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It seems that as soon as the last piece of candy is given out and the final 'Trick or Treat' is spoken, Christmas decorating begins. Perhaps it just feels that way because when you go shopping, you see the colors of the store aisles go immediately from orange and black to green and red. The telltale sign in pop culture is that as soon as you hear Mariah Carey's "All I want for Christmas is You" on the radio, the Christmas season has begun.

But in contrast to these bright colors and this upbeat, joyful song, we have the season of Advent. In earlier periods of church history, it was considered a penitential season known as a "Little Lent." Even today, some Orthodox Christians observe the Nativity Fast from November 15th through December 19th. Regardless of spiritual practices, the fact remains that Advent comes to disrupt us. Amidst the frantic consumerism and commercialized season of the holidays, the solemn Advent hymns are sung, calling us into pondering the mystery of the Incarnation within this period of darkness.

One such hymn, "What is the crying at Jordan," was written by Carol Christopher Drake. She wrote her words for a tune which, in her words, "evoked a sense of mystery and awe." The stanzas speak of how our hearts are "shut to mystery" and wondering who will "stir in this darkness." The third line is this prayer:

*Lord, give us grace to awake us,
to see the branch that begins to bloom;
in great humility is hid
all heaven in a little room.*

Not only does the tune's somber melody run against the holiday frivolity, but the message of humility

remains countercultural. For the God of the universe to be contained in a "little room" is something worth our pondering. Self-restraint is not a popular virtue. Most people just want to continue to climb the ladder to be more successful and powerful, not less. This Word becoming flesh and choosing to take on our powerlessness stands in stark contrast to the Christian nationalism worldview of consolidation and politicization of power and tendency towards authoritarian social control. There is no space for humility to exist.

In her book, *Accidental Saints*, the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber writes that Jesus "came to us in the most vulnerable of ways, as a powerless, flesh-and-blood newborn. As if to say, 'You may hate your bodies, but I am blessing all human flesh. You may admire strength and might, but I am blessing all human weakness. You may seek power, but I am blessing all human vulnerability.'" (p. 188). What would it look like if we lived as if we believed this? How would we treat people differently if we chose to embrace their humanity, their weaknesses, and their vulnerability? What if we truly believed that God continues to disrupt the principalities of the world with the inbreaking of the season of Advent to challenge us to ponder the mystery of the Word becoming flesh yet again?

Jesus was subversive. Even at his annunciation, God's subversion was proclaimed through Mary. The words of Mary's Magnificat were a revolutionary message challenging the cultural, political, and societal powers of her time, calling out exploitation and injustice. They came from a poor, unwed, pregnant teenage girl living under Roman rule; hardly a person anyone would think to notice. Yet her words would be banned

hundreds of years later by multiple countries including India, Guatemala, Argentina, and El Salvador because of the political revolutions her words against corrupt governments might bring. Even from his conception, Jesus was all about shaking up established systems. The ministry of Jesus was to bring an upside-down kingdom that would be good news for the poor, the oppressed, and the lowly. Jesus is the ultimate subverter of the systems of the world and became human in order to even subvert death itself.

Before you rush to deck the halls, I invite you to intentionally set aside time to sit awhile in the darkness of Advent. I encourage you to ponder the mystery of the great humility of God becoming hidden in a "little room." I hope that, in doing so, you may be better prepared to celebrate the Word coming among us to embrace us in all our vulnerability, and be inspired to go and do likewise.

- Sister Hannah, CSM

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Associate News



Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM

Dear Associates,

During COVID, we were challenged to communicate and reach out to each other in new ways.

We learned

that we could Zoom or live-stream meetings and services. It was not as good, perhaps, as being physically present, but it was better than nothing and often, less physically taxing. We didn't have to travel as much. We could go to church virtually in our pajamas and not have to deal with other people. Some people really enjoyed the anonymity of that period, the ability to be at another cathedral or church or to be involved only as much as they wanted. Others felt isolated and depressed, especially if they were not so tech-savvy or didn't have the funds for the technology needed.

As a result of this prolonged experience, some churches are now struggling. More people have opted for the utility of quick, indirect communications as being more efficient and less time-consuming or nerve-racking. At the same time, social media has increased 10-fold. The rampant use of AI and algorithms have distorted the truth and frequently left us confused about reality. Furthermore, the ability to say whatever we want on the internet without facing a person has encouraged bullies and other reactionaries. We may find ourselves overwhelmed by the rapid-fire hate comments, the violent videos, and the severe judgments that assault us on YouTube, Facebook, or through the news.

