

DEACON HUDDLE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Karen Blomberg and 20 deacons met at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

DEVOTION: Catherine Linton read a verse from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, *Christos*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Karen reported that starting in January 2008 different groups within the church will host the coffee hour after the 11:00 service. Each group will be responsible for 4 Sundays. The deacons agreed to host the four Sundays in January 2008.

The deacons will not meet in December; the next deacon meeting will be a potluck dinner for all deacons- new, current and retiring- on January 9, 2008. Please contact Karen Blomberg if you are able to host this event.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION: Karen reported that deacon Bill Eckert will be helping coordinate homebound communion in 2008. Karen showed the deacons a homebound communion kit and described how to serve homebound communion. Several deacons described their experiences serving homebound communion. The deacons will serve homebound communion the same Sunday communion is celebrated in church.

JILL EWELL: Karen introduced Jill Ewell, the new volunteer pastoral care assistant. Jill described the work she will be doing in this position, including work with seniors and homebound and sick member visitation. Jill reminded the deacons that everything that is said in deacon visits to homebound members should remain confidential. Homebound communication can include communion, flower delivery, cards , phone calls and personal visits. If any deacon is uncomfortable with, or would like help with, homebound visitation they should contact Jill. Jill also reminded the deacons of the importance of hand washing when serving communion in a home or hospital setting.

2008 DEACON SCHEDULE: Barbara Watts distributed copies of draft deacon schedule for 2008 (attached). The schedule employs the team concept discussed at the last meeting. The deacons will be divided into teams, and each team will be responsible for certain duties (flower delivery, van backup, transportation assistant) 12 specific Sundays in 2008. The teams will be coordinated by captains and the teams will meet individually at each deacon huddle in 2008. The following captains were selected: Donna Cramer for the A Team, Martha Girard and Carri Stoltz for the B Team, Barbara Watts for the C Team and Barbara Wyman and Elizabeth Martineau for the D Team. It was also agreed that the B Team would be responsible for hosting the coffee hour January 6, 2008; the C Team for January 13, 2008; the D Team for January 20, 2008 and the A Team for January 27, 2008.

The meeting adjourned with a prayer. There will be no deacon huddle in December; the next meeting will be January 9, 2008.