



## Diaconate Annual Report 2014

The 2014 Board consisted of Donna Pope, Kim Chappell, Laurel and Lance Parrott, Scott Peterson, Colleen Clark, Joyce Tofil, Dar Mol, Rick and Heidi Tice, and Valerie Rogers. We were short one member the entire year. Everyone has agreed to serve another term, but we will still need one new member to complete our board.

This year brought several changes to our weekly worship service. We now serve Communion once a month and offer wine in the outer rim of the communion tray. We begin our service with the Praise Team, singing contemporary hymns to prepare the congregation for worship. We asked the choir to meet in the library to keep the narthex clear and hopefully quieter, to allow those in the pews a time for prayer. We purchased ceramic coffee mugs to give to our first time visitors. They are filled with candy, a pencil, and the church brochure. All of the above mentioned changes were positively received. There was always discussion about improving attendance. The diaconate members strived to visit the shut-ins, but there is room for improvement in that area.

The worship services at Chestnut Fields have continued with steady attendance of 3-6 church members participating. The number of residents attending varied from 4-7.

The church website and Facebook page are a great addition to our community involvement. Heidi Tice has been videoing the church service and special events and putting them on the website. Several members have been regularly adding pictures to our Facebook page.

We provided a breakfast for the congregation after the Sunrise Service on Easter, continued our weekly fellowship time after church, and provided gift cards to our servicemen and women for Christmas.

The Diaconate members are always available to assist with other church activities such as clean up days, the Church Picnic, Prayer and Small Group meetings, Christian Education programs and special “cake worthy” celebrations!

Respectfully submitted,

**Kim Chappell**