

2008-2009 Annual Report Of The Diaconate

This is a brief summary of the Diaconate for this past year. I came on the Board in June to help fill a void of needed members. At the second meeting, we were notified of our Chairpersons resignation from the Board. On behalf of the Board, I thank Joyce Dumas very much for her time of service and being Chairwoman. I was elected acting Chairman.

Jordan Landry was elected to the Board in 2008. Later in the year, he enlisted in the military and resigned as a result. We wish Jordan well as he prepares to serve our country.

Meeting dates since 9-08 annual meeting = 10-5-08 11-2-08
3-29-09 4-26-09 5-31-09

This past year has been very emotional and challenging. With the above resignations, the board at this time has four members. This will increase to seven upon annual meeting approval. In addition, Dewey's passing was a strain on everybody. There is no doubt he will be missed, but not forgotten.

We have had a number of people who have helped us out in the pulpit during this period. Those included, in no particular order, Pat Jackman, Mellissa Marquis, Ellie Mercer, Gordon Miller, Victor Scalise, two of our lay people who shared what this church means to them – Bill Shields, and MaryAnn Ratteree, and Peter Mercer. Many heartfelt thanks go out to Joyce Cunningham for all her efforts scheduling these wonderful people as well as being the overall church leader during the past sixteen months.

Our Christmas Eve Service was once again well attended. On Maundy Thursday, we had a very meaningful Tennebrae service. Pentecost Sunday was once again observed amidst of red balloons and many attendees dressed in red. Monthly Communion observance is conducted with Deacons, present and past, distributing the elements on a rotating basis.

Mary Dumas has done and is doing a wonderful job of scheduling our church family to serve as ushers, communion stewards, and lay readers.

The worship services are recorded with our sound system and tapes are available to any person desiring to hear them. They are kept in the Library and may be signed out. If you know of anybody wanting listen to them, you may sign them out or contact any member of the Diaconate.

The Board encourages each of you to contact any of the members whenever there is a need.

I Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Respectfully submitted in HIS name,

John F. Crouch, Acting Chairman

Arlene Smith

Mary Dumas

Bill Shields