



# OTEY NOTES



## Otey Parishioners Help RAM Bring Medical Services To The Mountain



Remote Area Medical (RAM) conducted a dental, vision, and medical clinic on the University campus during the weekend of May 19-20. All services were free, with no eligibility requirements, and were offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The clinic was hosted by the Franklin and Grundy County Health Councils and the University.

CAC had a very strong presence at the RAM clinic. Volunteers gave away peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars, fruit, tooth brushes and tooth paste. Luwin Lewis send along her deepest thanks for your donations and volunteer help!

Thanks also to our young persons from Fire On The Mountain who took part by helping with the Salvation Army Canteen, which was located in the parking lot behind the hospital. Runners were needed to deliver water and snacks. Thanks!

### From The Rector...

A couple of weeks ago, I spent an afternoon with Betty Barton Blythe, Father Dennis and Sandy Kezar (new members of Otey who you need to get to know), and their guest, Sister Elissea Papaciok. Sister Elissea is a Romanian Orthodox nun who is a splendid artist, practicing the ancient art of iconography. She was delightful. Sister Elissea made her first visit to America at the invitation of the Smithsonian Museum. Her work has been displayed at the Vatican and museums in the United States and Europe (say “wow” whenever you’d like!).

During the day, she met with undergrads, seminarians, and all of us who were interested. At the risk of oversimplifying, her icons took one’s breath away. Icons of the Madonna and Child, of Christ, and, of course, of angels. Michael, Raphael, Gabriel, Uriel – I loved the icons of the angels.

We in Sewanee think we own the franchise on angels. We tap the inside top of our cars as we enter the domain to let our angels know

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**From The Rector (cont. from page 1)**



we no longer need their care, and tap it again as we leave to let them know we need them back on duty (although, as I explain to Bobbye, I never tap , as I need my angel as much in Sewanee as I do outside of Sewanee.) We have angels on our mugs and on pins in our lapels. Yet, many think of angels as fanciful beings.

They aren't. Angels are real. As our Prayer Book puts it, when we sing the Sanctus during the Holy Eucharist, we join our voices with the voices of angels and Archangels who forever proclaim the glory of God's name. We cannot begin to understand angels. Down through history, notable theologians have tried-- Augustine, Ambrose, Aquinas, Origen, and Tertulian, to name just a few. But Angels are real. Angels are part of that reality which is God, a reality that seems just beyond the horizon. Angels are part of that reality which we can't quite reach.

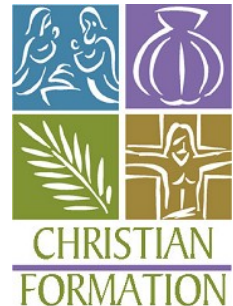
As so many of us go in different directions during the summer months, I pray that your angels will take good care of you as you travel, and bring you safely back to the mountain soon. And for those of you beginning new adventures away from our mountain, may your angels keep you safe and well until we meet again.

God's peace,  
*Joe*

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CHRISTIAN FORMATION LEADERS**

Sunday, May 6th we celebrated the gifts, talents, and generosity of our Sunday School teachers. Special thanks to the Children's Choir, Ann Seiters, and Kathy Sturgis who provided beautiful music for our celebration. Thanks to the generosity of the new Blue Chair owners, Jimmy and Susan Wilson, who matched our Sunday School Teachers' gifts, each teacher received \$20.00 gift certificate to enjoy a good meal with a friend.

If you weren't able to be at the celebration, be sure to thank our Christian Formation team members for their shepherding our Otey Flock this year. The team members include: Fr. Joe, Betty Carpenter, Evan Jones, David Bowman, John Bratton, Eric Thurman, Pete Trenchi, Julie King Murphy, Elizabeth Wilson, Diana Scheide, Ann Seiters, Barbara Prunty, Peggy Peterson, Beth Charlton, Jen and Chris Hackett, Nicole and Jeff Frazier, Kana Goldsmith, Lisa Hartman, Marion Knoll, Amy Neubauer, Pam Byerly (EFM), Jill Mollica, and Robin Reed.



FAMILIES... be sure to mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School (VBS), July 16-20 from 9-12 noon (lunch included) for children entering K-5. Held on the St. James' campus, VBS is sponsored by Otey Parish and all the Episcopal churches in the area. Youth entering grades 6-12 are invited to serve as junior counselors. Adults are always needed to help with planning and implementation. Our theme this year is "Operation Overboard - Dare to Go Deep With God!" Come join us for a week of fun and fellowship! To volunteer or inquire: Robin Reed (636-0010).

