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This has been a very challenging year for all of us. With thousands of COVID related deaths, wildfires, floods,

earthquakes, racial unrest, massive unemployment, global warming and a clearly divided public, it would be easy for us to yearn for an escape from reality, to lose hope, or fall deeply into depression due to the sheer magnitude, speed, and force of the devastation. And yet, in the midst of all this, I am deeply touched by the resilience and consistent, generous struggle of human beings to promote life, justice,



and well-being for all people: their loved ones and neighbors as well as strangers and foreigners. Daily, with very little public recognition, people like you and me, both Christian and non-Christian, work quietly to foster positive change because they believe in and value something. What they believe in or how they express that belief may vary, but their commitment is rooted in their beliefs and values.

Times of crisis help us discern what we really care about, what we will

invest in and perhaps even risk our lives to preserve. We Episcopalians say in our baptismal vows that we will commit ourselves to God, renounce evil, continue in prayer and worship, promote the gospel in our words and actions, seek and serve Christ in all persons, strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. In so doing, we are also saying that we believe God is at work



through us, that love is stronger than hate, and that our lives and what we do with them matters, that we are responsible for each other and for the world we live in.

This Advent, also a season pierced with crisis and calls for repentance as well as prophecies of hope, seems a good time



for us to ponder

what we believe in and value deeply. This year has certainly awakened the value of being personally present and able to touch each other. It has challenged us to find balance in our lives, deal with hardships, and to enjoy the everyday blessings that we often take for granted. I invite you to take stock of this year in your own life. What have your own yearnings and actions revealed to you? Where is your treasure to be found? We can dare to explore this reality, instead of practicing escapism, because we are loved and valued eternally. God in Christ came to tell us that fact and entrusted his life to us to make that love known. May we also make that love incarnate through our lives.

Blessings on you as you ponder,

Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM



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### Associate News

Dear CSM

Associates.

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Pentecost 2020

We, as a church,



Sr. Elizabeth Grace, CSM

was an extraordinary season at the convent, in the church and throughout the world.

I have worshiped several times with Associates, using Zoom. Phone, snail mail, and email have been wonderful ways to communicate with you, our Associates and those interested in CSM.

We received two new Associates at a ZOOM Evensong on All Saints Day.



Rebecca Chappell

John Tackett

Rebecca Chappell and John Tackett are members of St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis. Rebecca has an active ministry of intercession and outreach. John is an architect and has a passion for sacred spaces.

I want to share with you about five of our Associates who have died in the past four months. I was fortunate to know all of them personally. As I read their obituaries, I gave thanks for their lives and their friendship with the Sisters. Each of these persons lived and loved well.

Margaret Squire became an Associate on 9-16-84. She died on August 2. Margaret enthusiastically combined her skills and talents as an artist and teacher with her love for the Lord. She and her husband, Bill, lived in Haiti for four years. While there, she taught visual arts to children, both elementary and high school age.

Elaine Danaher became an Associate on 10-28-02. She died on September 17. I met red-headed Elaine in 2004. She loved God and loved life. She had been a social worker in Michigan. Elaine was a lover of all things Disney. She, in her retirement years, worked at Disneyworld in Florida. I imagine her joy was contagious.

Carole Utlaut became an Associate 5-1-76. She died on October 11. Carole was a gifted seamstress who "sewed for love." She challenged herself and tackled every project her girls could dream up- Halloween costumes, Easter dresses, throw pillows, college room décor...she could never say no to her granddaughters, which left her with a lot more Klondike bars and a few more kittens than needed.

Senter Crook became an Associate on 9-27-87. She died on October 12. Her life task was not to be the best parent, the best wife, the best Director of Christian Education, but, rather, to be the best Senter she could be in all the roles that life had given her or that she had assumed. Soon after this realization, Senter chose to go to seminary and became an Episcopal priest.

Margaret Donohue became an Associate on 6-28-03. She died on November 6. Margaret had a deep faith in God and a deep love for the church. She liked to travel, was an accomplished artist, and began her own real estate business. Margaret had a passion for service and helping people in need. We want to thank each of you for your friendship with the Community, and for your life based on love.

Glory to God in the Highest, and to our awesome Associates, here and there!!

