



Otey Notes



In 2012 Folks at Home (F@H) had 52 members from age 60+ to 92. We provided pro bono services to an additional 25 individuals for monthly or acute services and this need continues to expand.

Over 84 individuals received hundreds of services from 74 volunteers, Kathleen (the F@H Director), or Frieda (the F@H Assistant). F@H has the equivalent of one full-time employee (FTE).

Here are a few examples of the work that you are supporting at Folks at Home.

Equipment Exchange = someone calls or comes by to get a walker, cane or shower chair, or they donate these to us as they no longer need them.

Care Coordination includes information, referrals and access to services. Here are a few recent needs.

A daughter needs a ramp for her mother who's just moved in with her. She's referred to a vetted vendor and offered use of a portable ramp from F@H.

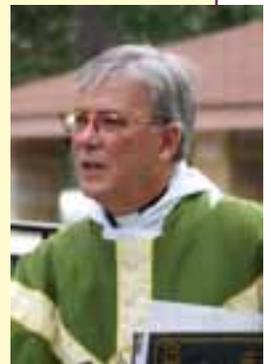
The member who needs daily in-home care asked F@H to make a daily work schedule for the caregivers who were vetted and interviewed by F@H. After consultation with the client and the workers, a schedule of work shifts for the month was completed.

A son called in need of increased in-home services for his parents; options are discussed and referrals to vetted caregivers were given. A Volunteer Driver for her next medical appointment was scheduled.

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FROM THE RECTOR....

Our Gospel lesson for this past Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Easter) was the 21st Chapter of John's Gospel, Chapter 21, v. 1-19--- it was VERY long and covered LOTS of stuff. Most of which I could only tip my hat to during the sermon. But it included my favorite verses in scripture, John 21 v. 15-17. Jesus says to St. Peter, and to us, that if we love him, we will "Feed (his) lambs... Tend (his) sheep... Feed (his) sheep." Peter's feelings were hurt that Jesus said it three times. I hope yours aren't. Because Jesus is just making sure we "get it", that we understand clearly that if we want to show Him and the world that we love him, we know how to do so. Feed and tend His sheep.



Certainly, we are ALL His sheep. We are to take care of each other. To make sure we have clean, safe and accessible facilities in which we can worship, and learn, break bread together, and teach our children and our community's children. But we know that Jesus is referring to those who need our help, in so many ways: our friends who've had surgery or are homebound; and others less fortunate than we are economically.

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FROM THE RECTOR

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To feed and tend God's sheep as best I can has been part of my personal mission statement since my several years working in New York City during the 1980s. There were so many seemingly hopeless people on the streets of Manhattan at that time that today I never pass up a person in need. (To the consternation of my wife, Bobbye, who wonders where our money goes. And to the consternation of our Parish Administrator, Frieda, who keeps my Discretionary Fund checkbook balanced.) When Bobbye and I were on our Mission Trip to Ecuador, our larger group discouraged my giving money to a little blue-eyed girl who stopped me every day. And these were good people, doing God's work. They are my friends. But she and her family, they explained, were always out "begging." They chastised me for making eye contact. Finally, when Bobbye and I went our looking for her together, she was gone. She still haunts me.



"To feed" means more than to supply with food and nourishment, though it certainly means that. According to my dictionary, it also means to minister to. According to the same dictionary, "to tend" means to look after, and care for, to attend to by action. Please don't shrug off what I'm saying. Consult your own favorite dictionary! Jesus is clear, don't you think?

Jesus says to St. Peter and to us that if we love him, we will feed and tend his sheep. Those inside the doors of our Church, and those outside those doors. And we can accomplish more together than individually. Thank you, all of you, who show me Jesus daily in the way you care for and show kindness to so many, day in and day out.

God's Peace,

Joe

SR. CONSTANCE AND HER COMPANIONS TOPIC OF MAY 6 MEETING OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

Sr. Elizabeth Grace Mills, member of the Convent of the Sisters of St. Mary's, will be the speaker for the May 6 meeting of ECW at St. James Parish Hall in Midway.

