

**Fairmount Presbyterian Church
Care Council - Deacons' meeting
Wednesday 8/5/26 at 5:30pm**

Attending: Steph Washlock, Carol Adrine, Mia Faxon, Nate Kruse, Nikie Monah, Amy Seekely, Julie Egge, Pastor Lindsay.

Absent: Lisa Cameron, Walter Cha, Ginny Greggor, Gary Maddox, Oona Moorhead, Sunday Uka

*Opening Prayer - Carol

*Round the Table

***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 Sept. 2nd, 5:30-6:30 pm, and with All Councils and Session from 6:30-7:30 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

*Pastor Lindsay's report – See Pages 3-5

*Theology and hospitality - homework review – Discussion about where we see the theological concepts in personal and church life.

*Budget Review – See Lindsay report pages 4-5

*Benevolence Fund Use – See Lindsay report pages 4-5. Discussion about how to let people know the fund exists. Reviewed there is a form that needs to be completed.

*Updates from ministry areas – See pages 6-7 also

*Return to 2 service schedule in September - 8:30 communion – 9/20/26

*Breaking Bread - Oct, Nov, Dec – will need volunteers to assist.

* See report on page

*Celebrate Sunday planning – Carol agreed to be the point person for the Celebration. There are multiple Deacons out of town on 9/13. Will be a potluck celebration. Hope to be outside (weather permitting) with food set up inside. Will need volunteers for set up, clean up, food collection, food service, and manning the Ministry fair table (see Lindsay' report).

*Closing Prayer – Lindsay

Deacons Update

LHL – Aug. 5, 2026

- Mark Bassett
 - Excited to get to announce that we are hiring a new staff person who will fill the role that Peter Horth served. His name is Mark, and he is a presbyterian pastor who is days away from retiring from serving a congregation, and has also served as a hospice chaplain. He lives in Oregon currently, but will be moving to Cleveland to be closer to family this fall, and will begin here sometime in September or early October.
 - Mark will be working 10 hours per week in pastoral care. At the moment we see him at least starting out with visits, etc. with our homebound members, but he and I will work together to make a strategy for more specifics of his work.
 - He will be in town at the end of August, and will be attending the All Council and Session meeting on Wed. Sept. 2nd to be announced to those groups
 - Since pastoral care is a part of the work of the deacons, we want you to get a chance to meet him even before that!
 - Hosting a dessert meet and greet on Wed. Aug. 26th at my house in Cleveland Heights
 - 6:30-8pm
 - Stay tuned for location!
 - Working to setup another group of folks, perhaps at Judson (between the 2 Judsons and possibly invite some other 80+ folks)
 - A coffee hour after worship on Aug 30 for deacons or 80+ who couldn't attend the other dates scheduled – hosted by Ryan in 114, as I have been asked to preach and lead an adult ed class at Church of the Covenant that morning
- I have worked to update my list of our 80+ year old members, and our homebound members
 - This has come as I've had some breathing room this summer to get it together, in anticipation of Mark's arrival in the fall
 - I've got people color coded in terms of folks we see regularly, folks who have a member who touches base with them regularly, folks that that I need to be the one to connect with (typically because of memory issues), etc.
 - I'm working with a volunteer to call through the list, particularly of people we haven't hear from or seen in a long time, to see if their info is correct, if they would appreciate being contacted or visited more regularly, etc.
 - Once we've worked through that list and have more info, I will be coming back to you all to ask for help in having more regular contact with members of the congregation
 - If there are folks who are ready to get going now and don't want to wait any longer, I've got some folks I know would appreciate a call – just let me know!

