



Otey Notes



UPDATE FROM CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE



It has been a big job trying to select a contractor to build the new Parish Hall. When the initially recommended contractor could only come within a couple of hundred thousand dollars of our budget despite repeated efforts, it was necessary to find another company. We are happy to announce that RVC (Robertson-Vaughn

Construction Company, Inc.), located in Winchester, TN, has agreed to be our builder in a contract signed on January 9th. Otey's previous experience history with RVC has been very positive. A construction permit has been posted and we look forward to a commencement of the work very soon.

Drew Sampson, Chairman of the Construction Committee, will be the liaison with the contractor's representatives. If there are any questions about the project, please contact committee members: Drew Sampson (Chair), Bill Mauzy, Barbara Prunty, Joe Ballard, Mickey Suarez, Roy Millar, Ann Millar, and Bob Burns

STATUS OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Total gifts and pledges for the capital campaign are \$1,234,425.46. Total cash deposited to date is \$759,051.58, or 61.5% of the total. Pledges received for the capital campaign are at 51% of total pledged, leaving \$475,373.88 in remaining commitments to be collected. The Followup Team plans to mail correspondence to each pledging unit in January 2013. For campaign progress, please see the poster placed in the back of the sanctuary.



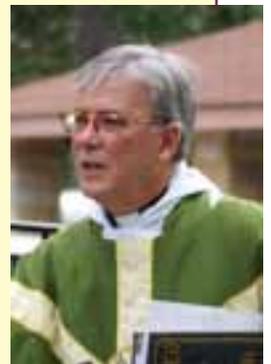
FROM THE RECTOR.....

If a brother or sister is ill clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and be filled' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit?

James 2: 15-16

Lent begins February 13th, Ash Wednesday---

We've all heard the adage that "actions speak louder than words." And we all know from experience that this is true. Yet too often, people talk the talk, but fail to walk the walk. I read a wonderful story that speaks to this point.



Years ago, a teacher who tutored children in a large hospital was assigned to help a boy who had been seriously burned in an accident. The tutor was told by the boy's regular teacher that his class was studying irregular verbs and dangling participles--- she was concerned that, without help, he might fall too far behind. When the tutor went to see the boy, she was horrified to find that he was in the Critical Care Unit. He had been so badly burned that he could hardly

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FROM THE RECTOR

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talk. The tutor tried her best to work with him on verbs and participles, but when she left she didn't know if she had helped at all. She was very frustrated.

However, when she returned the next day, the nurses were all smiles: "You worked a miracle yesterday! The boy had been unresponsive and depressed. He had given up, and was lying there waiting to die. But after you came, his attitude changed. He is talking and working with us. He's fighting back, and we believe that he is going to make it!" The tutor was pleased but dumbfounded. She had no idea what she had done to bring about such a change.

After the boy was released from the hospital, he explained why the tutor's visit had made such a difference. A simple revelation had come to him shortly after the tutor's visit. "They told me I was going to live, but I didn't believe them," he said. "I thought they were just saying that. But when a teacher came, it made all the difference. I realized they wouldn't send a teacher to work with a dying boy on irregular verbs and dangling participles."

They had told him he would live, but he was not convinced. The action of a teacher helping him with homework made all the difference. Actions DO speak louder than words— they are more contagious and convincing. An unknown poet expressed it this way:



We are writing a Gospel a chapter each day
By deeds that we do and words that we say.
People read what we write, whether faithless or true.
So what is the Gospel according to you?

Lent begins February 13th, Ash Wednesday. During Lent of 2013, please make a difference— at Otey Parish, in your family, at work, by the way you live your life, write a chapter of a gospel each day. What Gospel are you writing each day? What is the Gospel according to you?

God's peace,

Joe

Friday
School

Volunteers are needed to teach Friday School. To teach, you must choose an area of interest and develop four lessons to span the four Fridays.

- Grades K-2 meet from 12:30 - 1:15
- Grades 3-5 meet from 1:30 - 2:30

Please let us know if you would like to offer your class to one or both age groups (both is preferable!). Not sure you would like to teach? There are other volunteer opportunities during Friday School. For more information, contact Bess Jenkins at bessjenkins@sewanee.edu.

Plans are underway for the 38th annual SES Friday School. Friday school is a unique and exciting program at Sewanee Elementary that allows students to choose an area of interest from the Friday School options and expand their horizons outside of the classroom. This year's program will take place each of the four Fridays in April: April 5, April 12, April 19 & April 26.

