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## First Presbyterian Church

*Living the blessed life to be a blessing...*

## The Primary Function of the Deacons

The primary function of the FPC Board of Deacons is set forth in scripture and provides sympathy, witness, and service following the example of Jesus Christ.

As Deacons they want to glorify God by providing compassionate care, prayer, support, and resources.

Their desire is to encourage individuals and their families in times of joy and in times of sorrow as together we seek God's healing power and grace.



# The FPC Deacon Board



## Some things the Deacons do to minister...

### **BABIES**

Welcoming new babies into our church family, giving them and their families a sense of belonging and care.

### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Providing our church family with a written document of resources for assistance in the Bellingham and Whatcom county area, while also educating them regarding the FPC philosophy of helping versus enabling.

### **COMMUNION AT HOME**

For those not able to attend church and take part in communion, our Deacons are available upon request to serve communion in the home.

### **DEVOTED CARE**

Helping to provide care for those in our church family who are shut-in, in crisis, and needing some form of follow-up.

### **FAMILY CARE**

New Deacon Role currently under construction coming out of the Deacons desire to minister to our church families.

### **FINANCES**

Benevolence gifts to those with financial emergencies or in short-term crisis. This is funded entirely by offering donations, so gifting may be limited.

### **FLOWERS**

Delivering or sending flowers to those in the hospital, at the loss of a loved one, or other appropriate events.

### **HILLTOPPERS**

Each time this 55+ lunch group meets, the Deacons are there to serve and visit.

### **HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Visiting church congregation members during overnight stays in the hospital.

### **MEALS**

Helping to provide meals to those in our church family who are in need of assistance because of illness, hospitalization, and other life-altering events.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTIONS**

Hosting receptions for family members and guests following memorial services held at FPC and as requested by FPC.

### **PRAYER SHAWLS**

Knit or crochet Prayer Shawls for those in the hospital, ill at home, or needing some special TLC.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

When possible, facilitating transportation arrangements for the FPC church family who are unable to drive or find alternate transportation to regular or special FPC events. Physical limitations may apply.

Please **pray** for the Deacons, as well as for the people to whom the Deacons are ministering.

**The first Sunday of each month is usually Deacon's Sunday.**

- In the pew racks, you will find manila envelopes that can be used to donate towards the work of the Deacons.
- You can also make donations any time you would like.
- If you don't use an envelope, just be sure and note on your check that it is for the Deacons.

**The Deacons always appreciate help** making meals and baking goodies for memorial services, providing transportation, and helping those in need with various tasks.

**Let them know how you can help!**