- Sr. Elizabeth Grace, CSM

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### **Continuing Service**

Sister Ines continues her life of prayer and service in the Philippines.

Fom June 20th to

August the 8th she



Sr. Ines, CSM

participated in the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (E. C. P.) Virtual Lay Training program.

Sr. Ines continued in the yearly tradition of preparation for All Saints' Day at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin by cleaning the path going to the cemetery as well cleaning the

graves.



We are grateful for the ministry of Sr. Ines!

*Sr. Ines, CSM writing a letter to us* 

# "Reflection on St. Mary's" by former summer intern Edith-Marie Green



Edith-Marie Green

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In March, it was hard to know when everything would get back to "normal," or if it ever would. One of the things that was up in the air was my summer internship at St. Mary's, which I had agreed to do in February. After a period of reflection with my parents, I decided, when the offer was still extended, to come to St. Mary's anyway.

I spent the first two weeks of my internship in quarantine. I wish I could say that quarantine was fun, but it wasn't. I was in an unfamiliar place by myself, and I spent all of my time alone. The small balms during this time were the gorgeous sunsets over the retreat center, the times of solitude in the garden, and cooking in St. Dorothy's Garden Retreat while I listened to music (occasionally using my spatula as a microphone).



Sunset Photo at St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center taken by Edith-Marie Green

However, once quarantine ended (and I tested negative for covid!), my summer really began. I had been told by several people at my home church about how St. Mary's and Sewanee were special places that would get under your skin and stay there, but I didn't really believe those stories until I was living in them.

While the pandemic changed a lot of things about the internship—no communion, no parishioners, no walking around the campus, meeting people-it made a lot of things that much sweeter. When the farmer's market was the only way to meet new folks, I treasured the early Saturday morning hours where I would see some of the priests and friendly faces that would, in better times, frequent St. Mary's. The conversations I had with the Sisters were that much deeper, the companionship built more solidly as we were each other's only company.

There are a thousand stories I could tell to demonstrate what made my time at St. Mary's so special. There were afternoons spent around the lavender bushes, harvesting and telling stories together. There was making jam on Friday afternoons with Sister Elizabeth and Maddy. There was the one time Sister Hannah and I took a drive and ended up getting to pet goats.



*Edith-Marie at the University Farm. Photo taken by Sr. Hannah, CSM* 

There was the week Ellie was adopted, the really bad thunderstorm that knocked out power, convincing the Sisters to watch Mamma Mia for movie night, and breakfast conversations that often ended in laughter.

Interwoven between it all was growth in the spirit. Through my study of the Rule of St. Benedict, my time mediating via scripture, worship in the chapel, and weekly discussions with the Sisters, I began to look inwards and value times of quiet and solace with the spirit. The pandemic has changed and taken away a lot of things, but what it has brought is time for quiet, for peace, and for growth. Times are hard, but the knowledge that there is a God who loves us, who buoys us through the changes and chances of this life, is incredibly comforting.

Photo credit: Edith-Marie Green



My time at St. Mary's was enlightening and fulfilling. I came with a lot of uncertainty—uncertainty that we've all experienced during this unusual time—and left with friends, memories, and a belief that this thing that we are collectively going through right now will end up alright.



Sunset Photo at St. Mary's Sewanee Retreat Center taken by Edith-Marie Green

Since I left St. Mary's in August, my life has sped back up. I'm in my sophomore year of college, and I've been busy with assignments, going to work, going to church, and, of course, going to the classes themselves. I know that the unusual nature of education right now threw me into a tailspin last semester-it was a big unknown. Now, though, I feel bolstered, and there is quiet in my heart. Even on the busy days, I have learned to listen, to ask for help, to be realistic, to be more understanding of others. Although it's only been a few months since I came home, I am already eager to head back to Sewanee and see the people that make up St. Mary's again—I'm pretty sure I left a piece of my heart on the mountain.

## "Reflection on Formation" by Sr. Hannah, CSM



I consider myself greatly blessed in the diversity of experiences I have had in my formation. From private study to seminary, to teaching and preaching, it's

Sr. Hannah, CSM

been an exciting adventure with each opportunity!

