

## ALTAR GUILD 2008

According to early Constitution and By-Laws for Altar Guilds, the Altar Guild is to be composed of Women (and now men) Communicants of the Parish, organized by the Rector for the reverent care of the Sanctuary, the Sacred Vessels and Vestments.

During 2008, the Altar Guild of Trinity Episcopal Church has continued this tradition. The work of the Altar Guild has included maintenance of the choir, sanctuary and sacristy areas, cleaning and polishing of the brass and silver used during Eucharist, weddings, baptisms and funerals, and setting up and taking down the Sacred Vessels and linens used during Holy Communion. In addition, the Altar Guild has supervised the decoration of the church during the Easter and Christmas season and returning the Church to proper decorum after the holiday seasons. As this is a big undertaking for the four of us to do, we would really like to encourage each and every one of you to please try and help us out, especially during the Christmas season.

The Altar Guild has fulfilled its responsibility for the care and cleaning of all the sacred vessels, linens and vestments used during the services, ordering the supplies used for communion, including, wine, wafers and candles for the altar, and ordering flowers for Easter and Christmas. The Guild has insured that the flower chart is posted and that the flower liners are taken to the florist, of the church members choice, for delivery for the next Sunday's service. The Guild also insures that palms are prepared for Palm Sunday.

Our work is particularly critical during weddings, funerals or baptisms, when we are responsible for making sure that everything is in place before the function, and that everything is properly taken care of after the event is over.

This year's altar guild members were Sis Falor, who passed away in February of 2008, Margie Houseman, Jill Knaggs, Sally Schlee, and Bev Seling .

If anyone else would like to join the Guild, please let one of use know, we can always use more help.

Faithfully,

Jill Knaggs  
Altar Guild Chair