- The fall!
 - We will be talking through more info and getting you all hyped up for the new program year's theme at our All Council night next month
 - But there is a component of it that I want to make sure the Deacons are aware of now
 - We will be having communion additional times over the course of the year, and serving that communion in a variety of ways
 - What we need to know for now is that we will be celebrating communion through the end of September
 - We are already scheduled for communion at 10 am on Sept. 6 and 13th
 - Sept. 20th and 27th I believe we have people signed up for 8:30 am communion, but will also need a coordinator for the 11 am service on those Sundays
 - We are also anticipating celebrating communion at both services through all of November, and probably also in Lent and other times in the spring
 - What I can say about that, is that we are hoping to pass the communion plates on Nov. 8
 - That means we should coordinate a time to practice that, and we'll need all hands on deck!
 - On Nov. 29 (after Thanksgiving) we will do intinction – rip and dip – so not a lot of set up needed.
 - I will work with Steph and Carol on how we will coordinate these extra Sundays (outside of Breaking Bread) – so you will be hearing from us!
- Celebrate Sunday – Ministry fair!
 - Where – In Andersen before people go out for lunch? Outside? Will set up in Anderson Hall (potluck buffet will also be set up in Anderson Hall). Mia will do signage for Care Council table
 - We need to decide what info we want to share/what Deacon ministries we want to promote, and then how much space we need
 - Prayer shawl
 - Flower delivery
 - Breaking bread – helping cook and serve?
 - Meals
 - Communion (once ordained, always ordained)
 - Deacons' Fund
- Financials
 - The financials I have are through the end of June
 - **Congregational Care**
 - \$3000 budgeted, with \$2,119.65 remaining
 - **Congregational Fellowship/Events** (Breaking Bread, Mardi Gras, Strawberry, Honor brunch, Celebrate Sunday)
 - \$8000 budgeted, \$4,552.04 left
 - (plus I found \$70 that was charged to us that shouldn't have been)
 - **Deacon's Fund**

- We've spent about \$8,600 this year
- Since we last met, we were able to help 2 families that we learned about through social workers from CHUH elementary schools – we're a part of a collection of faith groups that help support folks in the elementary schools – one of the families experienced a house fire, and one of their children died. We have a student in our church who had been in class with that child, and came to me for some pastoral support, and I was able to tell them that we supported the family
- We also helped someone with rent and some folks with grocery store gift cards for food
- All of these expenses were under \$500, which the pastors can approve – we come to you for anything over that amount
- Currently have about \$170,000 in the fund
- There is still a line called “community coffee” that's under our purview – I've got a conversation scheduled with Drew and our treasurer, Amy Carlson, to talk about that, among other things – I don't think it belongs under our purview and hasn't been used much in that way either

And now the fun you've all been preparing and waiting for! The homework assignment!

- Last month we talked theologically about hospitality
 - In community, with humility, as instructed by God and Jesus to do
 - We talked about what makes the Deacons' logistical planning and hospitality different from that of the “hospitality industry” is our biblical foundation, and understanding that through those acts, we come to know and experience Jesus more closely and share God's love with those in our midst.
- I asked you to look for places or moments who you have seen or experienced hospitality
 - Let's share! I want to know!

At our last meeting I shared that we are going to have more training and conversations like this. I threw out topics like: communion and the practice of coming to the table (not an altar), prayer, visitation.

Please let me know if you have other ideas!

August 5, 2026
Care Council
Member Care Report (Meals / Cards / Follow-Up)

Since our last meeting on May 5th – the following care was provided:

May *(remainder of)*

1. Member had three meals delivered and received two Door Dash gift cards.
2. Baked goods were provided for a memorial service.
3. Two get well cards sent,
4. Four sympathy cards sent.

June

1. Delivered a week's supply of meals (fresh / frozen) to church family to assist during treatment.
2. Two get well cards sent.
3. Follow Up / Check In with church family.

July

1. Delivered an additional week's supply of meals (fresh / frozen) to church family.
2. Four meals delivered to frequent visitor following delivery of baby girl.
3. Four get well cards sent

August

1. Two get well cards sent.
2. Follow Up / Check In with three church members.

As of today's date, 8/5/2026:

Total Meals Provided: 35

Total Door Dash Gift Cards 2

**Baked Goods for
Memorial Service Reception 1**

Cards Sent: 28

Follow Up / Check In

with members / visitors: 13

Submitted by:

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