When I was a postulant, I was given books to read to learn about the various spiritualty types of different personalities. After the first few months, I felt very grounded in the rhythm of the Daily Office; but this experiential knowledge was only the tip of the iceberg of what was to come. During my postulancy, I had the privilege of having two very informative one-on-one classes here at the convent. One class was Art and Spirituality that was taught by the Rev. Dr. Janet McDonald. I learned ways to connect with God through a variety of mediums such as painting, drawing, sculpting, and making collages. She helped me tap into the creative part of myself that I never knew existed. She taught me the wisdom that we are all, in various ways, called to be cocreators with God. My other class was New Testament with the Rev. Dr. Chris Bryan. I was in various Bible studies in my childhood and early adult life, but this was something completely different. This was an in-depth study of the New Testament. I learned how to exegete a text, how to find different commentaries on the scriptures, and how focus on the Greek and Hebrew words and translations to gain deeper understandings of the variety of meanings that were intended in the New Testament. I gained insight on how to study scripture from a literary, historical, and theological point

of view. I was not aware of all the different layers of the Bible there were to study!

When I became a novice, I became Sister Sacristan. I learned the ins and outs of our chapel, our services, and our liturgy. I studied our Community Customary and worked with the Sisters to understand the intricate details of the colors of the seasons, the meaning behind the icons we use, the liturgies of special feast days, how to choose hymns for all of our services, how to schedule readers and servers, why we observe certain saints' days, and how to schedule priests on our Rota. I gained fresh insight into all of the behind the scenes work for each service. I had valuable conversations and feedback in working with our variety of priests, readers, organists, and servers. It was a whole new complex world for me; but it taught me to have a deeper understanding and appreciation for liturgy and all the work that it involves. I have also continued to learn from our interns when I train them in chapel as they ask me questions and reflect back on their liturgical experiences.



The Rev. Warren Swenson, Sr. Hannah, CSM, and former intern Holly Hayes in the convent chapel sacristy

I have also managed our guest ministries. This has taught me how to live out Benedictine Hospitality. It has been a delight and honor to welcome people from a variety of locations, ages, and life experiences. It has been amazing for me to see how their time staying with us has further connected them to God and provided them with contemplative spaces for spiritual discernment. And, of course, they enjoy our view! They also enjoy (prepandemic) fellowship with others at our breakfast table where I have seen lifelong friendships and connections be created and blossom.



Sr. Hannah, CSM with the T'19 seminary class

A few months after I became a novice, I began to sit in on classes at the seminary at the University of the South. After a year of this, I was encouraged by professors at the seminary to apply for the Master of Arts in Theology (MA) degree. The Community discussed this opportunity and decided I should apply. I am very grateful for this seminary experience. The degree provided me with advanced studies in the Old and New Testament, Church History, Moral Theology, and Systematic Theology. I also took elective courses in liturgy, preaching, environmental ethics, Anglican history, and hymnody. This comprehensive education will continue to serve me and the Community well in our various ministries. I will graduate with this MA degree in December 2020, with a ceremony to follow (hopefully in person) in May 2021.

My formation has also involved thorough study of the Rule of St. Benedict. This has included not only reading the Rule, but commentaries and other books about the Rule. But I believe one of the best ways to learn a topic is to have to teach it. I am on a rotating schedule with the other Sisters to teach our interns our weekly Benedictine reflection class. This has caused me to gain more and more knowledge through the study and discussion on the Rule and its applications. The interns bring with them their own theology and life experiences which help shape how

they learn about the Rule and use it in their lives.

As part of my formation, I have regularly given tours (pre-pandemic) to groups that come to visit the chapel and convent and learn about our ministries. This has given me multiple opportunities to study and share our Community's history and inform people about our current life as well.

I have also routinely preached and taught classes at a variety of parishes, both in and out of state. Within coronatide (the season of COVID), I have preached, taught, and been interviewed about vocation online via Zoom. The pandemic didn't end our ministries, just changed them to be virtual ministries.

There is so much more I could write about the wide variety of formation experiences I have had in the past five years. It would take several newsletters to cover. I am deeply grateful to the Community for providing me with ways to learn, to grow, to be challenged, to teach, and to preach; all of which are opportunities to serve. Formation has helped me discern how my gifts can best serve God in this Community. I look forward to, God willing, making my life profession and continuing to serve here all my days.

