

East Main Presbyterian Church - Deacon Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025 - 6:30 PM - Fellowship Hall
Business Meeting

Present: Bev Bell, Amy Bishop, Gail Chutz, Carissa Hicks, Bob McConnell, Donna Miller, Lisa Smith, Mike Bright, Sandy Frederick, Howard Glass, Sue Ellen Hamilton, Nancy Hazy, Tom Gregg, Mindy Isles, Sunshine Mushrush, Dan Ritenour, Amy Thomas, Jeff Weinel, Joan Weinel.

Absent: Alayna Bishop, Heather Hough, Dorothy McMillen, Caley Ritenour, Carley Stillwaggon, Brodie Whitley, Lynn Bashew, Brady Beech, Diane Dixon, Ruth Ann Webster, Terry Webster, Holly Burcker, Mary Markley.

Welcome & Prayer: Nancy Hazy welcomed the deacons to the meeting.

Devotion: Jeff Weinel gave a devotion to the group on the significance of sharing meals in various scripture passages.

Minutes of September 2025 Meeting: Sue Ellen Hamilton moved and Bob McConnell seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 meeting. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hazy reported that the Deacon's account has a \$994 balance.

Funeral/Memorial Service: Nancy Hazy provided Heather Hough's report on the September 27 Funeral Meal for Arnie Sodergren. 33 deacons were involved.

Communion Served by Deacons Since the Prior Meeting: Sally Porch, Pat Fitzgerald, Delores McClure, Edna Covert, Margaret Ifft and Connie Emmett.

Corresponding Secretary: A total of 20 cards were sent from August through October as follows:

- 8 – Birthday
- 1 – Sympathy
- 1 – Wedding
- 8 – Thinking of you
- 1 – Get well
- 1 - Anniversary

Drivers: Rides were provided to three members who could not drive.

Hospital Visitation: No activity

Caring Meals: On October 15th volunteers prepared 20 meals for distribution when needed. Since the September meeting, 10 meals, 3 banana breads and 5 desserts were distributed. Additional meals will be prepared during Church Has Left the Building and frozen for distribution when needed.

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

Church Has Left the Building: Church Has Left the Building is planned for Sunday, November 2. The deacons will serve lunch after the second service. Set-up will be Saturday morning, November 1. Sign-up sheets for set-up, serving and clean-up were passed around.

Senior Celebration: About $\frac{3}{4}$ of the biographies have been turned in and work is progressing on the preparation of the booklet. The celebration lunch is scheduled for April 26, 2026.

Nominating Committee: Mike Bright, chair of the nominating, presented the following list of nominees. Lisa Smith moved and Bob McConnell seconded the motion to approve the slate of nominees for presentation to the congregation.

1-year term:

Heather Hough

2-year term

Carissa Hicks

Caley Ritenour

3-year term

Donna Miller

Lisa Smith

Tricia Smith

Melanie Bell

Julie Ballantine

Brian Ballantine

Jim Corbett

Memory Café: Nancy Hazy passed out information on a Memory Café which is starting in the Grove City area. The Café is for caregivers and their loved ones who are challenged with forms of dementia or other cognitive disorders and debilitating conditions. It features time to socialize, engage in various activities and connect with folks in similar circumstance.

Our Daily Bread: Nancy Hazy shared information on a Christmas Reflection resource which is available to order. Nancy Hazy moved and Carissa Hicks seconded the motion to purchase this resource. The motion passed.

Volunteer for Devotion at November Meeting: Howard Glass

Deacon Prayer List: The deacons spent time praying for specific needs from the people they visit.

Adjournment: Nancy Hazy closed the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be November 18, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Gregg,

Secretary East Main Presbyterian Church Deacons