

The Deacon Dispatch

Keeping our congregation connected to the ministry we share
Summer 2026

Look What We've Been Up To!

What are deacons called to do? Among other things, they visit the sick, teach Bible Study and Sunday School, manage food pantries, lead prayer groups and support the many other ministries of their congregation. See just some of the things our Deacons were up to so far this summer.

Visitation

Deacon Doreen regularly visits the homebound and those in hospitals and rehabilitation centers - like Fred Knechtel (right) - to provide a "ministry of presence" that alleviates loneliness, provides emotional support, shares prayer and scripture, brings news from the congregation and delivers communion to those unable to attend regular services. This ministry strengthens the bond between our congregation and those who cannot be with us in person, reminding them that they remain held in prayer and community.

Managing Sunday Service Roles

Deacon Debbie completed the service schedule for July through October. She oversees the assignment and coordination of ushers, communion assistants, youth volunteers, deacons, readers and acolytes for every Sunday, keeping our worship life running smoothly each week. Each of our deacons regularly participates as service assistants during Sunday services.

Celebrating with the wider church

On June 14, we celebrated Pastor Pryer's Tenth Anniversary of Ordination with MNYS Bishop Katrina Foster, reminding us of our gratitude for his ministry and the support role deacons play in helping him care for the congregation through service and presence.



The Deacons of St. Paul's are Doreen Flanagan, Donna Galluccio, Debbie Peltz, Jo Anne Rasmussen, Wendy Bean Tannenbaum and Deacon Emeritus, Ed Basche.