This chaotic environment points us to the need for real, personal connection,

the need for community. And not just any community, but a community that will support and ground us in our faith, our Christian values and the peace of Christ. Fortunately, social media can also be used for good, for spreading hope, and a number of people have been doing that.

This group of Associates can also be a community of hope and light in our present darkness. We need each other. But of course, there is no community without investment. I therefore encourage you all to reach out to each other and invite others into your group so that they too, with your help, can remember who they are and what they love. We need to become quiet, caring centers for others like us who struggle in our troubled country.

A fascinating thing about ministry is that we are often blessed in blessing. We often experience love in loving, and peace in trying to be an instrument of peace. How is God calling you to be God's channel for blessing right now?

Since our last printed newsletter, we have been trying to enhance our Associate connection through our prayers, through MailChimp newsletters, anniversary cards, updating mailing lists, celebrating the lives of various Associates, making telephone calls, inviting and guiding new inquirers in the process of writing a Rule of Life, and receiving new members into our group.



The Rev. Kevin Goodman and Carissa Riedesel

Since Pentecost, we have welcomed five more Associates: Carissa Riedesel,

the Rev. Kevin Goodman, John Kearley, Sam Kearley, and Daniel Manuel.



Sr. Madeleine Mary and Daniel Manuel

We have also celebrated the life of Dolores "Dee" Eichler and soon will celebrate the life of Patricia LaPointe McFarland who died August 17, 2025. And at present, we have five more people in the process of becoming Associates and a few others who want to explore the possibility of taking on a Rule in the near future.

I think this growth underscores people's deep desire for connection and community right now. So, if you know of others who might be blessed by such a connection and commitment, don't be shy about inviting them; you might help someone and find a friend. Also, if you haven't yet connected with me about how you are now keeping your Rule, please do; I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for all that you do to support the Sisters and other Associates. Together, with God's grace, we will make this world a better place. You are a blessing.

Prayers and blessing,
Sr. Madeleine Mary, CSM

RIP: Dolores "Dee" Eichler, Patricia LaPointe McFarland

New Associates: Carissa Riedesel, the Rev. Kevin Goodman, John Kearley, Sam Kearley, and Daniel Manuel

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our longtime friend, board member, and Oblate, the Rev. Suzanne Warner. The following is an excerpt from the obituary from her church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Louisville, Kentucky.



Our Oblates Karen DeBruler and the Rev. Suzanne Warner

Suzanne McCarroll Warner was born on March 28, 1936 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated from Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) in 1957, majoring in psychology. That same year, she married Bill Warner and raised three boys, Will, John, and Bruns. She was active in politics, school, Cub Scouts and neighborhood projects, and was one of the organizers and founders of the Cherokee Triangle Association. As her boys became teenagers, she decided to attend law school, graduating from the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville in 1977. After working as a Public Defender she took a job as an Assistant United States Attorney, including a nearly 10-year temporary assignment at the Justice Department in Washington, D. C. Upon retiring from the Justice Department, she decided to pursue divinity degrees at Bellarmine University and Sewanee: The University of the South. After being ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church in 2010 at the age of 74, and she served at Church of the Resurrection and

at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Louisville, ministering closely to immigrant communities from Sudan and Myanmar until her re-retirement. She was received as an Oblate of our Community 2022.

On August 27, Mother Suzanne saw her last sunrise and left us to join the Great Girlfriend she always spoke of so happily. She is survived by the innumerable people whose lives she inspired with her quiet determination and boundless joy.

Continuing Service

Sister Ines continues an active ministry of service, prayer, work with the Associates, and her ongoing work on Bible translations.

She stays busy with her assignments from the Montansia Scripture Society, translating parts of 1 Samuel. She continues to attend the monthly mass for Associates at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Sometimes they have a Bible study as well. During the last Sunday of July, the church celebrated Health Sunday. This involved different church organizations having a presentation and inviting local medical professionals to share their knowledge to promote healthy lifestyles. Most of the month of July the weather was bad with some schools and businesses being closed due to the continuous typhoons.

