

Daughters of the King

The year 2007 began with the gathering of the Daughters for the traditional Epiphany Tea in the home of Betty Ebbers on January 13th. The Daughters covered the festive table with their favorite desserts and filled a basket with books for Paula Hamby's children's project in Tipton County.

The Spring Assembly and Luncheon hosted by the St. Faith Chapter at Holy Communion Episcopal Church featured speaker Dr. Joanna Seibert, Pediatric Surgeon and Episcopal Deacon with the Diocese of Little Rock. The theme for the day was "Healing Presence," taken from her book by the same name. The Celebrant of the Eucharist was the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, assisted by Rev. Bindy Synder, Rev. Nancy O'Shea, and Dr. Seibert. The day concluded with a special healing service in the Chapel.

For our Fall Assembly, we had a corporate prayer service and Board Meeting at the Cathedral on October 27th, to coincide with All Saints' Day. With all nine chapters represented, the Eucharist, held in the Sisters' Chapel, included prayers for members of each chapter and a Memorial for Fr. Anthony-Gerald Stevens, our Chaplain from 1988-1991. Rev. Snyder and Deacon Carol Gardner celebrated the Service, with music sung by the Daughters "a cappella."

On the agenda for 2008 are the following events: Winter Board Meeting of Province IV Daughters at St. Columba, Memphis, in January; Betty Ebber's Annual Epiphany Tea in January; DOK Prayer Chapel for Diocesan Convention in February; Spring Assembly at St. George's, Memphis in April.

We have had several new officers installed this fall. The complete list is as follows: All Saints, Brownsville, Pres. Katherine Horn; Calvary, Memphis, Pres. Nina Grice; St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis, Pres. Pat Stowe; Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, Pres. Maelyse Webb; Grace St. Luke's, Memphis, Pres. Jean Williams; St. Andrews, Collierville, Pres. Mary Throne; St. Elizabeth's, Memphis, Pres. Laura Hoglan; St. George's, Memphis, Pres. Birdie Barker; St. John's, Memphis, Pres. Jane Mercer.

Diocesan Officers: VP Jane Mercer, Secty Elaine Turner, Tres Bettie Welsh, Chaplain Rev. Bindy Synder and President Gail Tyler.