LOOKING TOWARD LENT...

Lent, the season of forty days prior to Easter, is a time of preparing candidates for baptism and confirmation, as well as a period of reflection and penitence for the baptized. Observing a "Holy Lent" often includes adding a discipline in your spiritual journey or removing a treasured practice during the forty days of Lent. This might mean "fasting" from an activity, such as watching television or using Facebook, that can interfere with your daily walk with Our Lord.

This year at Otey Parish, there will be both liturgical and educational opportunities to celebrate Lent. Tuesdays in Lent, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with a Healing Service at 12:22 PM. The Christian Formation Committee will offer several opportunities for you and your family to consider as part of your "Holy Lent." First of all, daily Lenten meditation booklets will be available for your use at home each day. These will be available on Shrove Tuesday for you to take home. Secondly, on Sunday mornings, Fr. Joe and Betty Carpenter will be offering the Confirmation Class in Brooks Hall kitchen. This class is for all high school and middle school students, for those wishing to be confirmed, or for those just wanting to know more about our church. Also on Sunday mornings in Lent, The Rev. JoAnn Barker will return with the second section of her marvelous series, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord." This series is a wonderful way to learn about theology and Biblical history as you listen to inspiring music.

Finally, on Sunday mornings and at other times during the week, small groups will be formed to read through the Psalms with "The Bible Challenge." "The Bible Challenge" is a program developed by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie, Rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Ft. Washington, PA. He founded both the Bible Challenge and the Center for Biblical Studies. Rev. Zabriskie noted that as Episcopalians we tend to be well educated and place significance of hearing the Bible read each week in worship. However, less than 5% of Episcopalians attend a Bible Study. The Bible Challenge was developed to encourage us to read the Bible daily and hear the Scriptures come alive for us each day. Our hope is that by forming small groups and reading the Psalms during Lent, we can see how this program works and provide a creative way to continue to build our Otey Parish community.

Sign-ups will begin Sunday, January 27th in Brooks Hall. We will have one group on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, and several other groups that will meet during the week (times to be determined based upon interest). We will also open a Facebook page, so that participants can offer reflective comments on the daily readings. Childcare will be available for all groups. Books may be purchased for \$14.00. Please feel free to e-mail me at DrRobinAReed@gmail.com if you are interested in finding out more about The Bible Challenge, wish to purchase a book, or have any questions about our Lenten offerings.

May God empower you to join us as we celebrate a Holy Lent and journey together toward Easter.

--- Robin A. Reed ---



Keeping
a Holy Lent



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in memory or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please contact Diane Jones no later than March 25. The cost is \$25, and the names of your loved ones will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Contact Diane on her cellphone at 615-594-4805 or send email to djones.sewanee@gmail.com. Please mail your payment to Diane at 565 Haynes Rd, Sewanee TN 37375.

HARTLEY TO SPEAK AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN LUNCHEON MEETING MARCH 4

The Rev. Dr. Melissa Hartley, Associate Chaplain for the University of the South, will be the speaker for the first spring meeting of ECW on Monday, March 4, 2013. The 12:00 noon luncheon meeting will take place in the parish house of St. James in Midway.

Continuing ECW's theme for the year, "Notable Women of Faith", Dr. Hartley will speak about the Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi, the first woman priest of the Anglican Communion.

Chaplain Hartley, a 1993 graduate of the College, coordinates the worship planning for All Saints Chapel and shares in the pastoral care of the University. In addition to her BA from Sewanee, she has a MDiv., S.T.M. from General Theological Seminary and a Ph.D in Liturgical Studies from Drew University.

Reservations for the \$10.00 catered lunch should be made by 6:00 p.m. the Saturday before the March 4 meeting by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or emailing her at plines@sewanee.edu. All interested women in the area are invited to attend. A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time of reservation.



PANCAKE SUPPER 25TH ANNIVERSARY-FEB. 12TH

An evening of fresh new talent is on the way to the Mountain with the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Entertainment Extravaganza celebrating its 25th year hosted by Otey Parish at Cravens Hall.

