

Board of Deacons

Serving terms this year were:

Tina Calhoun – Congregation support

Susan Chawgo – school liaison

Sheryl Crankshaw – Special (PCUSA) Offerings

Mary Jo Deans -- Snail Mail Sunshine

Eileen Edward – Secretary

David Geurtsen – Hospital visits

Hanna Kenney – Daily Bread mailing

Sarah Rogers – Easter Breakfast, Jubilee Shop

Patti Stephens – Chair; Watertown Urban Mission rep.

Ex officio: Rev. Summer Sattora – Community Collective; Judith Fiorentino – Treasurer, Emmanuel Dinners
Deacons met at nine 3rd Sunday meetings, following worship. There were no meetings in July, August, or December.

Our congregation is involved with so many outreach programs that Deacons, this year, presented a **Minute for Mission** each week during worship, to keep members informed of opportunities to volunteer or donate to our neighbors.

The newest mission for the church in 2025 was support of the **Community Dinners** put on by Emmanuel Congregational Church in Watertown. Emmanuel provides meals and a place out of the elements, to all comers, Mondays through Fridays from 3pm until 8pm. Beginning in February, our congregation has been providing volunteers to help serve the meals on the third Thursday of each month. In the spring the congregation also began collecting a designated food commodity each month to contribute to the food pantry at Emmanuel Church.

For the second year, our congregation was asked to supply health care items for **Gifts of the Heart Kits**. The goal was 20 kits. The congregation enthusiastically supplied items for 30 kits, which were delivered in March to Emmanuel for shipping to the agency.

The Community Collective moved its **Sockets Closet** to a room upstairs over Bank Building. This has been more accessible, and several congregational members have donated and/or shopped at the closet.

Jubilee money was offered to provide **camperships** for attendance to the Summer Y program held at the school. Seven children took advantage of the camperships. Six attended for four weeks and one for two weeks.

Our congregation has always supported the four PC(USA) special offerings. This year the 40% of the Pentecost offering that is kept local was contributed to the **Safe Schools Program**, and the 25% local portion of the Peace and Global Witness offering was sent to the **Syracuse Immigrant Coalition** which supports local farm workers.

Since other groups take care of **school supplies** for individual students, Deacons supplied several classrooms with special seats for students who require them.

Christmas mugs, filled with useful items and treats, were given to residents of Harbour Heights, for the second year. Many members of the congregation enjoyed donating the 26 mugs and contents.

This year's **Jubilee shoppers** bought gifts for 32 children, from 11 families. Each family was also given a \$100 gift card to Aldi's. Each child also received homemade chocolate in a homemade box, donated by an anonymous individual.

The **Easter Breakfast** was well attended following the Ecumenical Sunrise Service and the Deacons continued to **keep in touch** with members and friends through cards, **The Daily Bread**, and visits.