nancy Moebius on her Immediate Care list. She might also get new people added to her list as needed during the month.

Pastor Report

We were so glad to welcome Tom Sharon as our Associate Pastor for Care. He visited many of our members during his first week on duty! He reported on the people he visited and told us his own story. Tom is trying to find a way that we can go to The Crossings to serve communion to our WPC residents living there on the days we have communion at church. He will keep us informed. He also discussed the fact that our church is going through a difficult time, like a time of mourning, due to the changes we will be making. He stated that it was important for us to be there to listen to the concerns and possible angry feelings that some people might have, but not to “gossip” and discuss what we hear. Confidentiality is important.

- April Stanley (listed as Irene – at CL Methodist) Missy’s mom
- John and Roehmel Dewey – Tuesday and Wednesday (at CL Heart Tower)
- Ardeen Martin – back at The Crossings
- Pat Brackett – back at The Crossings
- He was able to meet with Ruth McDonald’s last care nurse to try and find out some family information. Ruth passed away on Saturday night.
- Four other confidential pastoral care visits

Additional Business:

Grief Booklet Update: Kim Kinzler

- Sandy Murphy completed the October Grief Booklets

Keep-in-Touch Calling Lists

Several people gave updates on people on their Keep-in-Touch lists. We discussed the fact that many of them needed cards, phone calls, and/or notes to let them know we are thinking about them. It was requested that a list of names be sent out of people who needed some encouragement. That will be emailed to you separately from the minutes.

Next Meeting: Nov 2 at 7pm via Zoom

Volunteer for closing prayer – Sandy Murphy

Closing Prayer: Anne Waehner

Respectfully submitted,
Coco Motley

