From Our Chaplain

What’s Ordinary about Prayer, Service and Evangelism

A few Sundays ago, many of us wore red to church. The altar was bedecked in red, the clergy wore red stole and chasuble. It was Pentecost!

But now, with the exception of certain feast days, the church wears green. Green connotes the new life of Spring, leaves on the trees and sprouting shrubs and bushes. Green brings to heart and mind a revelation of the three persons of the Trinity.

When we see the natural world grow green with leaves, vines, and crops within the late Spring and Summer months, our soul is aroused with hope and life, as “the green blade riseth.” Green represents our own spiritual growth in Christ.

This green season of the Sundays after Pentecost is known as ordinary time - the word “ordinary” means “ordered” or numbered, for example, “The 10th Sunday after Pentecost.”

This season focuses on the three-year period of our Lord’s public ministry and so the Sunday Gospel passages tell of Jesus’ deeds - teachings, miracles, exorcisms. Those events bring us as Daughters of the King much assurance of salvation.

With Prayer, Service and Evangelism in the forefront, we focus on the life of our Lord when he walked on this earth, as well as our own lives in the community and sacraments of the Church. Green symbolizes such hope and life, just as buds of green on trees in early Spring stimulate the joy of budding life. Even though the season after Pentecost may seem to be interminable, we affectionately temper it with Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

In the summer’s heat, we pray for those who have no relief from it. We pray for those who are ill and for those who grieve.

We serve those less fortunate by offering shade to engender their hope and to foster their prayers.

Lastly, evangelism transpires from our living a conspicuous life in Christ. Our joy in living and believing inspires others to seek the same.

Ordinary Time, or the Sundays after Pentecost, also recollects Christ’s reign as King of kings, and so the feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday before Advent crowns the season of Ordinary Time.

May all of you prosper during this season extraordinarily.

The Rev. Dr. Bindy Snyder
Diocesan Chaplain
Dear Sisters,
I hope you have had a restful and cool Pentecost season so far. We have lots of exciting events planned for the Fall, and I know you will want to attend what you can.

- Our art project, from Spring Assembly at St. George’s, will be installed and celebrated at a reception on Sunday, August 13, at 3 pm. The celebration will be at the Room In the Inn (RITI) office cottage. Please plan to attend with your chapters, and bring a finger food to share. Also, please feel free to invite any friends and neighbors interested in the mission of RITI, regardless of church affiliation. All are welcome! Please see the invitation below, and feel free to print out and share.

- We will hold a PLARN workshop at St. Elisabeth’s Church, on Saturday, August 19 at 10 am. We have LOTS of plastic bags ready for the workshop, so all you will need to bring is a pair of scissors and a “P” crochet hook. These hooks are inexpensive and can be purchased at Walmart or Michaels, or other craft shops. We will have some expert crocheters to help us get going. Please invite any friends and neighbors who might be interested. We have always seen our PLARN sleeping mats as a community project and we hope to involve all interested persons.

- The Fall Assembly will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 at 9:30 am at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Again, we will be celebrating the Martyrs of Memphis Holy Day, with brief business meeting, a program led by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Jackson from Sewanee, Eucharist and a delicious lunch. As usual, the cost will be $20.00 and reservations will be sent to treasurer Judyth Wilson, with a deadline of Sept. 6.

- Fall Kanuga, the annual Province IV meeting, will be held Monday, Oct. 2 through Thursday, Oct. 5. It is always beautiful at Kanuga in the Fall. The worship, preaching, teaching, Bible study and fellowship are also wonderful, so I hope you will attend if you can.

Last of all, I want to thank all of you for your prayers on my behalf as I have gone through a Bone Marrow Transplant. It isn't over yet, but I am hopeful that I will soon be well again. I am looking forward to being with you soon.

Love,

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Lydia Gibson,
President, West Tennessee DOK Assembly

Chapter presidents: Please send Jessica Heckle all dates you are planning for quiet days, study days, service days, etc.
Spring Assembly April 29th
St. George’s Episcopal Church

Our keynote speaker Alise Davis sharing with us all about Room In The Inn.

Joy Chapter at Calvary Church is a very active group. Linda Nelson reports that they have recently elected new officers for a two-year term, and are offering several opportunities for interested candidates to explore becoming daughters. A training/discernment process will be offered in the Fall. Their "Take Them A Meal" program provides meals for parishioners and friends during times of extended illness. This involves preparing, freezing, and delivering the food. These daughters are looking forward to their annual Quiet Morning in preparation for the season of Advent. They are also busy making "plarn" that is then crocheted into sleeping mats for the homeless.

St. Mary of Magdala Chapter at St. Andrew's also has several wonderful projects planned. Their new President, Mary Lee, reports that they will feed a group of challenged young adults known as Special Friends on October 29th. They donated their monthly love offering to their Chapter Chaplain for his discretionary fund for both outreach and in reach. In December they will host their parish's Advent Retreat. Joanna Siebert, who spoke at our most recent Fall Assembly, has agreed to return as keynote speaker. The chapter will continue its support of the annual Angel Tree event in December.

St. Andrew’s lunch with Fr. David:

Would you like to feature your Chapter’s service in the next newsletter? We would love to hear from you. Just e-mail to MargaretBDean@gmail.com
Dear Sisters,

Please plan to attend our party with as many of your chapter members as you can gather. Please bring some finger food and drinks to make our party more festive!

Come help us celebrate this lovely wall decoration at the RITI Cottage, 2331 S. Germantown Rd. The Party will be Sunday afternoon, August 13 at 3 pm. Come see the art, visit with friends, and celebrate the work you have been doing with Room in the Inn. The Art Wall was created to honor RITI by the Daughters of the King, a Holy Order in the Episcopal Church. Come enjoy a cool drink, a yummy cookie and some lovely art on August 13!

Save the Dates!

Sunday, August 13, 3:00 p.m. - Room in the Inn Art Project Celebration
Saturday, August 19, 10:00 a.m. - Plarn Workshop, St. Elisabeth’s Church
Saturday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. - Fall Assembly at St. Mary’s Cathedral
October 2 - 5 - Province IV Assembly at Kanuga Conference Center
More Spring Assembly
Daughters hard at work on our art project.

More artwork!

Would you like to learn how to crochet? How about learning to make PLARN (plastic yarn)?
Would you like to make Plarn sleeping mats for the homeless in Memphis?
Would you enjoy a fun morning of fellowship with DOK sisters, friends and neighbors?

Please join us for a PLARN WORKSHOP
At

St. Elisabeth’s Episcopal Church
Saturday, August 19, 2017, 10 am
6033 Old Brownsville Rd

St. Elisabeth’s is right next to the St. Columba Conference Center in Bartlett.
From the north loop of I-40, turn off on Jackson N. Stay on Austin Peay for 6 miles. Turn right on Old Brownsville Rd.
Please bring:
Scissors
#9 crochet hook (available at Walmart, Michaels, or other craft shop
Any plastic bags you want to recycle into mats

SISTERS:
Please invite any friends and neighbors who would enjoy this activity. We have always thought of this as a community concern, not limited to DOKs.

COME and ENJOY!