

# Deacons

Many of us have often asked ourselves, what is a Deacon and what is really their purpose.

MCC Louisville has currently nine Deacons serving the church.

Barry Christensen, Kevin Garner, Tarita Hayes, Alan Jones, Michelle Kanatzar, Tom Ketterman, Angela Mitchell, Judy Paterson and Tracy Patton.

According to the MCC Louisville Bylaws ;

1. Their purpose is to serve the local congregation under the direction of the Pastor and to minister to those in need of peer listening, welfare, crisis intervention and in other manners deemed necessary by the Pastor. Deacons serve and may administer many of the Rites and Sacraments, under the authorization and direction of the Pastor.
2. A deacon must strive to be above reproach in the manner in which they live.
3. A deacon assists the Pastor by:
  - Visiting and praying for the sick and shut-ins
  - Serving Communion
  - Providing peer listening and referral to professional counselors as needed.
  - Caring for the altar at all worship services
  - Assisting with baptism
  - Assisting with the installation of new members
  - Assisting with the rites of other Sacraments.

As you can see, a deacon has many duties and responsibilities which they all take very seriously.

There are several expectations, and I have listed a few of them below

Attend regularly scheduled Deacon and Pastoral Staff meetings

Support activities of the church by regular attendance.

Carry out assigned duties, or scheduling a substitute, or contacting the Deacon/Staff person of the week or a Deacon coordinator.

In our Sunday MCC Mini Mouse, handed out every Sunday by our ushers, you will find the names of the Deacon Coordinators as well as the Deacon of the week.

As you can see our deacons are a very important part of our church. Their ministry encompasses many areas in the church as well as outside of the church.

Our Deacons handle requests for assistance outside the congregation as well as those needing assistance within the congregation. Typical requests are assistance with food, rent or utilities and each case is reviewed and granted on an individual basis.

To learn more about the Deacon program, request a copy of the MCC Louisville Bylaws. Might this be a niche for you to serve Christ and your church? On Sundays thank them for the work that they do, and be sure to include them in your prayers.

