

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ALTAR GUILD MINUTES
FEBRUARY 24, 1985

The Altar Guild met on Sunday February 24th in the Bradshaw Room at 3:00 P.M. Chairman, Sarah McCracken, called the meeting to order with thanks to the members for giving up a lovely Sunday afternoon for another Church-related meeting.

Instead of a devotion the Chairman read from Methodist Altars a little of the introduction explaining the necessity for keeping "God's House" in order yet warning us to keep a proper balance so that "things" do not become an end in themselves. The purpose of "God's Housekeepers" (better known as the Altar Guild) is to draw the attention of the congregation to something beyond themselves to an awareness of the Presence of "One greater than the temple". In line with this message we were asked not to risk life and limb for any of our Guild duties as one of our hospitalized members had done. If something needs dusting that cannot easily be reached, please make a note of it and give it to Mr. Woods. At this time a card was passed for all to sign for Lucille Mortland.

New members: Billie Faggart, Helen Fink, Rubye Haywood and Mary Jones were welcomed. Rubye Haywood has been added to the funeral committee and Virginia Ballagh and Billie Faggart volunteered to serve on the wedding committee.

Since our last meeting was for Christmas clean-up there were no minutes. There were no other committee reports.

The Chairman announced that two more acolytes had been trained since Christmas which made a total of seven new acolytes since November. Other announcements:

1. The white paraments have been dry-cleaned since the last general communion and the white tablecloth laundered.
2. Mr. Woods has been reminded to have the proper people repair buttons on the kneeling cushions.
3. We are still trying to get some action on the Book of Remembrance.
4. Two new brass offering plates have been ordered to replace the two stolen from the Narthex on February 17th. A warning was given to the Guild members not to put the plates in the Narthex until after Sunday School.

Sarah introduced Kay Hammond, our wedding consultant, who explained the new Bride's Guideline booklet which will be voted upon at the next Administrative Board meeting. Wedding duties were discussed and copies of the booklet given out for members to view. Cost will determine how the booklet is printed. Eunice Mattox moved that the Administrative Board be advised that the Altar Guild approves the booklet and recommends that it be published. It was seconded by Mary Cox.

On the subject of weddings it was explained that the interlocking circles of the unity candle holder were broken at the time of the last wedding and have been sent back to the factory for repair. The unity candle holder can still be used without the circles.

Sarah announced that she would appoint a committee to select a Guild chairman for '86 - '88. She also asked for a volunteer to replace Lucille Mortland for early communion duty in March. Mary Cox volunteered.

A few exchanges were made in the duty roster for the remainder of the year. These will be posted later. It was decided the next meeting will be Wednesday April 3rd. prior to Easter which falls on April 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McCracken
Sarah McCracken, Chairman

Virginia Ballagh
Virginia Ballagh, Secretary