

Church Retreat Report, Part 3

As the Deacon Board met they reviewed their responsibilities as stated in the Covenant. The one change, which has not yet been voting on, has to do with their role in welcoming new Covenant Participants. They now take on the role of the old Welcoming Committee in talking with and introducing those who have decided to become Covenant Participants.

Our six deacons each have a "deacon family" of members that they care for as deacons. They become pastoral ministers to the people in their group. They have asked me to give them some training in pastoral care, which I am glad to do. They spoke of how to keep their families better informed about the work of the other Boards and ministry areas.

On February 17 there will be a deacon sponsored breakfast at 8:30! Mark your calendars. Each Deacon family group will sit at table together with their deacon. It's a wonderful way to get to know your Deacon and other members in your group. Note: new and different assignments have been made for this year so we will become closer with more members of the church.

If you have any questions, contact the new chair, Diane Hamby.

Now to the Worship Board. The Worship Board promotes meaningful worship among the church members. This includes both Sunday Worship and special and seasonal worship services. It works with the pastor and other Boards so we can work together to make worship as meaningful as possible. Two of the things they talked about were: some regular Children's Time in worship. And some expansion of the Talk Back opportunities in worship-- which usually happens in the summer Season Of Grace. The worship Board is particularly active in the Seasons of Advent and Lent. So they are meeting regularly these days following up the Retreat suggestions and getting ready for Lent - which begins this year on March 6, Ash Wednesday.

If you have any questions or suggestions contact LeAnda Barnard, the chair.

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