

**ANNUAL MEETING OF DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD  
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
"LINEN LEGACY"  
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 – Hospitality & Registration at 9:30 AM  
DAYSPRING CONFERENCE CENTER – PAVILION "A"**

The registration packet was mailed to all the churches on Monday, February 5. Registration fee of \$15.00 covers lunch and program expenses. Be on the lookout for this information, and encourage your members to attend! We look forward to seeing lots of altar guild members and clergy from throughout the Diocese.

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**FROM THE DESK OF SARAH . . .**

Here we are in a new year, planning for our annual Altar Guild meeting in March, and anticipating a busy summer with the Province IV Altar Guild meeting at Kanuga in June and the big National Altar Guild Association meeting which is part of our Episcopal Triennial at Austin Texas in July.

On our diocesan level, we are happy to have our plans in place for our Diocesan Altar Guild meeting on March 10 at DaySpring. This year we will have one of our newer young priests as our celebrant and I know you will all enjoy meeting **The Rev. Canon Katie Churchwell** who is at the Cathedral. We are offering a program that is both practical and fascinating. Many of you enjoy sewing and even have made vestments and other paraments for the church. This year we are going to offer a talk about the use of linen throughout the very long history of the church and the role it plays in our liturgy. We will also have tables featuring practical tips about laundry and ironing plus making your own linens. You will have a chance to ask lots of questions and we plan to send you home with a very comprehensive resource list to aid you in every aspect of your Altar Guild ministry. Don't miss this most informative day.

In June we will have Part III of the **Province IV Altar Guild** "Art in Worship" program at Kanuga. It will include more about the role music plays in our worship, a chance to see the most original needlepoint you may ever see and inspiration for those who also do flowers but this time using native greens and plants. The conference will be June 3-6 at Kanuga, Hendersonville, North Carolina. We have plenty to inspire you and hope you will photograph your needlepoint and bring pictures to share -- bring interesting pieces with you if you can. Every church is different and you will learn a lot!

Then, the **Triennial Meeting** is in Austin, Texas this time from July 5-12. Our Altar Guild program is separate and full of interesting sessions and totally inspiring!

There is some money available to help with registering for these programs so don't hesitate to inquire.

You will see that our diocese now has a new treasurer (see P. 2). **Susan Regan** is a long time member of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, and serves on their Altar Guild as Co-Director with Sarah Hill. She is a retired CPA so she is eminently qualified to handle our funds! Susan will be installed as Treasurer at the Annual Meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will miss **Peggy Curlin** but are so thankful Susan has accepted the call. Peggy now lives in Charlotte NC and will still be part of Province IV as well as the national board! We wish you well, dear friend.

Hope to see you soon!

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## MEET OUR NEW TREASURER



**SUSAN REGAN** is a “cradle” Episcopalian who was baptized at St. Peter’s (now the Cathedral Church of St. Peter) 69 years ago. Her mother, **Annis deBrigard**, was also baptized at St. Peter’s in 1924. After Susan’s family spent the first decade of her life in Lansing, Michigan, they moved back to St. Petersburg. By then, Susan’s grandmother, **Grace McLean**, had been sent out to help develop St. Bede’s, so the family joined St. Bede’s for a number of years.

Susan has two brothers: **Scott** and **Stephen Fluharty**. Scott lives in Washington. Stephen lives in Tampa, and attends St. John’s with his family. He has served on St. John’s Vestry and is very active in ministry there. After Susan’s father died at the age of 59, her mother made it possible to have St. Thomas Chapel at DaySpring named in his memory (see article about St. Thomas Chapel in the 2016-1 issue of the **AltarGram**).

Susan married **Jack Regan** in 1975. They attended Holy Cross for a few years and finally “came home” to the Cathedral, where she has been a member of the Altar Guild for a number of years. In addition to her regular altar guild duties she makes up the duty roster each month -- not the easiest task with daily Eucharist services, in addition to the Sunday services and “brass & candles”. Susan also participates as a Lay Reader and a volunteer at “Messy Church”, VBS, and LIGHT Dinners. On almost every Friday night, you will find Susan and her husband in Harvard Family Hall at the Cathedral, continuing the movie ministry started by the late long-time parishioner, **Dr. Eddy Burns**.

Susan attended DePauw University. She graduated from the University of Florida with a BFA in Art History, and later obtained a degree in Accounting from the University of South Florida. Susan retired this past December, after having worked as a Certified Public Accountant at the same firm for 26 years. She is looking forward to her new job as Treasurer of the Diocesan Altar Guild.

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## DUES REMINDER FROM THE BOARD

Dues notices were mailed out in January. Please pay your **2018 Diocesan Altar Guild Dues** now (so our new Treasurer doesn’t have to pester you).

