<u>Festivals, Commemorations, and Occasions</u>

January 6, Epiphany of Our Lord

Will be available December, 2007

Date varies, Easter Sunday

Option (A)

Will be available Spring 2008

Option (B)

The Path of Discipleship: *Beyond the Grave*
Primary Text: John 20:1-18
The path of discipleship involves celebrating the risen Christ and claiming the promise of eternal life.

Option (C)

Prayers of Discipleship: *To Proclaim the Good News*
Primary Text: Luke 24:1-12
Let us pray to tell others about the risen Jesus Christ.

Date varies, Pentecost

Option (A)

Will be available Spring 2008

Option (B)

The Choices of Discipleship: *Spirit-filled or Spirit-emptied?*
Primary Text: Acts 2:1-21
Reflect on the empowering role of the Holy Spirit to shape and guide choices in life.

Option (C)

Stories of Discipleship: *An Advocate's Story*
Primary Text: John 14:8-17
A disciple's story is empowered and ignited by the Holy Spirit.

June 24, John the Baptist

Stories of Discipleship: *A Prophet's Story*
Primary Text: Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)
Learn to proclaim as John the Baptist and focus on Jesus.

July 22, Mary Magdalene

Stories of Discipleship: *An Eyewitness' Story*
Primary Text: John 20:1-2, 11-18
Witness like Mary Magdalene as she boldly proclaimed the risen Christ.

October 31, Reformation, (Sometimes celebrated on the last Sunday in October)

Option (A)

Challenges of Discipleship: *Freedom*
Primary Text: John 8:31-36
Identify those things which try to enslave today's disciples of Jesus Christ.

Option (B)

Living in Christ: *Be Freed*
Primary Text: John 8:31-36
As we live in Christ, we are set free to boldly follow Christ.

November 1, All Saints, (Sometimes celebrated on the first Sunday in November)

Option (A)
Challenges of Discipleship: *Blessed Living*
Primary Text: Matthew 5:1-12
Reflect on the tension between the beatitude's realized promises and the not-yet-here experiences of disciples.

Option (B)
Living in Christ: *See God*
Primary Text: Matthew 5:1-12
As we live in Christ, we are blessed.

Option (C)
Discipleship: *A New Blessing*
Primary Text: Luke 6:20-31
As we follow Jesus, we find the source of true blessedness.

December 25, Christmas

An Attitude of Discipleship: *Joyful*
Primary Text: Luke 2:8-20
Claim the joy of God's love made known through Jesus Christ as heard in the Christmas story.