

# Altar Guild

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Purpose/Goals of Ministry: What is to be accomplished by this ministry team?	To enable the congregation to focus on the worship experience by preparing the worship space to be aesthetically pleasing and by making sure that the appropriate items are in place each Sunday and during the various seasons of the church year.
What talents, skills, and spiritual gifts would be helpful to this ministry?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desire to serve and a heart for worship.</li> <li>• Flower arranging, visual design, gardening, climbing ladders, decorating</li> </ul>
Time Commitment: When & how often do you meet? What other time commitments are there?	Once per quarter – more often as needed. There are weekly responsibilities for different parties. During Advent there are several decorating days.
What specific responsibilities do members of this team have?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making sure that the appropriate paraments (pulpit &amp; lectern covers) are in place depending on the season of the church year.</li> <li>• Filling the candles with oil.</li> <li>• Making sure that a flower or living centerpiece is present.</li> <li>• Designing and putting in place banners, altar displays, and other visual worship aids during the various seasons of the church year.</li> <li>• In conjunction with communion stewards, purchasing and setting up communion elements.</li> </ul>
Connections: What other ministry teams does this team work with directly?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ushers, Acolytes, Pastors, Choir, and Communion Stewards</li> <li>• We also work with other ministry groups so that they can provide altar arrangements that promote or highlight various ministries (e.g., In Stiches, Growing in Grace, Mission teams, Memorials, etc.)</li> </ul>
Mission: How does this ministry team help people to follow Jesus, love others, and change the world?	The Guild helps the congregation focus on the worship experience and leads them to realize that in this place “Something special is going to happen and that this place is full of the energy of God’s presence.” Worship prepares individuals and the body as a whole to be in mission in the world.
Other: What else do we need to know about this ministry team?	This is an excellent ministry for folks who want to serve during day-time hours as arrangements can be set-up during the week. This is also a wonderful ministry for visually creative people eager to share their gifts.
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