> Sr. Madeleine Mary Shares News from CSM

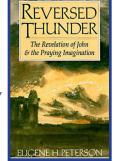
Eugene Peterson in his book, *Reversed Thunder*, says: "In the darkness we are liable to lose perspective and proportion: nightmares terrorize us,



fears paralyze *Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM* us. In the

darkness our imaginations fashion specters. Sounds are ominous. Movements are ghostly. A light that shines in the darkness shows us that the terror and the chaos have no objective reality to them. 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' (John 1:5)....All prophetic and apostolic words converge in this [God's] voice that thunders sounds of passionate love and urgent mercy...."

This quote is part of Peterson's commentary on the Book of Revelation, and so it seems particularly appropriate as we communicate with you in this Advent and reveal what



the Community has been engaged in these past months. Certainly, we all - you and we- have experienced moments of darkness, sadness, loss, and frustration. We have all struggled to discern the truth from projected fear, virtual realities, and angry voices. And occasionally, we have sensed the piercing cry of the helpless, and the "homely heroism" (Baron Von Hugel, *Letters to his Niece*) lived by everyday citizens among us. We, in short, have tried to see the light in the darkness and to be bearers of that light in our world.

The pandemic and our electoral process have drained us all in many ways, but they have not destroyed us. Instead, they have drawn out of us a creativity and strength born out of that "passionate love and urgent mercy" that thunders around us. The Community has been blessed to continue its daily corporate worship with a spiritual communion throughout this time and to pray for many of you. The Sisters have all remained well, and we have all gotten a lot of exercise in caring for our gardens and grounds. We also have ventured into Zoom video conferencing in a big way; Sisters have attended classes; our Advisory

Board has kept its meetings; and the Community has offered programs and quiet days all via Zoom. Though we could not gather for our annual retreat with you all, Barbara Crafton offered us a wonderful quiet morning, entitled "A New Heaven and a New Earth," that helped us acknowledge both the challenges and the blessings of this year. In August, Sr. Hannah was a guest speaker for a class from the University of the South and spoke about Constance and her Companions and about the history of our Community as part of their study of Sewanee history. She also spoke about vocation for the adult education series at St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery, AL, and later was interviewed by the Rev. Melanie Rowell on the same topic for students of Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, GA. Pupils from grades 1-5 also got the chance to ask Sr. Hannah their probing questions about life as a nun. Then in November, she also preached a sermon for the "STEM" churches in our area. Sr. Elizabeth Grace, likewise, joined our Memphis Associates for an online Evening Prayer in celebration of the feast day of St. Mary the Virgin on August 15th. We all recorded portions for the commemoration of the Martyrs of Memphis that were used by St. Mary's Cathedral at which Sr. Hannah also offered a video reflection for the occasion. On that same day, I was also interviewed about the founding of our Community, the Martyrs of Memphis, and religious vocation for an episode of "Between2Priests" on YouTube.



Background for "Between2Priests" Episode 19 on YouTube led by Pastor Terri Peterson and the Rev. Joshua Nelson who interviewed Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM Then on All Saints Day we hosted an online Zoom Evensong with our Memphis Associates and admitted two new Associates: Rebecca Chappell and John Tackett. Alongside all these services, we, likewise, offered two virtual programs: one on Adaptogens, presented by the Herb Girls, and the other, dealing with the Potager and gardens as sanctuaries. We are grateful for the gifts of Eileen (neé Schaeffer) Brantley, Amy Wright, and June Mays who made these programs possible for all of us.



The Herb Girls Amy Wright and Eileen Brantley

Punctuating these daily events, we similarly had a few new beginnings. On June 23rd, we added a new member to the convent: Ellie, our pitbull-labrador puppy. She is a very energetic, affectionate, tall and beautiful pet, who loves to run, play, explore, eat and chew. Her present nicknames are "Monster dog" -because she can destroy even supposedly indestructible toys in no time flat- and "noodle dog" because of her amazing flexibility. She has two speeds: very fast and "conked out."



