

January 16, 1996

Dear Altar Guild Members,

If you were able to come to the Christmas tea, you already know that Sarah McCracken and Minnie Mae Franklin have agreed to co-chair the Altar Guild in 1996. We also celebrate the addition of Allen Browning, Cindy Legge, Laura Ritchie, and Dorris Rodenhizer to our roster. We are thankful to God for their commitment to this vital ministry.

The long-awaited list and assignment of monthly workers is enclosed! I have spoken to some of you about your "assignment" but for others, I have "assigned" you to a particular month. If you would like to change your assignment, please coordinate the change with another member and call Sarah or Minnie Mae to tell them of the change. Please note that there are members who are "willing substitutes." If you find you are unable to be present for a Sunday, please recruit a substitute and coordinate it with the "leader" of the month, the one whose name is at the top of the list.

Although individual members often avoid any attention, I want to express appreciation to the following: Mary Lee Bailey and Marcia Grogan for continuing to coordinate the quarterly acolyte schedule; Marcia for setting a beautiful table and organizing the Christmas tea; Judy Browning and Dot Hilliard for their coordinating the lilies and poinsettias and setting them up (a stellar job!); Cindy Legge and Dorris Rodenhizer for serving during Holy Week and Easter as their first assignment (one of the most challenging!); Dorris for serving during Christmas also (another challenge!); Maureen Oakes for coordinating both adult crucifers and the decoration of the Chrismon tree; and Holly Eggleston for continuing her work on the "wedding room." Many of you have been faithfully present, a gift to both the Guild and to me, personally.

This year has been an important one for the Altar Guild and for worship at Duke Memorial. We have grown both in numbers and in awareness of the importance of our duties. I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you all. Your presence, love, and commitment to the church continues to be a blessing to the church.

In Christ,