



Flower Guild Blooms,

Eager to Welcome More Volunteers

When Linda Hanks chaired the Worship Committee more than six years ago, she organized the Floral Guild to create arrangements for services each Sunday.

"I envisioned a group of volunteers who would not only buy and arrange flowers but also deconstruct the large arrangements and create small bouquets for hospitalized members or shut-ins," said Linda.

"We often cut flowers and greenery from our own yards or the church grounds to help accent the designs," said member Dianne Barkley.

These beautiful floral arrangements are featured weekly during 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship. And each week, the thoughtfully arranged flowers hold significant new meaning for our congregants. Shallowford members may donate and dedicate an arrangement throughout the year on any given Sunday.

Dedications are often made in honor of wedding anniversaries, the birth of a new baby, the death of a loved one, and celebrations and remembrances of any kind.

"We love being part of this ministry," said Linda. "The guild currently includes Linda, Dianne, Carolyn Fairey, Joan Groover, Cathy Palmer, Ellen Roberts, and Jan Shabazz. Contact any one of us, or call (404-321-1844) to learn more or to sponsor an arrangement."

"The success of our efforts and the bonds we have formed while working together has exceeded my expectations," she continued. "We welcome others to grow this ministry. If they have a love of flowers, we'll teach them the rest. In addition to arranging, we need more volunteers with the flexibility to help deliver the small bouquets."

Early on, Linda brought in a floral designer to conduct a workshop for interested volunteers. The guild took off from there. Work starts on Friday when someone purchases flowers and supplies from a floral supply house. Members arrive Saturday morning to plan and execute Sunday's arrangements.



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