In early August, Sister Ines went to a five-day training for Bible translators. It took an entire day to complete the task of translating 50 verses a day. October was Indigenous People's month. All of the schools and municipalities participated. People wore their indigenous clothing and



Sister Ines, CSM



Sister Ines surrounded by her fellow Bible translators

participated in traditional songs and dances. Sister Ines attended the presentations with members of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin who spoke about their culture. Also in October, Sister Ines participated in the Bible Translator's Seminar on Hebrew Scripture and received a certificate of completion.

We appreciate the ongoing work, ministry, and witness of Sister Ines!

"Reflection on St. Mary's"



John Kearley

By: John Kearley

My son, Sam, and I were recently received as Associates on September 24th during the mid-week

Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Salida, Colorado, by Sister Madeleine Mary. Our family's journey with the Community of Saint Mary began in the 1980's when my Mom, Marion Kearley, and my Dad, Rev. David Kearley began attending the convent at the old location that is now The Ayres Center for Spiritual Development. My Dad celebrated the Eucharist on Saturdays for the Sisters for many years, and on Sundays I would attend services at the convent with my parents when in Sewanee. I

have always felt an inexplicable pull to worship with the Sisters, and that has only deepened through the years. Both my parents, Sam's grandparents, were longtime Associates of the Community. By extension I have always considered the Sisters and convent part of my family and my life. The Community is a spiritual anchor in my life, and is a Thin Place where the world falls away as I worship.

Years ago, I was approached by Sister Elizabeth Grace about becoming an Associate. Being very involved in my home church as a Vestry member, lector, chalice bearer, and usher, I did not perceive the need to become an Associate. My Mom died in 2015, and my Dad died in 2023. This left me wanting an "official" connection to the Sisters. Sister Madeleine Mary led me along in developing a Rule of Life, and I was surprised to already be practicing many aspects of it. My hope is to deepen my relationship with God and with the Sisters through the discipline of being an Associate.

By:
Sam
Kearley



Sam Kearley

On September 24th, I was received by Sister

Madeleine Mary as an Associate alongside my Dad. My relationship with St. Mary's Convent began long before I learned to make memories, but my Dad says I first met the Sisters when I was "a little bitty baby." Growing up in Colorado, it was always a treat to visit my grandparents in Sewanee. The mossy deciduous forest, towering sandstone bluffs, and thrumming drone of insect life felt like an alien world to my rocky mountain senses.

Amidst all the enchantments of Sewanee, the convent has always

held a special gravity to me. In my years as a student, attending regular Sunday Eucharist with the Sisters and my grandfather only reinforced the convent's pull. The steady Benedictine rhythm of bells, prayer, and silence sunk deep into my bones as my college years drew to a close and my grandfather grew older.



Our late Associates: Marion Kearley and the Rev. David Kearley

My grandfather passed away in the winter of 2023, seven months after my graduation. I returned to Sewanee that spring, and was moved to weeping by my grandfather's presence hanging in the air of the sanctuary during the convent's Easter vigil at sunrise. I felt that same presence one year later at my new home church, St. John's Cathedral in Denver.



Sam Kearley embracing his father, John, after being admitted as Associates at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Salida, Colorado

When my Dad and I were received as Associates of St. Mary's, we took part in a ritual that rippled out across time and space. I like to think of our reception happening simultaneously with my grandparents, as if they were saying the words right alongside us

but in a very different place. Just as the Sisters carry on in the lineage of Constance and her Companions, my Dad and I are carrying on in the lineage of David and Marion Kearley, Associates of the Community.

"Constance and Her Companions Weekend"

By: The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker

Shalom! I come to you in peace to tell my story but most importantly to talk about my experience at the annual gathering of Sisters and Associates in



The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker

Memphis to celebrate the ministry of the Sisters of St. Mary's who ministered to the sick and dying during the two yellow fever epidemics. For those who do not know me, my journey to connect with the Sisters began in Sewanee. I went to seminary at the School of Theology in the 1990s. My children were with me, one attending grade school at Sewanee Elementary School (SES) and two at St. Andrew's Sewanee (SAS). In my time in seminary I did not ever go to the convent. I look at that now and am amazed at myself. My life was filled with study as well as involvement in SAS and SES. I also had to walk my dog each afternoon! I knew about the convent from a classmate of mine who attended regularly but that never drew me. I left Sewanee and went on to my Curacy and to become the Rector of three churches. We owned a house on the Domain and when my husband and I decided to retire, we chose to live in Sewanee. I became part of the many clergy here who supply the churches in the area including the convent. Eventually we came to worship there on all Sundays when I didn't have a preaching assignment. I was drawn as

