

The Diaconate of Lafayette Presbyterian Church

“The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in 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. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.” **Book of Order 2.0201**

The 2019 Diaconate consisted of 9 men and women dedicated to serving the members of the church with love and compassion. Each Deacon served between 10-13 families, providing for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The Deacons have met several times throughout the year for training, prayer, and to consider how best to address the congregation's needs.

We work to keep in regular contact with all our Lafayette family, whether it be with cards, calls, or visits. We also hosted the February fellowship luncheon, maintain (and with help, stock) the pantry in the work room for those in need, hosted a baby shower, and try to assist in any other way needed. This past year during advent, we collected items to deliver to the Kearney Center (local homeless shelter) and non-perishable goods for the local food bank.

The current deacons are:

Class of 2019

Ken Norman

Nancy Henning

Class of 2020

Heather Brooks

Lois Johnson

Faith Kinneer

Patti Dickman*

Class of 2021

Janet English

Phyllis Loose

Susie Graves

*Patti Dickman is serving for 14 months to finish Jean Brinson's term for her due to personal reasons. We sincerely appreciate Jean for all she did in service to the Lord.

I truly appreciate the Class of 2019 (and all the other classes) for their service to Lafayette. Ken Norman will be continuing his service as a deacon and we thank Nancy Henning for her dedication these last three years.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

With Christian love and joy,
Faith Kinneer
Moderator of the Diaconate