



Otey Notes



A Fond Farewell

There is a strange pairing of thoughts and sentiments that accompanies the conclusion of a pastoral relationship. Expectation of your fresh start for ministry now means the promise of a new rector. Eighteen months ago that meant a series of goals for a transition period that would promote this present moment. There have been many questions and many tasks in the interim, and progress made in addressing those is difficult to abbreviate in a few words here. On some fronts notable progress has been made and acknowledged; on others the movement has been more subtle and the fruit not yet borne. Along with confident anticipation of better to come by you in this place is speculation of what might have been better done to serve you in the interim. Of my considerable and acknowledged shortcoming in this latter regard I know I can depend on forgiveness, which makes a hedge to my regret for not having done.

As you have been generous with your affections, I thank you and bless you. As you have guided and befriended me, I am appreciative and quite humbled. As we have loved and served together the same Lord, I am thankful to God for such a privilege. May you more and more be a church that is mindful that it is called into being not to serve itself, but to serve first and most faithfully Our Lord Jesus Christ as He is known in Scripture, Tradition, and Sacrament, as well as those beyond your domain and walls. Always think on Him who counted it a joy to sacrifice all the prerogatives and society of heaven for our sake, and as we go our separate ways we remain united forever in His work for and in us. All our best undertakings in this life are but the beginnings of more and better, Christ's promise of continuing into eternity the good work He has begun in us. I will pray in confidence for your increasing ministry to serve the world in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In gratitude,

Jess Reeves

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION IS TAKING A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER

Lectionary class each Sunday at 10 am review that Sunday's Gospel lesson

SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ June 14 Family Eucharist, followed by dinner, 5pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST, 12:15PM, RITE I

✓ June 1 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

✓ June 11 St. Barnabas, Apostle

✓ June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

MONTHLY EVENTS

✓ June 17 Otey Notes submissions due, 3pm

✓ June 18 Vestry Meeting

KIDS EAT FREE ALL SUMMER



Volunteers Needed

A lot of groups have come together to make it possible for school children up to age 18 to have a balanced nutritious meal all summer long beginning June 1. No enrollment and no cost are necessary thanks to a USDA Grant, South Cumberland Community Fund, Americorps, VISTA, and the University of the South. CAC will be one of 19 sites across the plateau from Beersheba Springs to Huntland where children can come to eat a meal with a take home snack. St. Mark's Hall will open the doors during the month of June on Mondays and Wednesdays and welcome children for a meal and reading program from 11:30-12:30.

Volunteers are needed for simple tasks such as picking up food from McClurg, serving the prepared lunches, set-up/clean-up. Two hours of time will ensure the children are well fed. This is a great way for students who need community service hours and a great way to do your part to eradicate food insecurity in our town. Please sign up to become a part of this amazing program.

A big shout out to Gabby Valentine C'17 who used her photography skills to offer free Family Portraits to our CAC friends and extended the offer to all who took advantage of her generosity. Job well done Gabby!

Betty Carpenter

HUNGER WALK PHOTOS



Cloudy beginning couldn't dampen the spirits of the Hunger Walkers.

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THE TOTAL UTO CONTRIBUTION FROM OTEY WAS \$957.56. That is an amazing total! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

HUNGER WALK

Celebrating Generosity

The Monteagle Sewanee Rotary is so grateful for the outpouring of support for our first annual Rotary Hunger Walk on the Mountain Goat Trail, bringing awareness of poverty on the Mountain and raising funds to make a difference.

More than 200 walkers, 44 sponsors, Rotarians and generous community partners raised \$14,547, which will be divided evenly between Community Action Committee (CAC) of Sewanee and Morton Memorial Food Bank in Monteagle.

"The Monteagle-Sewanee community really stepped up," said John Goodson, president of Monteagle Sewanee Rotary. "It was a beautiful day, and the support was incredible. The registration fee for the Hunger Walk was only \$10, but the Monteagle-Sewanee community added donations, raising \$4,564 in registration fees and donations. We're also very appreciative of all 44 of our sponsors, who donated a total of \$10,500. They were so generous, and we hope that they will benefit from their participation this year."

Monteagle Sewanee Rotary would like to specifically thank the University of the South's Cornerstone Project, community engagement program and outreach office; St. Andrews-Sewanee School; the Mountain Goat Trail Alliance; Morton Memorial United Methodist Church; Otey Parish; CAC; Alpha Phi Omega; the Sewanee Business Alliance; the Sewanee Civic Association; and the VISTA and AmeriCorps volunteers who offered their valuable time to support the Hunger Walk.

