

**Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Care Council - Deacons' meeting minutes
Wednesday 4/1/26 at 5:30pm**

Attending - Steph Washlock, Carol Adriene, Lisa Cameron, Mia Faxon, Nate Kruse, Amy Seekley, Julie Egge, Oonda Morehead, Pastor Lindsay, Melissa Glorioso
Absent - Walter Cha, Nikkie Monah, Ginny Greggor, Gary Maddox, Sunday Uka

*Opening Prayer - Carol

*Round the Table - none

***Meeting schedule for 2026**

Wednesday February 4th, 5:30-6:30 pm, and with All Councils and Session from 6:30-7:30
Wednesday April 1st, 5:30-6:30 pm
Wednesday May 6th, 5:30-6:30 pm
Wednesday August 5th, 5:30-6:30 pm
Wednesday October 7th, 5:30-6:30 pm, and with All Councils and Session from 6:30-7:30 pm
Other meetings if needed can be called

***Event schedule for 2026**

Breaking Bread - Feb. 1, March 1, May 3 (nothing in April - Easter)
Mardi Gras - Tues. Feb. 17
Honor Lunch - May 3 (during Breaking Bread)
Strawberry Festival - June 7th after worship
Celebrate Sunday - September 13

*Budget Review - reviewed general Care Council budget see page 3

*Benevolence Fund Use - New request came today (4/3/26). Ask for \$1300 for rental expenses for a non-Member. Julie motioned to approve the request, Carol second. No discussion took place. Unanimous yes for motion. Lindsay to follow up for a check to be issued. A request had also been approved in February.

*Updates from ministry areas - Lisa reviewed her report April 1, 2026

Care Council

Member Care Report (Meals / Cards / Follow-Up)

Get Well Cards were mailed to seven church members and a Welcome Baby card sent to one church member.

Meals were offered to eight church members with seven members declining due to having family members providing support. One member accepted the offer of meals. Three meals were provided to that member through a Meal Train set up by Pastor Lindsay.

Follow up phone calls were made to three members who were on the prayer list for an extended period of time. They were thankful that the church continued to think of them and enjoyed getting to know and have a conversation with another member of the church.

As of today's date: (includes February #s)

Total Meals Provided: 13

Total Cards Sent: 10

Member /Deacon Follow Up: 3

*Review Mardi Gras - Steph thanked everyone again for their help. Learned that other churches had called to ask what to bring. We had a lot of food leftover. We will have to look at a plan if we continue the party with multiple churches.

*Easter flower delivery - There will be approximately 40 flowers that will need to be delivered. There will be cards in Anderson Hall with names and addresses for delivery. There will be flowers in Anderson Hall to take after the 9am Service. Flowers will be taken from the Sanctuary to deliver after the 11am service. The Congregation will be invited to help with the delivery also.

*Honor Dinner Plan - see pages 3-4

*Strawberry Festival - start planning - Asked if anyone was interested in being in charge of the event. Oona and Steph will co-chair. Idea of inviting other churches we have been partnering with for Lent. Lindsay will talk with Ryan about the idea. Discussion about the ways the Festival has been done in the past. The Strawberry Festival Binder has been found, and Carol has it.

*Deacon for the Day - Program to be considered for the Deacons. An outline of the program would be presented. There would be no decisions made at the meeting. Steph requested that the program be thought about from the perspective of being a Deacon and from being a Member of the congregation. Please email Steph next week with thoughts. Reviewed if we chose to go forward, a presentation would need to be put together for Session, and Session would need to approve the program. Oona presented the idea. This is a program that is done at her home church in Texas. The Pastor there is willing to help with materials for the program. The Deacon for the Day would be available after the 11am Service. The Deacon for that Sunday would be stated during the announcements during the Service. After Service the Deacon would be in a set area (example a Chilcothe room) and would meet one on one with anyone who wanted someone to pray with them. Information could be shared with the Pastors if the person wanted it to be shared. Steph will send out an email about the program to all the Deacons so those not in attendance could consider the program.

There was discussion about the congregation knowing who the Deacons (and Elders) are. If it would be possible to list them in the Bulletins again. Also having pictures posted in the hall by coat racks. Discussed in past years Deacons being more involved with home bound members. Discussion about Deacons receiving training from the Presbytery on being a Deacon. Steph will email Lindsay and Ryan about the bulletins, pictures and training.

*Closing Prayer - Steph

	2025 Actual	% to Budget	Feb 2026 YTD	2026 Budget
Care Council				
1.50500 Congregational Care	\$1,198.16	40%	\$123.13	\$3,000.00
1.50510 Community Coffee	\$1,169.33	39%.	\$28.89	\$4,000.00
1.50520 Congregational Fellowship/Events	\$7,840.15	112%	\$1,039.37	\$8,000.00
Total Care Council	\$10,207.64	79%	\$1,191.39	\$15,000.00

HONOR DINNER

Brunch in Anderson Hall, invitations have been mailed. RSVP's are coming into the Church Office/Christine. Deacons have been asked to do some follow up calls if needed for RSVP's not received.

Vicki is our caterer.

Rich will set up Anderson Hall with round tables and armed chairs from the Chapel

Jan Spalding has agreed to help with nametags

Transportation - Steph reviewed with Jerry Parker (in charge of last year) Only 2 people requested rides. Will see what comes in with RSVP's and ask for drivers if needed.

Entertainment - Steph heard from Jim, that he received her email and will follow up after Easter.

Lindsay announced that Kate is asking the Youth to assist

Oona will run Breaking Bread in the dining room - will do pizza and salad. Steph to follow up with Vicki about where she got the pizza last year.

Please let Steph know what you are comfortable doing - serving, plating food, help with Breaking Bread.

Teams for Service will be assigned on that morning - will be based on number of attendees and table layout.

Steph will see if Pete is willing to run the dishwasher, if he is not available we will need a dishwasher. Breaking Bread will be on disposables.

Areas so far:

Meal Prep - Lisa

Serving - Julie, Nate, Amy, Steph

Unable to attend - Mia