

East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026 - 6:30 PM – Living Room

Present: Mike Bright, Gail Chutz, Diane Dixon, Howard Glass, Nancy Hazy, Heather Hough, Ruth Ann Webster, Terry Webster, Tom Gregg, Carissa Hicks, Mindy Isles, Sunshine Mushrush, Caley Ritenour, Dan Ritenour, Brian Ballentine, Julie Ballentine, Melanie Bell, Donna Miller, Lisa Smith, Tricia Smith.

Absent: Lynn Bashew, Brady Beech, Sandy Frederick, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Holly Folkertsma Burcker, Mary Markley, Amy Thomas, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel, Jim Corbett.

The meeting location was changed from the Fellowship Hall to the Living Room.

Welcome: Nancy Hazy welcomed the deacons to the meeting.

Prayer and Devotion: Howard Glass opened the meeting with a prayer and gave a devotion to the group on choices and staying grounded in the important Truth contained in the Bible.

Minutes of June 16, 2026 Meeting: Terry Webster moved and Mike Bright seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hazy reported that the Deacon's account had a ~~-\$1,090~~ balance at the end of July.

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

- 10 – Birthday
- 10 – Thinking of you
- 5 – Sympathy
- 25 – Total

Three thank you notes were received from families who were the recipients of funeral meals and one thank you note was received from Grove City Meals on Wheels for food donated following the April Senior Celebration.

Funeral Meals: 81 meals were served following the Jean Jones funeral service. 116 meals were served following the Margaret Ann Lindey funeral and 46 were served following the Scott Dunwoody funeral.

Caring Meals: Gail Chutz reported 22 meals were delivered since the June deacon meeting and many donations of cookies were received in response to the need expressed at the June meeting.

Communion Served: Gail Chutz served communion to Pat Fitzgerald, Betty Greggs, Sally Porsch, Connie Emmett and Gail Chutz since the June meeting.

Drivers: Two rides were provided by the deacons since the June meeting.

Hospital Visits: Bonny Lin was visited during a recent hospitalization.

New Baby Ministry: Five new babies are expected by the end of the year.

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

EM Good Neighbors: Dan Ritenour reported on the ministry to provide help with odd jobs/general maintenance projects to people in the church or Grove City area. There are 25 volunteers currently involved in the group.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: Mike Bright reported that the committee is active in recruiting nominees for the next deacon class.

New Business:

Jigsaw Puzzles: A church member has jigsaw puzzles to donate to anyone interested. Contact Nancy Hazy if you know of anyone interested in receiving a puzzle.

CHLTB: The next Church Has Left The Building project day is November 8. Project request forms were distributed to the group. The forms are to be emailed or delivered to the Church Office by October 18.

No Boundaries/Congregation Meeting: Tom Gregg reminded the group of the proposed No Barriers project scope and upcoming Congregational Meeting on August 30. Deacons were asked to check with the folks they visit to see if they need a ride to the morning service and meeting that day. Deacons were also reminded to make a pledge to the project.

Next Year's President: Nancy Hazy announced that Carissa Hicks has agreed to become President of the group next year following Nancy's two years of service in that role.

Deacon Visitation: The visitation list was distributed to the group. Visitation report forms were also provided to the group. Nancy Hazy requested that the form be filled out, photographed and texted to her when a diaconal visit is made.

Deacon Prayer List: The Deacon Prayer List was distributed to the group. Several updates were made to the list and the group spent time in prayer for the people on the list.

Volunteer for Devotion at the September Meeting: Gail Chutz volunteered to provide a devotion at the September meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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