

FLOWER GUILD

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The All Saints' Flower Guild serves All Saints' by providing flowers to increase the beauty of our worship space. We provide 2 larger arrangements for the Sunday services in the Church and 2 smaller arrangements for the Chapel for the noon Wednesday service. We also arrange flowers for funerals and wedding at the parishioner's request.

The affordable weekly arrangements (\$75 for 2 Altar arrangements) provide a way for parishioners to honor or memorialize loved ones. This \$75 price is considerably less than the price that a florist would charge for the same arrangements. Donations are made to the All Saints' Flower Guild and flowers are purchased from Magnolia Wholesale Florists. This account pays Magnolia each month for flowers purchased. This is not from the budget provided to the committee.

The 2013 budget for the Flower Guild was \$850. As this report is being written, \$518.61 remains. However, our largest expenses come during the month of December. Flowers for the most Sunday services, funerals and weddings are paid for by donations and do not come from the budget. Palms, flowers for Easter, greens for Lent and Advent, flowers for All Saints' Sunday and Christmas and greenery for Christmas are usually not donated items and are paid for by the budget provided to the committee. The budget also provides funds for the oasis and other supplies needed for the arrangements. This year, in addition to typical supplies needed, we purchased 4 small containers for the arrangements for the Chapel. We plan to purchase 2 or 4 containers for the Church in 2014.

The All Saints' Flower Guild committee has several members that work individually or in teams. We are always interested in new members and will provide on the job training for those interested.

The flower guild often takes Sunday flowers that cannot be used the next week to parishioners or family members that are ill or shut-in. Donated floral vases are used to provide this service.

The Flower Guild works hard to provide beautiful arrangements and remain affordable. We often cut from yards and road sides when possible to reduce costs and keep the necessary donated amount low.

The All Saints' Flower Guild thank all All Saints' parishioners for your donations and your trust for us to provide you with arrangements that honor/memorialize your loved ones. We look forward to serving you in 2014.