

**ANNUAL REPORT ON ST. CLARE'S ALTAR GUILD
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THANKSGIVING:

St Clare's Altar Guild owes its existence, most of its assets and even, in large part, its present organizational form to some wonderful St. David's pioneers like Nancy Tuttrup, Ruth Nelson and Phyllis & Ellerd Hulbert. I always like to begin my report with a special thanksgiving for all that they have meant to this parish and the community.

The Altar Guild corpus took a 'great leap forward' this year with your generous gifts in honor of my imminent retirement from this job, for which I thank you all again! (The deposit wasn't credited to the AG's account until after 1/1/11, so isn't reflected in this report. If you are interested in further donations to increase the Altar Guild's income-earning assets, please let Faye or Ann know.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

During 2010, 22 members of the parish served on various committees of the Altar Guild. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation for their faithful and willing service! Thank you all! You make being chairperson a non-job and a real pleasure! I have enjoyed every bit of it, but I'm also grateful to be passing on the torch to Ann Hallyburton and Faye Jacobson, who've agreed to co-steer the Altar Guild into this new decade.

AG members perform these very basic jobs every time there is a service here. Sharing the responsibilities is part of what we're so good at here at St.David's, so I know Ann & Faye will be appreciate anyone who would like to add their name to the AG roster. As Maggie put it in a recent newsletter, the more members we have, the easier the job is for all.

The duties are not onerous! Each member chooses a committee they'd like to serve on; responsibilities are divided into four areas: the Holy Communion Committee is responsible for preparing the altar for the Eucharist; the members of the Flower Committee rotate doing altar flowers; the third group washes and irons Eucharistic linens; and the fourth bakes communion bread.

In addition to donating their time & talents, members donate the costs of communion wine and bread and most of the altar flowers

As I say every year, we are an equal opportunity employer. ALL persons are welcome in our membership. On-the-job training is provided for new members. Other pluses: no dues and no meetings! If you'd like to add service on the Altar Guild to your other gifts to St. David's, please speak up!

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Beginning Balance, 1/1/10 (Checking + CD)		\$15,577.28
Income		
Memorial contributions & Other Donations	\$1,015.00	
Calendars	40.00	
Votive Candle Stand	10.00	
Interest	21.20	
	TOTAL	+ 1,086.20
Expenses ¹		
Flowers (St. David's Day & Easter)	244.86	
Candles & wafers	70.02	
Calendars	32.00	
Postage	7.47	
	TOTAL	- 354.35
Ending Balance, 12/31/10 (Checking & CD)		\$16,309.13