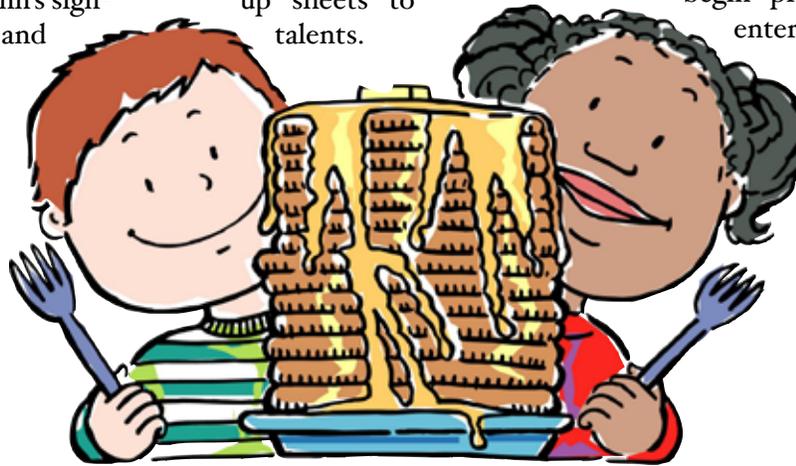
This lively evening of delicious food and family entertainment is scheduled for Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 12, beginning at 6 p.m.

Coordinator, Peggy Peterson is happy to announce that Judy and Carey Wofford are returning as Otey's kitchen coordinators, and if you've wondered what it's like to work the grill at Waffle House, here's your chance. Otey needs folks who like to flip pancakes or can help to set up or clean up. Ann Seiters will be coordinating the volunteers, so see Ann's sign-up sheets to volunteer your time and talents.

As in years past, Taylor's is donating and hanging fabulous decorations. Beth Charlton and Betty Carpenter are in charge of the entertainment. Noel Workman is handling the publicity and Lizzie Duncan will once again prove her talents as the greatest MC in Sewanee. University students will be lending helping hands in many capacities.

The menu, served family style, includes all-you-can eat pancakes with syrup and butter and some alternative toppings, sausages, juice and coffee. Prices are \$5 for ages 6- 89; \$2 for ages 5 and under; all 90 or above are free and families over 5 have a fixed price of \$25!!

Doors open at 5:45 pm. The serving of pancakes will begin promptly at 6 pm and the entertainment begins at 6:15 with plans to end around 7:30. Costumes of all types are encouraged but not required.

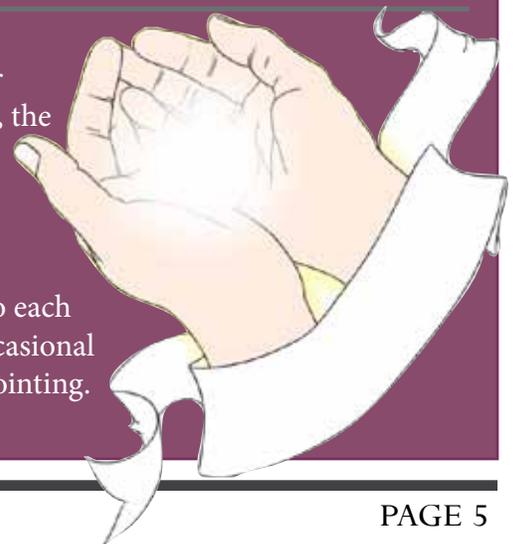


SHROVE TUESDAY

LENTEN SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

During Lent 2013, the construction of our new Parish House makes our Luncheon Series impossible! But each week, we will have, at 12:22 p.m., the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. There will be a guest preacher every week. And, for those of you who need to get back to work, we will have you out and back into the world as quickly as possible.

Some of you have shared with me that you miss our Healing Service. So each week, following our 12:22 Eucharist, we will have, from the Book of Occasional Services, a "Public Service of Healing"--- the laying on of hands and anointing.





Did you know that in Middle Tennessee one in three children go hungry?

Did you know that nearly one third of working families earn a

wage so low they struggle to pay for necessities?

Shocking statistics but then statistics are just numbers until they have names and faces. At CAC we can put a name and a face to these dismal statistics and we can thank God that Otey Parish has a ministry that provides help to those in need. Since September, I have had the privilege to serve as CAC Interim Director and to put names with faces and to hear stories of brokenness and needs.

No one is turned away and no one leaves empty-handed. Over these last few months CAC has distributed over five thousand pounds of food and yes you read correctly FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS of food purchased from Second Harvest Food Bank of Nashville. For every dollar spent there we get four dollars worth of food. It's a deal!