Mary Eleanor, CSM known as "Ellie"



Ellie dancing with Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM

We are still training her not to jump up on people or greet them with an open mouth, but she behaves very well in chapel already and calms down quickly with crate-training. Twelveyear old Sophia, not one to be cowered by anyone, does not always know how to respond to Ellie's playful energy, but she is being very patient with her. Ellie keeps us exercised, amuses us with her antics, and trains us to be caring and self-disciplined.

In August, we said farewell to our summer intern, Edith-Marie Green, and welcomed Greta Gaffin as a longterm intern.

Our long-term intern Greta Gaffin



As with Edith-Marie, we changed Greta's program to accommodate for COVID testing and two weeks of quarantine, but since then she has been active among us. She is our first intern from the University of Massachusetts. Coming from an urban area, Greta is getting engaged with the outdoors, especially our gardens, in a new way. She also seems to be enjoying learning to cook, being involved in chapel, sitting in on an African American preaching course at the seminary, and learning about library processing tasks and research.

Also in August, our postulant, Madeleine Parks, began orientation at the School of Theology as a Masters' Degree student.



Sr. Felicity, CSM at Seminary Orientation

Of course, "Maddy" has now been clothed as a novice and is known as "Sr. Felicity." Her Clothing Service took place on Thanksgiving Day and she finished her first semester at the seminary in December. Sr. Felicity will become the sacristan after Christmas. A new adventure awaits her as this will be her first Christmas among us and her first Christmas away from her parents and siblings.

Also, in August, Sr. Elizabeth was interviewed by Bramwell Atkins for a University Radio Series focused on life journeys. Sister reminisced about her experience as a student of the University, and her later journeys, leading to a religious vocation in the Community.

Given the restrictions put on us due to the pandemic, our efforts have largely been dedicated to worship and prayer, engaging more people through our on-line presence, maintenance of our property, and major renovations and repairs in preparation for new interns and guests, as well as in preparation for reopening for those who normally frequent the convent for services or volunteer work. Much has been accomplished in these preparations: the exteriors of the interns' house and of the Hermitage have both been repaired. The chimney in the Hermitage has been replaced, thanks to donations from Michael Thompson and A-1 Chimney. Two sidewalks have replaced gravel pathways to improve safe access to the convent and its guest areas. New raised beds have been built in the garden and drains have been added to the lavender field to prevent mole activity, decrease root rot, and to increase production. All of our decks and staircases have been painted, thanks to our employees-Carol Collins and Leonard King- and a bunch of volunteers who helped the Sisters on September 19th. - We could not have done it without the cheerful labor of our employees, the Sumpter family, Greta Gaffin, Sam Kearley and his friend Joseph Brown, and Simeon Bruce. Thank you all!



Simeon Bruce painting our deck



Sam Kearley painting our deck

We also need to express our thanks to Vickie Davis for hours of leaf-blowing, and to Karen DeBruler for hours of weeding, pruning and planting on our grounds. I would personally also like to thank the Sisters and Greta, who have taken on more than their usual share of work and in so doing, have become intimately familiar with paint brushes, vacuum cleaners, lawn mowers, weed-eaters, leaf-blowers, rakes, and shovels as they have helped with the garden, lavender fields, lawns, and house maintenance. I think everyone will all be pleasantly surprised by the improvements when you are able to experience them. Furthermore, I would like to give special thanks to Casey Perkins-Lawrence who has redesigned our fabulous website, created our MailChimp Newsletter, and, with Sr. Hannah's help, enhanced our social media presence, facilitated our virtual programing, advertised our events, and improved our newsletters, and development tools. No one has been bored here, I assure you. In fact, I think it is fair to say that we have all been creatively engaged in renewal and re-creation in preparation for that "New Heaven and New Earth" that Barbara Crafton so eloquently spoke about. And while I'm in a "thanksgiving mode," let me also say a warm thank you to the Shields-Ayres Foundation that gave us a grant that helped us to stay solvent, helped us keep our employees on payroll, and helped us do many of those necessary preparations. Likewise, of course, I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support during this time. You have partnered with us to show forth the light in the darkness, share God's love and mercy, and usher in a new day.

