

FLOWER GUILD

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This is the hardest report to write. 2020 has been so difficult for all, but the Flower Guild and all members of All Saints' and Christ the King lost a wonderful friend and member. Tom Evans, co-chair of the Flower Guild passed away in August. He was more than a "co-chair". He was our mentor and friend. We all learned a great deal about how to make beautiful arrangements to further beautify the church and honor our Creator. As the Flower Guild members worked on flowers for the Christmas Eve service, there was a great deal of talk about Tom and making him proud. Of course, the wonderful members rose to the occasion.

They rose to the occasion all year as we continued to make beautiful arrangements for in person and virtual services. After the service, altar arrangements are broken down to small arrangements for the CARE team to take to those who are house bound, sick, or grieving.

In June, Tom and I talked about changes that the Flower Guild may be facing. Of course, losing him was not in those plans. One of the plans that we discussed was to increase the donation for flowers. Currently set at \$75 per week, we considered raising it to \$85. For now, with the difficulty many are facing, we chose to keep the donation price at \$75 and strive to be good stewards of that money for as long as possible before we raise the donation amount. Changes for weddings: The Flower Guild will continue to do altar arrangements but do not have the depth to provide other flower arrangements and services. There were other changes discussed that will take more time to implement.

It was my honor to serve as co-chair with Tom. We made a good team. He was the creative genius, and I was the reigns that kept his vision alive but realistic. 😊

I want to thank the wonderful members of the Flower Guild for giving their time and talent to All Saints' and Christ the King.

Flower guild members: Carol Alvis, Rick Armstrong, Tricia Edmondson, Manuela Wilson Hayden, Bud Nelson, Amanda Parker, and Donna Timmons. We welcome Amanda, our newest member.