

Church of the Resurrection Parish Volunteer Recognitions: October 2019



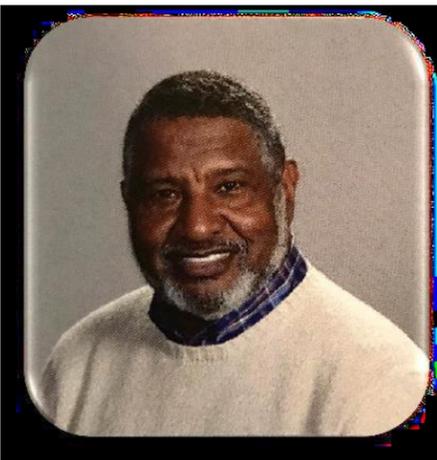
The Choir and Minister of Music, David Fowler (Nominated by Rev. Mr. Royce Winters)

We simply could not have good liturgies without the commitment of the choir and David Fowler. Their commitment of time to rehearse and minister at weekend Masses and funerals is truly a gift from God.



Michaelle Jones (Nominated by Cheryl Staples)

I've long admired Michaelle and her stewardship to our church. She is a devoted and hard worker in all the many ministries she serves: the choir, Women's Group, Homebound Ministry, Stewardship Council, MLK "Keep the Dream Alive" Committee, preparer and server of food, counter, etc. She unselfishly gives of her time and talent, always.



Stephen Meniffee (Nominated by Marcia Allen)

Stephen is a devoted choir member who uses his time, talent, and resources to glorify God and to be a blessing to other people. Besides singing baritone in the choir with a beautiful, powerful voice, he can be seen working diligently in the kitchen at Lenten Fish Fries and Holy Thursday simple suppers in addition to working for hours in the food booth at Jazz on the Lawn.

Stephen serves as one of the leaders of the Repast team, organizing set-up, food and beverage, clean-up and always staying until the end to ensure that everything is cleaned and put away. Many times being one of the last people to leave. He also helps out where needed for the Food Pantry.

Stephen shares his gift as a "Prayer Warrior." He often enlists the prayers (via text messages) of those who pray unceasingly for others who are going through storms and illnesses, trials and tribulations, and the challenges of daily living. Stephen cares for us. He gives freely and he is dedicated to service in our church and the community. His commitment to service and his example of leadership are truly appreciated. I am grateful for Stephen and honored to call him friend.



Prayer Shawl Ministry (Nominated by Pam Heydt)

I want EVERYBODY to know about this ministry which prepares shawls for the sick. Each shawl is prayed over by its maker while it is being created, and each shawl is further blessed by a priest before it is presented for spiritual and physical comfort. Many recipients have provided testimony on the benefits of these shawls. Ministry members are **Fern Adams, Harriet Broyles, Curry Burnam, Joyce Coleman, Phyllis Kelly, June Landrum-Springer, Shari Palmer, Betty Richard, and Mary Stewart**. The late **Deborah Shipps** also was a member of this special ministry.

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Norma Payne Richardson and Ronald Richardson (Nominated by Marcia Allen)



Norma and Ron are a dedicated and committed couple who have been married for over fifty years. Their devotion to one another is evidenced by their devotion and faithfulness to the Church of the Resurrection. Initially, they served diligently as leaders of the Bereavement Committee under the leadership of the late Bro. Hugh Henderson for more than seven years. During that time they consoled, comforted and personally served over one hundred families who mourned the loss of loved ones.

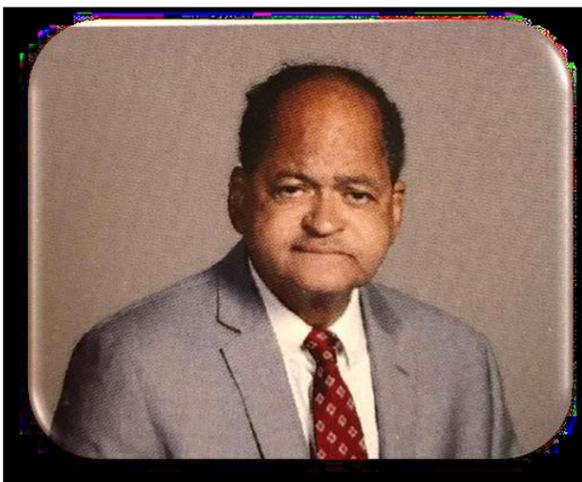
During their tenure they planned and orchestrated the liturgical Mass or order of service by contacting and providing sacristans, readers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, and ushers/greeters. They sometimes worked with the funeral home, providing direction for the family members. Norma and Ron have spent countless hours soliciting volunteers to provide food, drink and food service for repasts.

Their loyal services are appreciated and inspire all of us to be willing workers who profess their love of God by their service to others. As a focal point of their leadership, they tried to establish a personal relationship with their committee members by getting to know them as individuals who are needed and valued. Their leadership is an example of teamwork. They would always go the extra mile to get the job done with a sincere sense of passion and excellence.



Tess Wilfong (Nominated by Mary Helen Leitzinger)

We've all been touched by the photography of Tess. She's there for every parish celebration, recording memories for anyone willing to stand and say "cheese" for her. A few days later, she'll quietly present you with a well-composed picture of your shining moment in the parish. Tess is an example to the rest of us of generosity and parish support. Her talent and people skills are the ties that help bind our church family.



Thomas Yates (Nominated by Janice Bishop)

Mr. Yates represents commitment, dependability and dedication to his ministry as an usher. Mr. Yates impacts others as he humbly and quietly carries out his role each week.

We are called by God to love and serve others. I feel that Mr. Yates emulates these qualities in a manner that far exceeds many of us as Liturgical Ministers.