

Altar Guild Annual Report Year Ending 2024

The Altar Guild is a very dedicated group of women and men who set up the church for weekly services. They also set up for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and special occasions.

This was a year of loss at St. Martin's and I pray that next year will be much better. Memorial services were held for June Edwards, Harriet Clark, Joan Fricke, Edward Leonard, Jr., Kay Fletcher, Michael McCann, Jr., and John Calhoun.

On a much happier note, the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson came to St. Martin's for a large group of baptisms and confirmations on Sunday, July 7! Those that were baptized are as follows: John Sykes Alden, Ryleigh Anne Finnerty, and Parker Lee Finnerty. Those who were confirmed and received are as follows: Ginger Cornelius, Barbara Hankemeyer, Jim Hankemeyer, Al Kelley, Laura Kelley, Ron McNutt, Jan Guenther, Nancy Scheibal, and Candy Tierney. What a wonderful day! We had two more baptisms at the end of October that Mother Leslie presided over for Nuri and Nora Guneyli.

The Altar Guild is a wonderful group of 10 parishioners: Page Andersen, Becky McCoy Brewer, D'Arcy Elsperman, Mike Kelly, Paula Kelly, Angela Logan, Leslie Pattengill, Candy Tierney, Beverly Weaver, and me. Also included is our dear emeritus member Ruth Minster! She has continued to offer her help, support, and knowledge, which is greatly appreciated, throughout the year. We are blessed to have her on our team.

St. Martin's also hosted the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Together with the Renewal of Baptism & Ordination of Vows, celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson.

And I would be amiss if I did not include Lincoln Drake, he is always there with a helping hand. As is Scott Pattengill, especially at Easter when he changes all the draping on what seems to be a daily basis. And last but certainly not least, my husband, Jim, is always there when I need a helping hand.

The Altar Guild and I appreciate everything everyone does, when asked to help. Especially with the Greening of the Church as well as the de-greening! Thank You!

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hankemeyer