Since the last issue of Otey Notes, we have provided groceries for over 400 people and assisted twenty two families with their utilities (gas, water, electric). Several of the CAC clients received assistance with dental needs and we have provided overnight housing for three homeless people of this community. The work of CAC depends on the unselfish giving of many. Please know that your donations help those in need. Now you may never cross paths with the clients we serve or it may be that someone sitting next to you in the pew on Sunday mornings has been helped by CAC. The ministry of CAC goes about the work faithfully, quietly and respecting the dignity of every human being.

Call us at 598-5927 and consider offering your time talent and treasure. Volunteers make it all come together.

Betty Carpenter



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

We had a big turn out for the first gathering of 2013 and it is safe to say that Fire on the Mountain is off to a great start! The month of February is jam-packed with activities. We'll root for our favorite team at the Super Bowl Party and close out the month with the annual Winter Ski Retreat. In between there is a regular meeting and the SAS winter musical which always involves many of our youth. There is a lot going on in the lives of young people and it is our hope that youth group meetings offer a time set apart for spiritual growth, reflection and change from the "busyness" of teenage life. At our meetings this semester we jump-start discussion with the Rob Bell Nooma Series. The meeting time is the same but we divide into middle-school and high-school for discussion then come back together to share a meal (always pizza) and close with Compline. There's always room for anyone and everyone in our mountain community grades 6-12 and we welcome all. Please continue to pray for all of us,..... kids, adult leaders and our wonderful college interns.



Betty Carpenter

February 3-Super Bowl Party 4:30>Half-Time

February 10 Meeting- 4:15-5:30

February 17-SAS Musical

February 22-24 Winter Ski Retreat





For some parishioners cooking is a way to demonstrate care and concern, and to share the bounty from their own table. Combine that talent with a visit to the home of a fellow parishioner, and you are part of an important ministry! Otey Meals Ministry is loosely organized among parishioners as needs arise in the community. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals for families or individuals dealing with illness, death, or any crisis circumstance. Food ministry for a family or person may last one - three weeks, and during that time the preparation of meals is shared among volunteers.

There is no meal committee. Parishioners are able to sign up to help prepare a meal on a case by case basis. Typically the parish is informed of the need and all parishioners are invited to sign up for a meal delivery date via the website "TakeThemAMeal.com." On that website volunteers can see the dates needed and the meals that others have signed up to contribute.

Some parishioners have devoted a weekly visit with a dish to our home bound parishioners. Delivering a meal is one way they can demonstrate care as well as provide good company to those who don't get out much. If you are interested in developing a longer term relationship with one of our home bound parishioners please contact Lisa Howick or the church.

Lisa Howick coordinates this ministry, and can be reached at (931)598-9727 or lmhowick@bellsouth.net

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Mark 12:31

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PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS:

Don & Sue Armentrout, Barbara Ball, Linda Bachand, Elvie Biddle, Louise Blount, Richard Blount, Christine Booth, Dwayne Brewer, Ann Brewster, Frankie Bright, Jonathan Burnett, Willie Cocke, Stuart Cook, Michelle Cooper, Suzie Coughlan, Yvette Cowell, Meta Crane, Jim and Sally Franklin, Ray Green, Allison Greene, John Green, Brooks Gunn, Amy Hanna, Dennis Hastings, Bill Hethcock, RJ Hughes, Patrick Irwin, Richard Jones, Robert Jones, Beth Kennerly, Joel Kennerly, Sr., Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Patty Mayeux, Camille McClure, Ned and Sally McCrady, Moses Mulovi, Sheila Naidu, Mary Bethany Neal, Rod Nunley, Jennifer, Michelle, and Sara Roberts, Marion Rectenwald, Michael and Miranda Rectenwald, John Seiters, Barbara Springer, Jasmine, Barbara, and Bill Stafford, Sarah, Gavin, Ryan, and Jon Stewart, Kathy and Gary Sturgis, Dessie Taylor, Reid Ward, Lethia Watson, Tyler White, Jane Williams, Kathy Woods, Harry Yeatman and Peggy Young.

We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Kevin Stewart and Mark Gallagher.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the March 2013 issue of Otey Notes is:

Wednesday, February 20

Email submissions to:
spicergirls@nerdshack.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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