many of you are to their life of prayer and service and hospitality. Then over a decade ago I made the commitment to become an Associate as my calling became stronger. My biggest prayer for them was for the Holy Spirit to send young women called to join the order. Soon enough Sister Hannah came, followed by Sister Felicity. Sister Egeria Mark entered the Community in the fall of 2024 and was ordained a priest in January of this year. She is now a novice. Sydney Dudley, who was an intern in the Organic Prayer Program, stepped into her calling as a postulant in August of 2025. I like to think my entreaties to God played a small part in the wonderful growth of the community. When we were all affected by COVID, we did not worship in person for more than a year. Nevertheless, prayers continued as usual. Somewhere sprinkled through time I heard the story of Constance and the incredible work she and others did to nurse the people living on the River who were sick and dying from the Yellow Fever. I heard about the Sisters in Sewanee making a pilgrimage annually around September 9, the feast day of Sister Constance and her Companions. I could not join them for years. Yet I am a person who believes that I would go when my time was right and sure enough, I went this year. All I can say is it was so much more than I expected!



The high altar at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis with the last words of Sister Constance, "Alleluia, Osanna!" inscribed on the altar

The Associate community in Memphis centers their energy on

this weekend and have taken on the holy responsibility of keeping the story of Sister Constance and her Companions and the two Yellow Fever epidemics alive for us all to know. Their efforts are housed at St. Mary's Cathedral out of which the Sisters worked and where they prayed. Dr. Susan Nelson, leader of the Memphis Associates, offered her home to a pilgrim as did Carol Iverson and Rebecca Chappell. We who received this gift were well taken care of! On Friday night we had a small dinner with Associates where we began to get to know each other. Saturday night all of us and all Associates gathered for a delicious dinner prepared by Pat Geelan and many helpers. Sister Elizabeth and Susan spoke about the ministry of Sr. Constance's legacy. At the Cathedral we pilgrims came on Saturday morning to assist in the parish's weekly food ministry to the homeless. The Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell, Vicar, was most solicitous to us and is committed to helping keep Sr. Constance's memory alive. This year he displayed the old parish log which has her death and burial documented. At the Holy Eucharist I was honored to read the Gospel and Sister Hannah preached an inspiring sermon, highlighting the awesome good work of the Sisters.



The Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker reading the gospel at the Sunday Eucharist on September 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis

Pat and crew prepared the delicious meal on Sunday after church at the cemetery, which included anyone from the community who wanted to come. We all walked to the gravesite

of Constance, Thecla, Ruth, Frances, Charles Parsons, and Louis Schyler, to offer prayers and thanksgiving for their ministry. I also prayed in thanksgiving for the Associates of Memphis, Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell, and his staff. Many hands made this weekend event meaningful for visitors like me. If you have never been a pilgrim on this journey to Memphis, get in contact with the Sisters in Sewanee and they will help you to join.



Sister Hannah, the Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker, and the Rev. Dr. Noah Campbell, Cathedral Vicar, after the Sunday Eucharist on September 7th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Memphis

Well, that's not where my story ends. Two years ago, I gave myself to the formation program to become a Benedictine Oblate. I have religiously devoted myself to this effort and on Sunday, December 14th at 8:00am, I will make my lifetime Oblate commitment with St. Mary's Community. If you would like to come that day, we would be happy to have you. God's love and joy are alive and well. Prayers for all who in God's name need prayers. Shalom!

Have you considered a planned gift or leaving a bequest to the Community of St. Mary?

You can make a tax-deductible gift by check or by an online donation to "The Sisterhood of St. Mary"

Golden Jubilee



A photo of Sr. Madeleine Mary, CHS

On October 25th, we celebrated Sister Madeleine Mary's 50th Life Profession anniversary. She made her Life Profession on October 25th, 1975 in the Community of the Holy Spirit, an Episcopal Religious Order based in New York.

She was a teacher at St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School where she taught music and dance for the preschool, was a library assistant, and taught junior and senior kindergarten. She continued to teach at the Melrose School in Brewster, New York fifth grade math and religion, third grade social studies, seventh grade Latin, and kindergarten religion.

She attended Fordham College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1985. She graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South in 2008. She obtained her Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Center for Christian Spirituality at General Seminary in 1991. She served as a spiritual director in New York, at Virginia Theological Seminary, and at the School of Theology at the University of the South.

