

Contributions to the Deacons' Fund are made by members in "Communion Offering" envelopes. This has been averaging ~ \$200/month. In addition, Honoria given to the current Pastor for funerals and weddings of members are in turn added to the Deacons' Fund. This averages ~ \$100 – 150 per service. Other contributions are made in thanks for building usage (for civil weddings) or other occasions.

Vouchers for emergency needs of community members, such as gas, food, laundry, and items from a pharmacy, are distributed in \$10 amounts at the discretion of the Pastor. The total of these vouchers is not to exceed \$200 in any one month.

Emergency needs of church family members may also be covered by Deacons' Funds, usually not to exceed \$500 in any one year. Emergency needs of community members brought to the attention by other professionals (social workers, medical personnel, etc.) may be used at the discretion of the Pastor, not to exceed \$300 per person per year.

As fund balances allow, members may request assistance for continuing education opportunities to further their spiritual growth. These are not to exceed \$500/person/year.

Other uses, such as thank you gifts for staff or member recognition, may be taken from the fund, usually not to exceed \$50, at the discretion of the Pastor.

***...Adopted by the Board of Deacons' on April 9, 2013***