

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ALTAR GUILD MINUTES

August 27, 1985

This meeting was called to order by Chairman, Sarah McCracken. Rubye Haywood gave the devotional, after which two new members, Vea Hoyle and Lib Young, were introduced.

Sarah announced that two funerals had been held in the Sanctuary since the last meeting, those of Jessie Haywood and Ruby Young. Another announcement was that Doris Blalock was back home and receiving therapy as well as visitors.

The two balcony offering plates are still in the hands of the engraver but should be back soon.

The good news is that Minnie Mae Franklin has agreed to be the incoming Altar Guild chairman beginning January 1, 1986. Her schedule will require that the Guild meetings be moved from the 4th Wednesdays. It was agreed that the 4th Tuesday would be the best substitute.

It was brought to the Guild's attention that a new bud vase (used for the rose which welcomes new babies into the church family) was needed. After discussion, it was decided to purchase an 8-inch polished pewter vase rather than a silver plated one to save on polishing.

Now that flowers are so expensive, Sarah suggested that a single oblong vase be purchased to be put at the base of the cross. Perhaps then more families would be willing to give flowers for the Sanctuary. The Guild has \$265.00 over what was allocated in the Church budget to work with. At the time there were no objections.

Thanks to Lillian Anderson, a new acolyte list was made to replace the lost one. All members are reminded to pass this list on to the next monthly workers and also to remember to water the plants in the Prayer Room in mid-week. Also, Virginia Massey brought in reservation cards for Terrific Tuesdays and asked the Guild members to keep the red attendance books at the end of each pew well supplied with them.

Robin Drew has resigned from the Guild and a note of appreciation was written by the corresponding secretary for her help in the past.

The subject of having the acolytes extinguish the candles but not the flames at the end of the service was reintroduced. This time it was agreed to try having the flame leave the Sanctuary as a symbol of taking the light and love of God out to the rest of the world. This will be done on Rally Day, September 8th, for the first time.

Plans to put green swags on the balcony are still in progress. It was suggested that permanent greenery be used rather than live greens for safety reasons.

In September Gloria Johnson and Lib Young will serve as workers; in October, Lillian Anderson, Eugenia Dixon and Sara Jeffreys; in November, Judy Browning, Mary John Caldwell and Ellen Cheek; in December, Tamela Davis, Joanne Mentzer and Edna Christmas. Sarah reminded all members to be prepared to sign up for 1986 duty roster at the October meeting which will be Tuesday, October 22 in the Library at 10:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary F. Jones, Secretary pro-tem
Sarah McCracken
Sarah McCracken, Chairman