

## St. David's Ushers Guild

Annual Report 2009

Every Sunday at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, two ushers warmly welcome (with a smile), each person as he/she enters the sanctuary and offers a copy of the service bulletin (with all the inserts for that service). Presently, we have twenty active, dedicated ushers at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. They are: *Judy Battiste, Herbert Bynoe, Rudy Canzater, Pat Cokley, Cynthia Goines, Francis Goodwin, DeNell Hickman, Loretta Johnson, Gerald Martin, Henry Marshall, Gwendolyn Parker, Milton Parker, Beverly Ray, Joseph Ray, Arabella Tate, Ronald Turner, Dorothy Walker, Rudolph Wise and Annie Kelley.* This is a wonderful ministry of hospitality and our ushers find their work to be very satisfying and rewarding. We are blessed to have all of them to actively participate in the overall functioning of our church.

*The responsibilities of the Ushers* include arriving thirty minutes prior to the service to verify the presence of the offering plates in the nave, and the wine and water at their respective stations in the narthex. Ushers welcome each person to St. Luke's Church as he or she arrives at the door; helping latecomers enter the service at a non-disruptive time, distributes bulletins, collect the offering, provide a count for the Clergy on the number of people attending the service and direct the congregation to the Altar for Holy Eucharist. After the service, ushers will ask the guest to sign the guest book and inform the priest of any new guest/visitor.

*Membership* of this Guild is open to regularly attending members of St. Luke's Episcopal Church who subscribes to the mission of the Guild. No dues required. Members of this Guild sponsor at least one fellowship annually in October honoring the inception of the St. David's Usher's Guild, started on October 30, 2001. *This year, marks our eighth year as a Guild at St. Luke's Church.*

*Meetings* are held bi- annually, or as called by the chairperson. A schedule is issued every three-six months and continues to work well for the majority. If you are a member looking for a way to get more involved in the life of the parish, why not consider this ministry? We welcome newcomers. If interested in joining this ministry, please contact Ann Kelley, the church office or any one of the ushers.

Annie Palmer Kelley, Chairperson