*Thank you,
John Goodson
(Reprinted with permission)*



All ages took part in the Hunger Walk. And some four legged friends participated as well.

FOTM

Report on Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction fundraiser for Fire on the Mountain

The silent auction aspect of the fundraiser was started on Sunday, April 12. Bid sheets were set out on tables in St. Mark's Hall for bidding after the 11 AM service. On Saturday, April 18, we prepared St. Mark's Hall for the spaghetti dinner. Gary Sturgis prepared the spaghetti. On Sunday, April 19, Gary baked the spaghetti, prepared the garlic bread, and showed us how to prepare the Caesar salad. Several people from Parish Life also helped set up for the dinner. Several parents and youth helped serve and clean up. Approximately 75 people ate the dinner. We had prepared food for 125 people.

As of April 28 the total cash we collected was \$968.50, and the total from checks collected was \$1895. Thus, the total of all money collected is \$2863.50.

A total of 90 tickets for the spaghetti dinner was sold, approximately 30 being sold on the day of the dinner. This gives a total of \$540 for spaghetti dinner tickets. The total for the silent auction items is \$1779. This gives a total of \$2319 from the dinner and silent auction.

The total of all money collected is \$2863.50. When the money from the spaghetti dinner and silent auction (\$2319) is subtracted, this gives a total of donations to FOTM which were not tickets or silent auction items of \$544.50. This amount (\$544.50) is a combination of donations to FOTM (checks or cash donations in a donation basket) and money from the sale of greeting cards during the silent auction. After expenses, this leaves a net for the silent auction, dinner, greeting card sales, and donations of more than \$2500.



FOTM Happenings

March

During March and April we had two FOTM events which were work days making greeting cards to sell at

the spaghetti dinner/silent auction fundraiser. Ten youth and adults showed up at the first work day and eight showed up for the second. We made several dozen cards for sale.

April

On Sunday, April 26, FOTM had a roller skating outing at Skate World in Estill Springs. Three adults and five youth went to the roller rink. Only the youth skated.

May

On Saturday, May 2, three youth from FOTM attended a Sons and Daughters of Abra-



ham event at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan southeast of Nashville. There were four youth from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin in attendance as well as more than fifteen youth from a Moslem youth group in Nashville, and three youth from a Jewish youth group from Nashville.

Interim report on Mission Trip (scheduled for Monday, July 27 to Saturday, August 1)

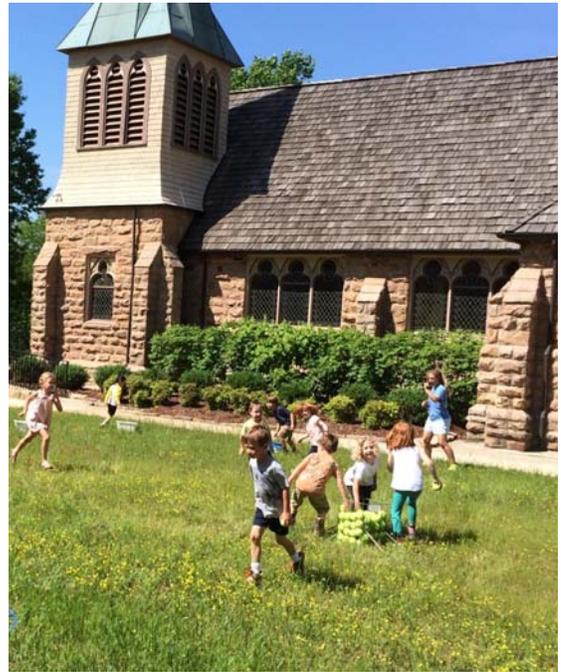
Eight youth and two adult chaperones will be attending the mission trip to St. Timothy Episcopal Mission Center in Irvine, Kentucky. The mission center has dormitory facilities and kitchen and dining facilities. We will be working on home repair projects in the local area.

Neil Patterson

SEWANEE CHILDREN’S CENTER NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Sewanee Children’s Center (SCC) will say good-bye to director Larry Sims when the current school year ends on May 28. Larry began serving as the interim director in the fall of 2012 and became director in 2013.

The SCC has named Harriet Runkle as its new director. Harriet received her B.A. in Art History and Museum Studies from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and she began her teaching career as a museum educator. She received her M.A.T. (Master of Arts in Teaching degree) from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, and has 14 years of teaching experience in kindergarten and first grade. She moved back to Sewanee last June after being away for 16 years. She, her husband John, and their son Jac, were living in Sewanee in 1996-1999 while John was in seminary at the School of Theology. Harriet was an active SCC co-op parent while Jac was in Carrie Mauzy’s class.



fun in the sun

SCC’s children got to watch young chicks hatch out of their shells.



