

*How does the Church Year intersect our daily lives?*

- ❑ When life seems mundane and we put one foot in front of the other in order to do what needs doing, *we are in Ordinary Time.*
- ❑ When we long for things to be different, when we watch and wait, *we are an Advent people.*
- ❑ When we recognize the presence of the holy in the ordinary, *we celebrate Christmas.*
- ❑ When a sense of the sacramental is broken open to us, and we respond by offering our material wealth, our worship, our lives and our deaths, *we live an Epiphany life.*
- ❑ When we wrestle with life and death decisions, seeking to live out our baptism, *we are in Lent.*
- ❑ When saving victory and suffering are closely interwoven, *we live in resonance with Passion/Palm Sunday.*
- ❑ When death and resurrection become one word, and we are able to dance on the gravestones without ignoring them, *we live as an Easter people.*
- ❑ When the dynamics of our mountaintop experiences are uncovered, *we experience the meaning of the Great Fifty Days.*
- ❑ And when we are aware that the Holy Spirit empowers us and sends us forth for service, ministry and mission, aware of both the diversity and unity of God's people, *we become Pentecost people.*