She was the Reverend Mother of the Community of the Holy Spirit in New York from 1989 until 2001, guiding the community through a challenging period of transition, community

development, and ministerial change, helping it establish new ministries, better communications, and financial stability.

She was also an ecumenical representative to the Leadership Council for Women Religious in 1991 representing the Episcopal Orders of North America and became the International Ecumenical Officer for CAROA (the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas) from 1999 until 2001. During that same time, she was part of the Diocesan Committee on Relations with the Orthodox Church in Russia from 1994 until 2001. She preached in various Episcopal, Roman Catholic, and Swiss Reformed churches in the United States and in Europe from 1986 until 2007, and various colleges in the United States as well.



Sr. Madeleine Mary, CHS

She helped, on a volunteer basis, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in the Bronx from 2003 until 2004 in various renovation projects establishing a classroom for Sunday School, renovating the sacristy, the church, and the Spanish chapel, and raising the money for all of that.

Since she transferred to the Community of St. Mary in 2008, she has served as Prioress from 2013 until 2023, using what she learned in New York to stabilize the community, to negotiate major transitions involving care for elderly Sisters, financial security, and building and property maintenance and development. She also established the Organic Prayer Program internship, increased the community's outreach to

university students and seminarians, and reassessed the community's Benedictine roots through the creation of community documents, a website, the Oblate formation, newsletters, and retreats.



A well attended festive Eucharist at our convent chapel on October 25th

During all of this, and after her service as Prioress, she has used her writing, preaching, reflections, photography, and skills to help people explore the connections between faith, care for creation, and Benedictine spirituality.

Sr. Hannah Shares News from CSM



Sr. Hannah, CSM

Since our last newsletter, we've continued to travel to places to get the word out about our community, admitted several new Associates, gained a new postulant, and celebrated a golden jubilee!

July was a busy month of getting the word out about our Community both near and far as well as a time to connect with young people. Sister Egeria Mark went to Missouri to preach at Christ Church in Springfield, and I went to preach at All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota. Back at the convent, Sister Elizabeth welcomed SUMMA high school students to our chapel to talk about our history and ministries.

While I was in Minnesota, I spent a night with the Visitation Sisters of Minneapolis and joined them for worship, meals, and fellowship. It was fascinating to learn about their inner city work and to be immersed in their life. From the end of July until early August I spent a week as part of the summer cohort of Luther Seminary's 2025 Compelling Preaching Program at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota. I got to worship, learn, and preach alongside faith leaders from a variety of Christian denominations from across the United States.

August was a month of transitions. It began with a farewell party for our summer intern, Jenny. Then on the Eve of the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, we admitted a new postulant, Sydney Dudley. If her name sounds familiar, it's because she was our Organic Prayer Program long-term intern from August 2024 until May of 2025! During her time with us, she fell in love with the monastic way of life and felt a call to discern a possible vocation. Sydney is originally from Richmond, Virginia and attended James Madison University where she majored in English and Religious Studies.



Back row: Sr. Egeria Mark, Sr. Elizabeth, and Sr. Hannah

Front row: Sr. Madeleine Mary, our postulant Sydney Dudley, and Sr. Felicity

The following day, we admitted two new Associates, the Rev. Kevin Goodman and local seminarian Carissa Riedesel. Then just a few days later, we had the commissioning service of our long-term Organic

Prayer Program intern, Emily Tess. Emily is from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. She recently graduated from the College of St. Benedict in Minnesota where she studied Biology and Spanish. We are excited to have her with us until May.



Our new Organic Prayer Program intern, Emily Tess

On September 6th and 7th, I went with our intern Emily, Sister Elizabeth and our Associate, the Rev. Dr. Jo Ann Barker, to participate in the Martyrs of Memphis weekend September 6th and 7th. I stayed around a few extra days as I was invited to preach at St. Mary's Episcopal School for Girls in Memphis. Our Community assisted in the running of this school from 1873 until 1910. I was surprised to discover that our former summer 2016 Organic Prayer Program intern Christina, who was recently married and ordained, is now the Rev. Christina Salzer. She is the curate at the Church of Holy Communion in Memphis which shares the campus and ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal School.