Blessings to you all this Advent and Christmas,

#### Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM



Sister Letitia Prentice, CSM died on November 15, 2020. She was a member of the Community of St. Mary, Western Province.

She was born Charlotte Seabury Prentice in February, 1925, in Tacoma, Washington, the youngest of five children of Paul and Bertha Prentice. Mt. Rainier formed her skyline.

She loved the flowers, sunshine, beaches and her friends in San Diego

where she advanced to the position of Head Bookkeeper for the San Diego branch of Bank of America. At the age of 28, to the dismay of her family but with a deep and genuine desire to serve, she left her home in San Diego to join the Western Province of the Sisters of St. Mary, headquartered in Wisconsin. She changed her name to Letitia which means Joy.



Sr. Letitia, CSM

Her 67 years as Sr. Letitia were filled with kindness, dedication to others, deep friendships, joy and hard work. She began her community life scrubbing floors, baking bread and gladly doing whatever needed to be done. She ran a summer camp and De Koven retreat center, fixed the buildings and the grounds, served on boards, traveled widely and became Sister Superior, always unselfishly serving others with gladness and singleness of heart.

She retired to Mary's Margin, a house of hospitality which she established with Sister Dorcas in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. Together, they sponsored individuals needing a boost in life through their Inner Peace Corps, built a labyrinth with prayer stations in their woods, gardened organically and accomplished other amazing feats.

Sr. Letitia spent the last years of her life at St. John's On the Lake in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she read, sang, swam, enjoyed conversations, played ping pong and rooted for the Packers.

She will be remembered fondly by the Community of St. Mary for a life well lived in the service of God and others.

## St. Mary's Chronicle

**June 23:** We adopted a new puppy and named her "Ellie."

**July 25:** We hosted our first ever Zoom online program, led by the Rev. Barbara Crafton entitled, "A New Heaven and a New Earth."

**August 6:** We had a goodbye party for our summer intern, Edith-Marie Green.

August 10: Sr. Hannah was a guest lecturer for an undergraduate class taught by Jim Crawford at the University of the South entitled, "The Mythology of Place on Stage and Screen," that focused on events in Sewanee history. She spoke about Constance and Her Companions and how the Sisters moved to Sewanee, as well as the history of the Community.

**August 14:** Our postulant Maddy began seminary orientation.

August 15: Sr. Elizabeth attended on online Evening Prayer service with our Associates in Memphis to celebrate the feast day of St. Mary the Virgin. Sr. Madeleine Mary was interviewed on the YouTube program "Between2Priests" which was cohosted by Pastor Terri Peterson and the Rev. Joshua Nelson.

August 28: Sr. Hannah was interviewed on Zoom by the Rev. Jamie Osborne of St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery, AL, about vocation as part of his adult education series on vocation.

**August 29:** We hosted another online Zoom program, "All About Adaptogens" co-taught by former intern Eileen Brantley and Amy Wright, the Herb Girls.

**August 30:** After two weeks of quarantine and a negative COVID test, we admitted Greta Gaffin as our long-term intern. Sr. Elizabeth was interviewed by Bramwell Atkins for a University Radio Series focused on life journeys.

**September 6:** Sr. Hannah was interviewed on Zoom by the Rev. Melanie Rowell, Lower School Chaplain at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School in Atlanta, GA. She answered questions from her 1st-5th grade students about Religious Life and what it's like to be a nun.

**September 9:** The Sisters took part in recording parts of the Martyrs of

Memphis weekend service that was broadcast online. Sr. Hannah recorded a video reflection on the Martyrs of Memphis that was used by St. Mary's Cathedral in their Martyrs Commemoration Weekend.

**September 19:** We had several volunteers come out to help us paint all of our decks.

**September 26:** We offered another online program, "The Potager and Gardens as Sanctuary" led by our board member, June Mays.

**October 25:** We celebrated Sr. Madeleine Mary's 45th profession anniversary with 50 years total in the Religious Life.

**November 1:** Sr. Hannah preached on Zoom to the STEM churches. We hosted an online Zoom Evensong with our Memphis Associates and admitted two new Associates, Rebecca Chappell and John Tackett.

**November 26:** Our postulant Madeleine Parks was clothed as a novice and took the name Sister Felicity.



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