



Williamsburg Presbyterian Church



*"We gather in the name of
Jesus Christ to worship God
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
do God's work in the world."*

April 20, 2023

Members of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church,

We are happy to share some exciting news about our Diaconate. During the March Session meeting, the Session approved a new model for the Diaconate beginning May 1, 2023, with a 2-year transition period. This model will provide better and more consistent care for our members as well as increase opportunities for volunteers to serve in ministries and the care of our congregation. The two largest components include the transition from assigned Family Deacons to Care Teams and the move of the Confirmation Class from the Diaconate to Christian Education.

We have been listening to you and we are focused on making sure our congregation gets the best care possible while using all our volunteers in ways that maximize their time and talents.

The new Diaconate model is made up of Care Teams and Ministry Teams:

Care Teams:

- Extra Care
- Grief Care
- Welcoming New Child, Illness, Surgery, Hospice (WISH)
- Brookdale (and other assisted living facilities)
- Patriot's Colony
- Williamsburg Landing
- Windsor Meade

Ministry Teams:

- Celebrations and Concerns
- Christian Fellowship
- Flower Sharing
- New Members
- Memorial Services
- Memorial Receptions

~~This new model improves continuity of connection within our congregation by expanding relationships beyond a single Family Deacon and it also energizes all members to volunteer as the Spirit calls them. It is vital to the life of our church family to show God's love by engaging one another and serving with our gifts and passions.~~

We are so grateful for the caring hearts of our deacons and our congregation, and for everyone's willingness to adapt and serve. Please join us as we pray for and support our Transition Team and our Diaconate as they move forward.

Peace,

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