- **Dues for a church are \$20.00**
- **Dues for a mission are \$10.00**

Make check payable to:

**Altar Guild, Diocese of SWFL**

Put “Altar Guild Dues” on the “FOR” line, and send payment to:

Diocese of Southwest Florida  
ATTN: Diocesan Altar Guild  
8005 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Parrish FL 34219-9405

## CHURCHES AROUND THE DIOCESE . . .

### Good Samaritan Episcopal Church (Clearwater Deanery) 2165 NE Coachman Road, Clearwater Florida 33765



The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan was founded in 1957. The current Parish House first served as the Sanctuary from early 1957 through spring 1964. In May 1964 the Sanctuary was completed and dedicated. It is designed in the shape of an inverted ark (an alternate design to the more familiar long nave with transepts forming the shape of a cross). The beautiful stained glass windows represent the “Works of Mercy” which seems fitting for a church named Good Samaritan.

- **Vision:** To be “a house of prayer for all people”. (*Isaiah 56:7*).
- **Mission:** To share Jesus by reaching out to others through Christian Love, Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, and Prayer (paraphrased from *Acts 2:42*)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan is very blessed to have as its part-time priest-in-charge the **Very Rev. Brian Beno**. In October 2016 Father Beno and his wife **Terry Hansen-Beno** came to Good Samaritan from the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Currently in mission status, Good Samaritan has a small but vibrant congregation of approximately 120 members. It has an active choir and a handbell ensemble, and occasionally puts on special programs for the community in addition to providing beautiful music for church services. Good Samaritan’s Altar Guild has six members. Although she credits the Holy Spirit as the real director, **Lillian Jones** has served as AG directress for at least 20 years, and continues to love this ministry. Lillian and another stalwart faithfully handle the 8:00 service and set up for the 10:00 service. Other members take turns for the 10:00 service so no one else has to be on duty every Sunday.

There are two Sunday Liturgies at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM. A great fellowship hour follows the 10:00 AM Service. Wednesdays at 10:00 AM Morning Prayer with Holy Eucharist is held in the Chapel. Choir Rehearsals are on Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 PM, with Handbell Rehearsal following from 8:00-9:00 PM. Thursdays at 6:00 PM is Centering Prayer in the Chapel. Bishop’s Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Office Hours are 9:00 AM -12 Noon Monday – Friday.

Thrift Shop Hours are 12 Noon-4:00 PM every Tuesday through Saturday. Good Samaritan’s Thrift Shop is staffed by dedicated volunteers and provides a wonderful service to the community. Ten per cent of shop proceeds are tithed back to the church, with the remainder supporting outreach projects or special needs that arise in the church.

Good Samaritan has a very active ECW branch and a dedicated chapter of the Daughters of the King (DOK). The church is a supporting congregation of FAST (Faith & Action for Strength Together), a Pinellas County ecumenical ministry for social justice.

**Thanks to Jan Sessions & Lillian Jones for providing information!**

**'ALTARGRAM'**

The 'Altargram' goes out by email to the Altar Guild Director of each parish in the Diocese (or to Church Office or Rector if no email address available for AG Director). **PLEASE PRINT A COPY OF THE 'ALTARGRAM' AND POST IT IN YOUR AG SACRISTY**, and forward an electronic copy by email to as many members of your Altar Guild as possible. **Send any changes in email addresses to [pcurlin@outlook.com](mailto:pcurlin@outlook.com) until a new Editor is found.** **SUBMIT ARTICLES** by email to any Board member.



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**SAT. MARCH 10, 2018**  
**ANNUAL MEETING OF DIOCESAN ALTAR GUILD**  
Dayspring Conference Center – Pavilion "A"  
8411 – 25<sup>th</sup> Street East, Parrish FL  
Registration & hospitality opens at 9:30 AM.

**SAT. JUNE 03 to WED. JUNE 06, 2018**  
**PROVINCE IV ALTAR GUILD CONFERENCE**  
Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville NC  
(See Sarah's column on P. 1)

**THURS. JULY 5 to FRI. JULY 13, 2018**  
**79<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CONVENTION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Austin, Texas

**FRI. JULY 6 to WED. JULY 11, 2018**  
**NATIONAL ALTAR GUILD ASSOCIATION TRIENNIAL MEETING**  
Austin, Texas

**SUN. AUG. 19 to FRI. AUG. 24, 2018**  
**2018 FAITH, ART & CREATIVE EXPRESSION: A Liturgical Arts Conference**  
Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville NC

**DAG WEBPAGE:**

To visit the DAG webpage, go to the Diocesan website ([www.episcopalswfl.org](http://www.episcopalswfl.org)) and hold your cursor over "Mission and Ministries" and then click on "Diocesan Altar Guild."

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**HELP WANTED: Secretary. Deanery Directors for the Naples, St. Petersburg, and Venice areas. Editor of AltarGram.**

*If you love Altar Guild and enjoy sharing ideas, there are plenty of (unpaid) opportunities for you!*

*Secretary keeps minutes of Board meetings and Annual meeting.*

*Deanery Directors are members of the DAG Board and are encouraged to attend the quarterly Board meetings at DaySpring. Primary responsibility is to maintain phone or email contact with the altar guilds of the churches in your Deanery to let each other know what is going on.*

*Editor of AltarGram collects news from around the Diocese and shares it in newsletter – basic computer skills very helpful!*

***If interested, contact Sarah at (727) 525-8340.***