

How many books are in the Old Testament?

39

How many books are in the bible?

66

How many books are in the new testament?

27

What are the three symbols of baptism?

Death, Burial and Resurrection.

What is the meaning of the word Deacon?

It is a greek word, Diakonia, which means to serve.

Where in scripture is the birth of Christ found?

Matthew 2 and Luke 2

Who called or founded the first Deacons?

The apostles who were pastors.

Describe the triangular relationship of a Deacon?

God at the apex, Pastor on the left, and the Church(congregation) on the right.

What are the chief characteristics of the Holy Spirit?

Strive with sinners (Genesis 6:3),

Speak (Acts 28:25),

Teach (John 14:26),

Comfort(Acts 9:31),

Help our infirmities (Romans 8:26), and to indwell and remind us of all Jesus said.

Name and characterize three types of churches.

Episcopacy, Presbyterian, and Congregational

A.Episcopacy means those churches governed by Bishops and in the case of the Anglican Church, the Archbishop. In Episcopacy, the bishops have authority over the local church.

B. Presbytery means a group or board of elders that are elected.

The presbytery has the authority over the local church.

C. In the Congregational form of worship, each congregation is autonomous, self-governing and there is no person who sits in authority over the local church. Congregational polity is the form used in the United Church of Christ.

Define how the United Church of Christ congregational functions under Congregational Polity?

Churches voluntarily associate themselves together to the work of the larger church, but each is autonomous. In Illinois, we are broken into Mission Councils within one of the five associations. Grace United Church of Christ is in the Eastern Association. The other four associations in the Illinois Conference of the UCC are Chicago Metropolitan, Fox Valley, Prairie and Western.

What is the chief work of Jesus Christ?

Salvation and Liberation.

To save us from sin through his death, burial and resurrection.

Deacons arose in the early church to meet the need for special church servants.

Whose life is modeled for the Deacons?

Jesus' life is the model for the Deacons. In Mark 10:45, Jesus said "I came not to be served, but to serve." Deacons exist to serve God and the church.

Service is integral to the New Testament name for a Deacon or servant.

What are the two ordinances of the Protestant Church?

Baptism and Communion

What truths are symbolized in Baptism?

1. Remission of sins
2. Fellowship or union with Christ in his Death, Burial and Resurrection.

What is the largest association in the Chicago Metropolitan Association?

The Chicago Metropolitan Association has 102 churches.

What authority does our denomination have over our congregation?

None. All UCC congregations are autonomous in keeping with Congregational Polity.

What were the major factors to the decline of the role of Deacons in the Middle Ages during the 4th and 5th centuries?

- A. Increased emphasis on liturgical or worship tasks.
- B. The diaconate became the first stage toward the priesthood
- C. The rise of the monastic orders.

What scriptures are used most often to describe the origin of the office of deacon?

Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:10-13

In the 39 books of the old testament the writings include:

5 books of law,
12 books of history,
5 books of poetry and wisdom,
5 books of major prophesy,
12 books of minor prophesy

In the 27 books of the New Testament, the writings include:

4 Gospels,
1 book of the history of the early church,
13 Pauline letters,
8 pastoral letters
1 book of prophesy

Name five characteristics of a United Church of Christ congregation?

1. Local autonomy.
2. Baptism by sprinkling/immersion
3. Belief in Freedom of Conscience
4. Separation between church and state
5. Scripture is the only rule of faith and practice
6. Priesthood and equality of all believers.

What are the natural attributes of God?

God is Infinite (1 Kings 8:28),
Eternal (Isaiah 57:15),
Omnipotent (all powerful) (Jeremiah 32:17, 27),
Omnipresent (ever present) (Psalm 139:7-12),
Omniscient (all knowing) (1 John 3:20)

**Deacons at Grace UCC are selected by the Pastor,
How are they to carry out their leadership responsibilities?**

Participate in Sunday School and Bible Class,
Pray without ceasing,
Seeing and participation in the vision of the church.
Assisting the Pastor in Congregational duties which includes,
visiting the sick and serving communion.

What is the Bible?

It is the book of books.

