



Otey Notes



OTEY IS ON THE MOVE



Drew Sampson & Roy Millar installing a new dishwasher in Brooks Hall as part of our transition.

IN PREPARATION for the building of our new parish house, we must vacate the existing building. The current deadline is August 31, however we are told that this could change if the start date is moved up.

The first office to move out of the parish house was the Financial Secretary, Lisa Rung. On May 6 we moved her essential files, her computer and furniture to a small room upstairs in Brooks Hall. Her phone number is 598-5997.

On June 13, the Rector's and Parish Secretary's were relocated to their new homes in Brooks Hall. These offices will remain in Brooks Hall permanently. Some structural modifications will be necessary to make these offices efficient, but we are delaying these for a time while everyone settles into the new space and determines what is needed. Their phone number, 598-5926 moved with them. We also added an additional phone line: 598-9537. The Rector's office is in the old dining room while the secretary's office is in the front parlor on your right as you enter the front door..

We have also moved the conference room across the hall to the front parlor on the ramp side of the building. It is a bit cramped with that large table and twelve chairs, but this is temporary until the new parish house is completed. The small office space adjoining this parlor can be used by the Rector for meetings or for other small groups.

The Recovery Programs that meet in the parish hall will meet in Brooks Hall. Also housed in Brooks Hall will be the Godly Play classes. They will meet in the three upstairs rooms in Brooks Hall. Fire on the Mountain will have the use of the entire upper level for their Sunday evening meetings. We are still considering where to put the adult classes on Sunday mornings. One will be in the Brooks Hall conference room. The nursery will be in some combination of the hallway and the offices in Brooks.

Folks at Home has moved down University to the building that belongs to the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation, commonly called the Blue House. This is a temporary move and they will have office and storage space in our new parish house

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"MISSION WEEK ON THE MOUNTAIN"

"Mission Week on the Mountain" is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to become aware of the needs of our community and to actually make a difference in the lives of those whom we seek to serve. This year's experience was no exception. As our week unfolded in such amazing ways, I continue to be grateful for the privilege of working with the outstanding and committed teenagers of Fire on the Mountain.

We began our week with a 7 mile canoe trip down the Elk River and then set about living out the great commission. We hosted Vacation Bible School for a group of special needs adults, worked like farm-hands at the SAA Ranch, sponsored a Parents Nite Out and had a reception at the St. Mark's Community Center for residents of that community. These are the highlights but interwoven into all of this activity was the amazing work of our youth. Lovingly they reached out to our neighbors with kindness and openness

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Our jumpstart to mission week, a seven mile canoe trip down the Elk River.

that was a beautiful thing to watch. Many thanks to all who lent a hand to make this week one of the best ever, actually by observing the Venus Transit we can say it was a once in a lifetime kind of week!

Our July plans include a trip down to Nashville to work with youth from West End Synagogue and The Islamic Center of Nashville volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank. This is a part of the continuing work of Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project.

Betty Carpenter



Lula Burnett, Former employee of the Sewanee Children's Center, is reunited with her former students Eliza and Emily Masters



We didn't miss the chance of a lifetime Viewing the Venus Transit at the University Observatory.



Lily Grace learns the fine art of Ninja at Parents Nite Out



What has become a tradition... VBS for special needs adults from Exceptional Enterprises



Manual labor was a fun part of the week at SAA Ranch, an Equine Therapy facility located in Grundy County.



Creating hand-made invitations for the reception given in honor of the residents of St. Mark's at the St. Marks Community Center



**UPDATE FROM THE PARISH HOUSE
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
JUNE 21, 2012**

We have received detailed design plans from our architects and a site plan from our civil engineer which are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Our builder, American Constructors, is in the process of pricing the construction based on bids from sub-contractors and we have furnished the company with names of several local contractors and suppliers in an effort to manage costs. The builder has requested us for additional time to prepare cost estimates and we have agreed to meet here on July 6th to review the cost information. The next step will be a “value engineering” phase during which time we will make cost related decisions.

