

St. Clare's Altar Guild Report 2017

St. David's Altar Guild currently has 20 active members. The Altar Guild ministry is divided into 4 groups: Altar preparation for Sunday services as well as any special service, linens, flower arranging, and baking bread for the Eucharist. In addition to donations of time and talent, members of the Altar Guild donate the Communion wine, communion bread and most of the altar flowers.

This year began with the memorial service for Alice Mason, our Deacon, who was advisor, mentor and supporter of all of us who serve St. Claire's Altar Guild. In August, Charles Pringle who was our Verger in training and an active member of our Altar Guild returned home to care for his elderly mother. They were both invaluable to our Guild and are missed.

Charles donated a beautiful cremains pall as a parting gift to St. David's. Just prior to the beginning of Advent the new hangings woven by a former member, Neal Howard, were dedicated to Michael Hudson in recognition of his 25 year ministry at St. David's. Much needed Chalice palls were purchased by individual members.

The full Financial Report is available on St. David's website but in summary: We had \$2,753.00 in Memorial, Flower and other contributions. Our expenses included flowers for Easter and Christmas, purchase of candles for Advent and Christmas, church year calendars and the Altar linens, hangings, and banner repair. Our checking account balance at the end of 2017 was \$2,206.52. We also hold a \$15,000.00CD used as an endowment fund for the Altar Guild. The current value of the CD as of 12/31/17 is \$15,569.72.

If you are interested in this ministry, or think you might be, please contact Muff or me. Come see what we do with no commitment and find out if it might be a fit.