

Deacon's Doings
January 14, 2015

The new deacons came to their first meeting last night. It was a long meeting with information about what deacons do (doings!). They signed up to set up communion, take meals to Woody and Mary Ann Pierce, visit people in the hospital, and visit shut-ins. They heard about the Christmas Family program: what went well, and what would make it better. They listened to how the clothing giveaway works and how we will be changing our clothing storage. They learned a bit about Knitting for Warmth, but we forgot to let them know about the Cooking with Kids summer program. Well, something for the February meeting.

Deacons continue to use your monetary gifts to support St. Vincent DePaul's Help Center. Right now we give them \$300.00 a month to use as needed. Deacons also used your donation this year to buy yarn and knitting needles for the Knitting for Warmth: Body and Soul (\$1,318.64); Cooking with Kids outreach program (\$294.46); People in Need (\$1,793.70) and finishing the shopping for Christmas Families (\$1,147.43 but still waiting for some receipts). Your donations are deeply appreciated. Last night we listened to a group from the non-profit: "On-Site for Seniors" and in February deacons will discuss how deacons can support them. We also voted to buy new blankets for our Family Promise closet. The old ones were well worn.

The time we give is precious. The money we spend is wonderful. But the tears of gratitude and the look of stunned appreciation for a bus ticket, a paid energy bill, paid rent, a great Christmas, a work uniform, clothing, baking utensils, help with medical bills, a u-haul for moving, a motel room or tent to get out of the cold....priceless.

God is good. If you know of someone in need, call Becky in the office. She will get in touch with the right deacon to help.

In His Service
Teri Burch