



APC Deacons' Brief

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Summer 2023



Deacons' Outreach:

Deacons came to the aid of many within our congregation and in the local community over the past several months; reaching out with prayers, kindness, meals, travel arrangements and a few other special needs. Below are some of the services that have been provided and are always available:

- **Deacons' Gift Card Program** – the Deacons supply the Pastor with Aldi and Target gift cards to be given to local community individuals who come to the office for food and personal needs. If you wish to assist the Deacons with helping our outreach project with \$25.00 gift cards from Aldi or Target, contact the Deacon Moderator, David Bishop.
- **Food Pantry** – the Deacons Food Pantry Coordinators, Carol Gabay and Sheila Jackson with Kathy Thygeson manage the donation baskets outside the Church Office. Your generous donations are regularly delivered to the Family Promise Montco PA food pantry.
- **Prayer Shawls & Prayer Lap Blankets** - church members knit prayer shawls and lap blankets that are available to YOU! You are welcome to arrange with your Parish Deacon team to receive one or have a deacon deliver it to you from the Congregational Care Office of Tia McCoun. Each prayer shawl and blanket have a special message attached!

Deacons' Easter Food Baskets Highlights

With your contributions and our service, the Deacons delivered Easter Meal Baskets to 51 families this year! Here is feedback we received from one family this year:

"Thank you so much for the beautiful gift. My son opened the door to take trash out when he saw the box. Filled with excitement he said: "Mommy you are right, it's in giving that we receive." Thank you so much for showing him that love does still exist. Thank you to you and the church. I look forward to paying it forward."



**Volunteers help with packing the food baskets*

APC Deacons' Family Summer Support Drive Highlights

In support of families in need during the summer, the Deacons sponsored a Family Summer Support Food Drive in May. We delivered approximately **200 lbs** of donated items to Family Promise. The staff was thrilled!



Thank you for your generous donations and support!



The Deacons are asking...

- What else can we do to help you?
- Is there any special need or area where we can provide assistance?
- Do you have any noted concern that you feel isn't being addressed by another section of the church?
PLEASE, let your Deacon know of any added way we can help you!

Our Deacon Members

Please get to know your Deacon Board and Your Parish Team members who are here for you!

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Rev. Jim Thornton

Please reach out ... We are ready and willing to serve!

10th APC Summer Soaker 5K Run/Walk

Coming soon! The 10th Anniversary APC Summer Soaker 5K 2023 on **Saturday, July 22**. For Info and Registration, please go to: <https://www.runtheday.com/register/detail/apc-summer-soaker-2023>



Meals4Members

Did you know the church has a dedicated volunteer committee that provides home cooked meals for church members during difficult and/or stressful times? If you or someone you know would like or need a meal or two, please reach out to your Deacon Team. We are also looking for volunteers to help make meals – please reach out to Jenn Boyd if you are able to help!



American Red Cross

APC Fall Blood Drive – Save the Date!

Please save the date for our Fall Blood Drive on **October 14, 2023 – 8:00am to 1:00pm** in Parish Hall. For an appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org, click on Donate Blood and Schedule an Appointment and enter sponsor code: *Abington Presbyterian Church*

Good Samaritan Fund Name Change

The Good Samaritan Fund is now the Angel Fund. Thanks to a gracious donation from an APC member in 2016, a fund was established to help members of the congregation or church family who experience a financial crisis. The original name of this fund was the "Good Samaritan Fund", but the Deacons, after consultation with the Pastor and confidentially with the anonymous donor, voted in April to change the name to the donor-suggested "Angel Fund" to better reflect the purpose of the fund. The Angel Fund resides in the Deacons' portfolio and receives investment returns while the pastor has sole discretionary power to confidentially disburse funds under the oversight of the Deacons.

Let's Keep in Touch!

- Contact your Parish Deacons as listed on the left.
- Deacon concerns to David Bishop, Moderator deaconsapc@gmail.com and Maggi Wysocki, Vice-Moderator maggiwysocki@gmail.com.