**Robin Reed, Christian Formation**

# Fire On The Mountain

## News and Notes



It's never easy to say goodbye, and this year was no exception. Living on the mountain people come and go into our lives with a familiar rhythm and we think we are prepared to see them go. We never are... not really. One of the best features of our youth group is the college intern program and over the years we have had the best of the best. The college students are wonderful role models for our youth and in turn we equip the college students for Youth Ministry. Many of our former interns are currently serving in parishes across the country. Win/Win! It was an emotional farewell party

on graduation weekend and never have we said goodbye to so many who have contributed so much. As the next chapter of these young lives begin we know they are off to do good things.

Carrie Ryan (Rhodes Scholar) will be at Oxford, Will Stanley will enter Yale Divinity School, Winnie Smith Youth Ministry in Connecticut, high school seniors Forrest Edens is off to Vanderbilt, Keith McFarland will be a freshman at Huntingdon. Natasha Kirschling is moving to the Diocese of Louisiana where we know she will be in good hands. There is not enough space to list their contributions and we give thanks to God that they have come into our lives. It is NOT goodbye for we know our paths will cross again.



Mission on the Mountain Week begins June 3 with a full schedule of events and outreach opportunities. We are hosting a Vacation Bible School for special needs adults in the mornings and afternoons will be outreach. Our newest endeavor is to have a party at the St. Mark's Community Center for the residents also work at the SAA Ranch, and have our first ever Parents' Night Out. Brooks Hall is home base for the week. Please keep us in your prayers.

### Attention Parents!

Fire on the Mountain will have a Night Out For Parents on Monday June 4. This is a great opportunity for date night or just to get a break. Children ages 18 months to 10 years will be supervised, entertained and cared for by experienced teenagers and adults. Drop off your kids at 6:00 and pick them up at 9:30... this is our gift to families.

- Betty Carpenter

### Fare Thee Well, Otey Friends...

This issue of Otey Notes marks my last as editor. It has been a privilege to have been part of the communications team here at Otey, not only via the newsletter, but also by helping to build and manage the OteyParish.org website. Please join me in welcoming Amy Spicer, who assumes these duties effective June 1. Amy is the spouse of rising Middler Seminarian Steven Spicer, and the mother of four beautiful children. Her email address appears on the back page.

- Will Cate

**VESTRY OF THE DAY...**

**... THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE!**



As you may have noticed, a member of the Otey vestry stands during the announcements at every service and welcomes the congregation, especially visitors. The vestry members think this is an important outreach tool for the many who attend our services. But behind the scenes, this person doesn't just welcome people to the parish.

Each week the one on duty arrives just after 8:00 and picks up a 4-page checklist. The condition of all three of our buildings and the grounds is inspected. This is needed because our cleaning team works before the buildings are used on Saturdays. A walk-through and inspection to correct (if necessary) and check off each item takes about half an hour. (This could be longer in the winter if there is snow or ice to deal with!) All the bathrooms are especially inspected for adequate supplies and cleanliness.

Light bulbs are changed and trashcans are emptied. Then the vestryman/woman attends both services, stays for the coffee hour that follows, and assists where necessary. Finally, when the last car has left the parking lot, he/she makes sure the coffee pots are unplugged, the doors are closed, and the lights turned off.

Thanks to these volunteers, we can rest assured that things will run smoothly each Sunday. You can help, too, by notifying the Vestry Member of the Day about anything in the buildings or on the grounds that you see amiss on Sunday mornings.

– **Karen Keele**

*Visitors from the Diocese of Mississippi spent some time and gave a helping hand to Dessie Taylor*



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## **FOLKS @ HOMES MAKES MOVE TO 400 UNIVERSITY AVE.**

In anticipation of the Otey Parish House renovation, Folks at Home (F@H), a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish since 2008, will be re-locating by the end of May, 2012. Our new location is the historic Blue House, 400 University Ave., where we'll join the current tenant, the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation. Our mailing address and our phone number will continue to be: P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN, and (931) 598-0303.

F@H began a support group in March for people who are in a caring role for their parent/s, spouse/mate, friend or relative. This group meets every week and is open to anyone with the desire to participate. Support groups often offer a confidential, safe, and nurturing environment to share personal frustrations, joys, sorrows, and wisdom with individuals who may share similar challenges in their care team. Please call or email for details on the meeting time and location.



F@H provides information, referrals to service providers, sets up interviews, and assists with the coordination of access to care. F@H has safety equipment available for your use: bath/shower chairs, wheelchairs, etc. Grab bars and handrails are also available for installation in your home.

Community volunteers make weekly home visits, shop for groceries, keep in contact by phone, provide transportation to medical appointments, and facilitate the weekly F@H support group. It truly takes a village to make the F@H village model a success.

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 Advice and Help
- Computer/Electronic Assistance
- Writing and Editing
- Social, Educational, Cultural Activities
- Dog Walking/Pet Care
- Becoming a Buddy

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](mailto:folksathomesewanee@gmail.com).

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

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

**Don't Forget!**

The deadline for submissions for the July 2012 issue of Otey Notes is:

**Wednesday, June 20**

**Email submissions to:  
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