September was also the time for the Annual Leaders Meeting of the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas (CAROA). This year it was held at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York from September 15th until the 19th. It was good to have worship, fellowship, and meetings with the leaders of the religious communities. I wasn't the only Sister traveling that month. Sister Madeleine Mary took some vacation time to travel out west but also to go to Colorado to admit two new

Associates near the end of the month. On September 24th, at Ascension Episcopal Church in Salida, Colorado, Sister Madeleine Mary received John Kearley and his son, Sam, as Associates. John's father, the late Rev. David Kearley, and his mother, the late Marion Kearley, were also Associates and close friends of the Community. We were delighted that the family tradition of being an Associate has been passed down two generations.

October brought with it more traveling. From October 13th until the 17th, I went with Sister Egeria Mark and Sister Felicity to the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey for the annual CAROA New Members Conference. The conference brought together members from traditional Episcopal religious orders who are in formation as well as their formation leaders. The Sisters at Mendham invited Sister Egeria Mark to be celebrant and preacher for Mass during the conference. There were four Formators present and thirteen new members from six different Episcopal religious orders. It was an excellent time of worship, learning, fellowship, and fun.



Group photo from the CAROA New Members Conference

Shortly after we returned to Sewanee, we admitted a new Associate into our Community, Daniel Manuel, on October 19th. The biggest celebration of the month was on October 25th when we celebrated Sister Madeleine Mary's 50th Life Profession Anniversary. Over sixty people joined us for this tremendous milestone. We rejoice for the many ways the Spirit continues to work in our community.



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St. Mary's Chronicles 2025

July 13 – Sr. Egeria Mark served as preacher at Christ Church, Springfield, Missouri.

July 17 – Sr. Egeria Mark led a workshop on the Enneagram for the CPE program at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

July 18 – Sr. Elizabeth welcomed the SUMMA students to our convent chapel to talk about our history and ministries.

July 22-23 - Christian Foster brought his youth from Holy Trinity Parish Episcopal Church in Decatur, Georgia, who came alongside the youth from The Church of the Epiphany in Atlanta, Georgia, to volunteer and worship with us.

July 27 – Sr. Hannah was invited by the Rev. Cody Maynus to preach at All Saints Episcopal Church in Northfield, Minnesota.

August 1 - We had a farewell party for our summer intern, Jenny Etheridge.

July 28–August 2 – Sr. Hannah was part of the summer cohort of Luther Seminary's 2025 Compelling Preaching Program at Mount Olivet Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota.

August 8 – Sr. Hannah was invited to be the opening speaker for the 79th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Laymen of Tennessee.

August 10 – Sr. Egeria Mark was invited by

Father Will Levanway to be the guest preacher for the Sunday Eucharist at Christ Church in Chattanooga.

August 14 – We admitted a new postulant, Sydney Dudley.

August 15 - We admitted two new Associates, the Rev. Kevin Goodman and Carissa Riedesel.

August 17 – Sr. Egeria Mark was celebrant at Grace Episcopal Church in Chattanooga and Sr. Elizabeth led their adult formation hour.

August 20 – We commissioned our new long-term Organic Prayer Program intern, Emily Tess.

August 31 – Sr. Egeria Mark served in the altar party and gave an Adult Ed forum at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

September 6-7 - Our intern Emily, along with Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Hannah participated in the Martyrs of Memphis weekend.

September 10 – Sr. Hannah was invited to preach at St. Mary's Episcopal School for Girls in Memphis.

September 20 – Sr. Egeria Mark was invited to be the guest speaker of the Diocese of Tennessee's Order of the Daughters of the

King's Fall Assembly at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Brentwood, Tennessee.

September 15–19 – Sr. Hannah went to Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York for the Annual Leaders Meeting of the Conference of Anglican Religious Orders in the Americas (CAROA).

September 24 – Sr. Madeleine Mary admitted two new Associates, John Kearley and his son, Sam, at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Salida, Colorado.

September 28 – Sr. Felicity represented us at the 3rd annual Tickbush Festival at St. James Midway Community Park in Sewanee.

October 5 – Sr. Egeria Mark served as preacher and celebrant at St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church in Chattanooga for their Sunday service which included a Blessing of the Animals.

October 13-17 – Sr. Egeria Mark, Sr. Felicity, and Sr. Hannah went to the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham, New Jersey for the annual CAROA New Members Conference.

October 19 - We admitted a new Associate into our Community, Daniel Manuel.

October 25 - We celebrated Sister Madeleine Mary's 50th Life Profession Anniversary.