

East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026 - 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

Present: Lynn Bashew, Mike Bright, Gail Chutz, Howard Glass, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Nancy Hazy, Heather Hough, Ruth Ann Webster, Terry Webster, Tom Gregg, Carissa Hicks, Sunshine Mushrush, Caley Ritenour, Dan Ritenour, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel, Melanie Bell, Jim Corbett, Donna Miller, Lisa Smith.

Absent: Brady Beech, Diane Dixon, Sandy Frederick, Holly Folkertsma Burcker, Mindy Isles, Mary Markley, Amy Thomas, Brian Ballantine, Julie Ballantine, Tricia Smith.

Welcome & Prayer: Nancy Hazy welcomed the deacons to the meeting and offered a prayer.

Presentation: Eric Bishop gave a presentation to the deacons regarding the proposed accessibility upgrades and renovations to the church building.

Devotion: Gail Chutz gave a devotion to the group titled; "Keeping Your Axe Sharp" based on Ecclesiastes 10:10.

Minutes of April 21, 2026 Meeting: The Deacons had not met since April as the May 19 meeting was cancelled. Jeff Weinel moved and Sue Ellen Hamilton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hazy reported that the Deacon's account had a \$836 balance at the end of May. Of the \$1,800 allocated for the Senior Celebration, \$1,002 was spent on the event.

Corresponding Secretary: Donna Miller reported that a total of 18 cards were sent since the April meeting as follows:

- 11 – Birthday
- 4 – Thinking of you
- 3 – Sympathy
- 18 – Total

Two thank you notes were received expressing appreciating for the Senior Celebration.

Funeral Meals: Heather Hough reported on 66 meals were provided for Edna Covert's funeral on June 6 and 30 meals were provided for Delores McClure's funeral on June 9. 17 people supported the Covert funeral and 5 people supported the McClure funeral.

The deacons will provide a lunch for Jean Jones' funeral to be held on June 19.

Caring Meals: Gail Chutz reported 24 meals were delivered since the April deacon meeting and 35 meals were prepared. Gail mentioned that cookies are needed for future meals.

Communion Served: Gail Chutz served communion to Pat Fitzgerald, Delores McClure, Betty Greggs, Connie Emmett and Edna Covert in May.

Drivers: Six rides were provided by the deacons since the April meeting.

Hospital Visits: No activity.

New Baby Ministry: Caleb Beech born to Brady and Sydney Beech. Melanie and Dan Ritenour visited the Beech family and provided a meal and gifts on behalf of the East Main Congregation. Another baby in the Church family is due in September.

Fellowship Hall Greeters: Mike Bright passed around a sign-up sheet for greeting at the Fellowship Hall door Sunday mornings.

Old Business

Senior Celebration: Thanks were expressed to the Senior Celebration committee for their work on this successful event and to Dan Ritenour for his leadership.

New Business:

Memory Café: Information on a Memory Café held in the area was shared by Nancy Hazy.

Daily Bread: Carissa Hicks moved and Terry Webster seconded a motion to make a 2026 annual donation of \$100 to the “Our Daily Bread” daily devotional publication. Copies are provided to the church on a quarterly basis.

Nominating Committee: A nominating committee for the next class of deacons will be formed. Three deacon volunteers are needed to work with Mike Bright on the committee. Tom Gregg volunteered. Two other deacons are needed.

Deacon Visitation: The visitation list was distributed to the group.

Deacon Prayer List: The Deacon Prayer List was distributed to the group.

Volunteer for Devotion at the August Meeting: Howard Glass volunteered to provide a devotion at the August meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: The deacons will not meet in July. The next meeting will be August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Gregg,
Secretary East Main Presbyterian Church Deacons