Barbara Prunty has agreed to chair our Décor Advisory Committee and to become a member of the Construction Committee. To date, Ken Taylor, Karen Keele, Debbie Ball and Peggy Peterson have agreed to join Barbara on her committee. This committee will go into action once we have cost information and begin making decisions on materials, colors, fixtures, and space utilization.

We have selected a bank to finance the construction of the Parish House and the proposal is being presented to the Vestry for approval. The interest rate is very favorable and the bank does not require our buildings as collateral, a significant benefit.

The Diocese has reviewed our building and financing plans and we understand that no further action is required from us.

We have submitted the building and site plans to the University’s Lease Committee. Our project has been approved subject to the Committee’s final approval of exterior materials.

There are many moving parts to this project and we continually have to remind ourselves that we are in a planning process and that the level of activity ebbs and flows. At the moment, it might seem like not much is happening, but a lot of activity is going on behind the scenes to get us ready for

construction to begin. Given the above delay in costing the project we have asked the architect if the target construction start date of September 24th is realistic. They initially indicated “yes” but they are revisiting the timeline and we will let you know their response. Please contact any one of the Construction Committee members should you have any question. Thank you very much!

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| John Solomon, Chair | Bruce Baird |
| Bob Burns | Bill Mauzy |
| Roy Millar | Barbara Prunty |
| Drew Sampson | Mickey Suarez |

OTEY IS ON THE MOVE...CONTINUED

Upcoming moves include The Sewanee Children’s Center and the CAC. The Sewanee Children’s Center received official approval from the University for relocation to Lower Cravens Hall. SCC will hold their summer program (June 4-August 3) in their existing space in the parish house and be moved and ready for fall in Cravens. However, the move will be more costly than anyone would have desired because of the cost of modifications to satisfy the requirements of the Fire Marshal’s office. This is a blow to the SCC, but they will find a way to make the move to Lower Cravens successfully. The CAC will be moving to the yellow house at 58 Lake O’Donnell Road. This is the yellow house adjacent to the Senior Center.

Thurmond Library will remain in the parish house through the summer. A possible plan is to move the children’s books to Lower Cravens with the SCC and the adult books to a room in the Blue House with Folks at Home, but other options are being considered.

The Episcopal Church Women will meet at Lorena’s for their monthly luncheons next year.

FOLKS AT HOME

Did you know that Folks at Home is one of only two organizations in Tennessee listed on the Village to Village Network website directory? Folks at Home (F@H) is one of the 89 Villages in operation in the U.S. Yes, once again Sewaneetians, we are unique!

You may know the history, but you may be reading about this exciting movement for the first time or want to learn more. Folks at Home website is <http://folksathome.sewanee.edu>

Villages:

- are membership-driven, grass-roots organizations
- are run by volunteers and paid staff
- coordinate access to affordable services including transportation, inspiring health and wellness programs, home repairs, social and educational activities and trips.
- offer vetted- discounted providers

Village to Village Network: (<http://vtv@vtvnetwork.org>)

- Village to Village Network (VtV) is a national peer to peer network to help establish and continuously improve management of their own villages whether in large metropolitan areas, rural towns or suburban settings.
- The mission of VtV is to enable communities to establish and effectively manage aging in community organizations initiated and inspired by their members.

Volunteers are always appreciated to offer their skills and abilities for Friendly Visits and Phone Check-ins, Transportation, Light Home Maintenance (filter changes, grab bar installation), In-home Assistance,

Convenience Services – Errands, Shopping, Gardening/Plant Care, Computer/Electronic Assistance, Writing and Editing, Social, Educational, Cultural Activities, Dog Walking/Pet Care, or Becoming a Buddy. If you are a service provider with skills for hire, please contact us (or website) for an application to become a F@H vetted vendor.

