

## Q1 2026 Governing Board Highlights

### 1. Deacons – Compassion & Direct Care Ministry

Your Deacons maintained a strong focus on meeting tangible needs within the church and community:

- Provided ongoing financial assistance, including grocery gift cards and direct support to multiple families facing hardship. This included distributing \$1,400 in gift cards to individuals in need.
- The deacons also expanded their care efforts to include medical and transportation needs, such as assistance with dental work, cataract surgery, and mobility challenges.
- The deacons report a seasonal increase in demand, with spending currently exceeding contributions to the Deacon Fund. They believe this to be temporary. Pastor Jeff has communicated this need to the congregation and will continue to do so as needed.

### 2. Deaconesses – Congregational Care & Engagement

Your Deaconesses emphasized connection, encouragement, and ministry coordination:

- Deaconesses continued to provide encouragement and care through biannual gift cards and personal notes to members.
- Deaconesses discussed and clarified their ongoing relationship with the representative to the Long Valley Community Assistance Program.
- Deaconesses provided a number of meals for those facing difficulties.

### 3. Treasurer – Financial Stability & Stewardship

- **Monitored giving:**

- Began the year slightly behind budget and prior year benchmarks, due in part to weather-related attendance disruptions and increase in snow removal costs.

- **Monitored Spending:**

- Expenses were consistently **under budget**, with approximately **\$26,000 in reduced spending** helping to partially offset lower giving.

- **Cash position:**

- VVC maintained a **strong and stable cash position** throughout the quarter.
- Designated funds (e.g., Refugee Resettlement) remained healthy and growing, with sufficient reserves for upcoming needs.

- **Other**

- VVC Received a \$19,443 Employer Retention Credit payment, positively impacting our financial outlook.

#### **4. Trustees – Facilities Stewardship & Support**

Your Trustees continue to care for the maintenance and upkeep of VVC's facilities.

- Three staff offices were painted for the first time since the early 2000's.
- Trustees oversaw the ongoing outfitting of the Student Ministries area, purchasing and installing permanent seating for the "break out" rooms, replacing a couch and purchasing and installing sound absorption panels for the room.
- Trustees completed over 30 work projects the premises including repairing a leak from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor boiler and conducting maintenance on fire safety systems.

Our Governing Board is privileged to serve you, the congregation, in ways that may not be highly visible. Continue to pray for us as we seek to be stewards of the ministry of Valley View chapel.