Children and teachers from Sewanee Children’s Center enjoying the beautiful spring weather.



PARISH LIFE, JUNE 2015



Summer Worship Picnics

~ FAMILY SUMMER WORSHIP PICNICS:

Family Summer Worship Picnics begin 6/14 with the 5pm service and dinner to follow. This event will continue on the second Sunday each month through the summer. There will be music and fun for all! Volunteers needed. Please contact Betty Carpenter 931-598-5927 for details.

COFFEE HOUR



Julie Elrod

Weekly Coffee Hour is offered every Sunday following the 11am service in St. Mark's Hall. Please join us for fellowship, refreshments, and fun. Without our wonderful volunteer hosts this would not be possible. Please sign up to host a simple coffee hour by contacting Ann Seiters 931-598-5629.

THE VBS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MET AT ST. JAMES MAY 13 AND DECIDED TO CANCEL VBS FOR THIS YEAR DUE TO LACK OF COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS. The committee further decided to use this summer as a chance to gather data about community members' interest in VBS, to consider alternate VBS structures, and to plan for joint community-building activities among the Episcopal churches in the area.

Alex Bruce

LACEY OLIVER SELECTED BY THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S YOUNG ADULT SERVICE CORPS TO SERVE IN AFRICA



Lacey Oliver has been accepted to the Episcopal Church's Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) for 2015-16. She will be serving for one year in Cape Town, South Africa, with the social development organization Hope Africa. While the national church covers more than half of the costs, Lacey must raise \$10,000 on her own. This number breaks down to \$30 each day of her mission so she is inviting members of the Diocese to participate by sponsoring her for a day. Donations may be made online through [the giving page](#) on our diocesan website or by check to the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, marked as designated to the Lacey Oliver YASC Fund.

Lacey is a Franklin County native and a University class of 2014 graduate. Since graduating she has served in Americorps VISTA on the Mountain. She currently lives in Monteagle. Visit her blog at heartsloud.blogspot.com for more information and updates about her journey.

Lacey is only the second Tennessean to be chosen to serve in the Episcopal equivalent of the Peace Corps.

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PRAYER LIST

Pray for the sick and suffering and those who have asked our prayers: suffering: Annie and Lucy Beaumont, Jonathan Burnett, Robby Capel, Polly Carpenter, Stuart Cook, Jackie Faircloth, Patrick Irwin, Bob Keele, Howell Lynch, Julie Marsman, Kathleen O' Connor, Mary Sears, Chris Singer, Reid Ward, Christine, Mark, Susan, Suzanne, Ellen, James, Jim, George, Thomas, Annette, and Caroline.

We pray for those serving in our armed forces and for their families.

We pray for Christians oppressed and persecuted for their faith, and for those who minister to them.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the July 2015 issue of *Otey Notes* is:

3pm Wednesday, June 17

Email submissions to:
oteyparish@gmail.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.

OTEY MEMORIAL PARISH

IT IS TIME TO UPDATE OUR PARISH DIRECTORY. Please check your entry information in your directory and let Frieda know if there are any changes. If you do not have the most current directory (July 2014) at home, come by the Otey office. If nothing is said, it will be assumed that the entry is correct and will go in as is.



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JUNE



1-Jun	Lee Stapleton	16-Jun	Martin Knoll
1-Jun	Rich Westling	17-Jun	John McCardell
2-Jun	Beth Charlton	18-Jun	Margaret Donohue
3-Jun	Virginia Craighill	18-Jun	Helen Wilson
3-Jun	Melissa Goodson	19-Jun	Zolon Knoll
3-Jun	Evan Jones	21-Jun	Nonie Allen
4-Jun	Pierce Myers	21-Jun	Sally Franklin
6-Jun	Thomas Camp	22-Jun	Chip Craighill
7-Jun	Kevin Wilson	22-Jun	Paul Cahoon
8-Jun	John Willis	24-Jun	Cecilia Schutz
10-Jun	Kami Spaulding	24-Jun	Polly Thurman
10-Jun	Joan Hurst	26-Jun	Alex Hoole
11-Jun	Elaine Taylor	27-Jun	Steve Ford
12-Jun	Julian Elrod	29-Jun	Irene Hamer
13-Jun	Margot Burns	30-Jun	Joan Carter
14-Jun	Joan Baird	30-Jun	Jerry White
		30-Jun	Hilina Thomas