Folks at Home (F@H), a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish since 2008, has re-located: please come by anytime you're in the neighborhood! Our new location is the historic Blue House, 400 University Ave., where we've joined the current tenant, the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation.

People of all ages are invited to join Folks at Home as Members, Vendors, Volunteers, or Committee Members. Your support, questions and suggestions are welcome. For more information, you may call, e-mail, come by, or visit our website at <http://folksathome.sewanee.edu>. Please contact us, Kathleen O'Donohue, Director, Folks at Home, 400 University Avenue., P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375, phone (931)-598-0303 or e-mail folksathomesewanee@gmail.com.

In Remembrance

Just a note to let those of you who knew her that Mrs. Marion Barnett passed away on June 19 in Omaha, Nebraska. Marion and her husband John spent several summers here many years back where she was the summer organist for The University of the South and also filled in here at Otey.

CAC Canning Project



There are times when fresh produce cannot be distributed before it begins to go bad. With approval from the CAC Board, we are moving forward with a canning and freezing project to prevent the waste. The idea is that the CAC works with its clients to get the preserved by providing a kitchen and all of the equipment for those who might not have access to it. The clients would add their labor and take home their share of the goods.

We are working on finding a kitchen. In the mean time we need to start gathering supplies. We will be placing a box at the church to collect jars, rings, flat lids, and freezer bags. Also, we are in need of canners, both hot water and pressure, strainers, etc. If you are able to donate them, that is great, however we will also be making a list so that we know who has them to borrow when the time comes.

We are hoping that this will become a community project, so anyone is welcome to come and share their knowledge and take part.

Abby & Emma Spicer



CAC NEWS

WOW!!! What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun we had at our recent Community Action Committee breakfast! Kudos to all of our volunteers; University students, CAC Board Members, Connie Gibson for heading up the kitchen and Brenda Matthews for helping transport two truckloads of free fruit, vegetables, juices, eggs, fresh bread and sweet treats from Second Harvest. We are also blessed each week with fresh farm eggs from Elizabeth Masters and Michael Gtantz to give away. Thanks also to all who volunteered to bake breakfast casseroles and coffee cakes for us. Everyone went away with full bellies and overflowing grocery bags filled with free food. With businesses closing and laying off workers, we are having new sheep added to our fold every day; 17 new households in just the last two weeks. I must say that the greatest joy experienced at the recent breakfast came because of the abundance free food available. It almost multiplied before our eyes! Because of this bounty, our CAC friends were empowered to carry out the CAC mission and take free bags of groceries to the shut-in, loved ones and needy persons they knew. Isn't that just GRAND? Do remember us with your financial gifts. Your generous donations always go much farther through our tax free purchasing power with Second Harvest Food Bank.

Our presence at the Remote Area Medical clinic was a blessing to over 750 persons needing treatment. CAC provided snacks and fruit to all in attendance. Additionally, our oranges helped several diabetics recover from low sugar as they waited to receive treatment. We appreciate all the volunteers that helped make this RAM clinic such a success in meeting the needs of our friends with no insurance for dental, vision and health services. The CAC director witnessed firsthand how desperately dental services were needed by our neighbors, many of whom had multiple teeth extracted because of decay. Please pray that we can once again provide such needed care in our community.

Blessings! Luwin Lewis, CAC Director

VBS

MARK your calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS) which will be held July 16-20 from 9 am until Noon at St. James Parish campus. Otey Parish, along with the other Episcopal parishes in the area, sponsors this "come one, come all" week for children entering grades K-5. Youth entering grades 6-12 are needed to be counselors. A simple lunch is included each day along with worship time, music, games, crafts, and a Bible story. VBS this year is "Going Deep with God." Hope to see you there!! Questions: Robin Reed (636-0010).

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The Rev. Joe Ballard

Rector

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We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Kevin Stewart. We pray for the victims of war.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the August 2012 issue of Otey

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is:

Wednesday, July 18

Email submissions to:
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Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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