

## DEACONESS MINISTRIES

JEANNIE SEABAUGH, DIRECTOR

### VISION

To serve the growing body of WestHills with compassion, impacting with the love of Christ, by assisting with church sacraments, promoting a spirit of goodwill, helpfulness, and encouragement; and supporting those in need in times of life crisis or transition.

### GOALS

In order to support those in need in times of crisis, the deaconess will maintain a food pantry for the WestHills family and visitors in need of household and personal necessities.

- . We will review the provisions on a weekly basis and communicate when our resources need replenishing. We will solicit suggestions on an ongoing basis to ensure a current and plentiful supply.
- . This will be resourced through generous donations of church family, with no contributions from the budget.

*Acts 4:32: All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.*

In order to continue to fulfill the traditional Deaconess responsibilities of church family support [showers/baskets, funerals/weddings, staff appreciation, blood drive, cards of encouragement, meals, love gifts, etc...] and of Worship support [Communion and Baptism], we will:

- . Assist in all Sanctuary Baptisms
- . Prepare the elements for Communion as coordinated with the Worship leader. Our encouragement and support, and other duties will be carried-out on an as needed basis.

*Ro 12:6-7: We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve.*

In order to reach out to and promote a spirit of goodwill, helpfulness, encouragement and inclusion with the church family to ensure that, during stages of growth, needs are sustained, especially among those not strongly connected at WestHills, we will

- . be observant of, and sensitive to, excessive absences of members and regular attenders by monitoring mailbox accumulation, and other indicators of inactivity. Following up with a form of contact, support and encouragement, and link to other ministries as needed.

*Heb 10:25: Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*