Continuing the year's theme, "Notable Women of Faith", Sister Elizabeth will speak about 19th Century Centurions, Sr. Constance and her Companions. This group of nuns, both Episcopal and Roman Catholic, are renowned as martyrs of Memphis when the city was struck by an epidemic of yellow fever in 1878. They served the sick and dying in the face of their own illness and death.

Reservations for the \$10 catered noon luncheon should be made by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or E-mailing her at plines@sewanee.edu. All interested persons of the area are cordially invited to attend.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION?



On Easter Day, we had a glorious celebration of the Holy Eucharist and a fabulous Easter Eggstravaganza! Over 30 children scampered around the Otey Campus in search of colored eggs prepared by Jill, Matthew, and Luciana Mollica and Kelly, Aubrey, and Jenna Black. Easter Bunnies Christian Taylor and Thomas Goldsmith, Stephanie Faxon and Michelle Mines, and Theresa Shackelford and William Gilcrest hid the eggs on the Brooks front lawn (ages 1-5), outdoor chapel (ages 6-8), and church front lawn (ages 9-11). Our Golden Egg winners were Loulie Frazier and Caroline Neubauer, Edie Paterson and Libby Neubauer, and Zolon Knoll and Porter Neubauer. Special thanks to the Sunday School teachers who helped coordinate the Eggstravaganza in each area.

On April 7, 2013, Bishop John Bauerschmidt made his annual Visit and shared his thoughts about where the Diocese is in 2013. The big news is that the Diocesan Offices will be moving to the former St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 5-acre Brentwood, TN campus in September 2013.



Bishop John also confirmed/received nine new members at Otey Parish, Michael Goldsmith, Allison Bruce, Amy Patterson, Neil Patterson, Sophia Patterson, Emory Babcock, William Gilchrist, Donnie Rung, Kelley Williams!! Betty Carpenter and Fr. Joe Ballard will continue working with this group through the rest of the Sunday School year.



On April 28, Dr. Zell Hoole will present on "The Five Wishes: making a Living Will." After the second service, plan to attend a Reception in Honor of Our Sunday School Teachers. Please remember to come thank your Child's teachers, as well as those who have taught our Adult sessions. And, we will have cake and ice cream!!

Sunday, May 5 is the last day of Godly Play. The children will make thank you cards for their teachers. The Lectionary Class, led by Pete Trenchi, which meets during the Sunday School hour, as well as The Bible Challenge, which meets at 4:00 PM Sunday at Brooks Hall, continue through the summer.

Sunday, May 26th we will gather in the late afternoon and carpool to The Chattanooga Lookouts game where Fr. Joe will throw out the first pitch! Mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Watch the bulletin announcements for further information. Happy Eastertide to all ~~~~ *Robin Reed*

YOUTH MINISTRY AT OTEY PARISH

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM

What a fast year! It seems as if we were just planning the September Kick-Off and it is now time to begin to plan for Summer Outreach!

There have been many highlights along the way. The most recent being Sons and Daughters of Abraham Projects' Youth Peace Summit held at Dubose Conference Center. Christian, Muslim and Jewish youth from middle school to college spent two days together praying, playing and sharing meals and thoughts and creating art. It was a wonderful way for participants to learn from one another and to begin to understand our shared faiths and

to realize the many ways we are alike. Several colleges and many schools from Nashville to the mountain were represented. Everyone left with a promise to stay in touch and return again next year.

"Awesome" "Amazing" "Life-changing" are just some of the words used by the kids to describe their experiences of the weekend.

Betty Carpenter



NOTES FROM THE 3RD ANNUAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM RETREAT APRIL 12 & 13, 2013 AT DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER

Instead of attending an international competition in memorizing and reciting the Koran, a high school senior comes for his third year. He'll enter Vanderbilt in the fall to study medicine. Rashed asks him to do the call to prayer for evening prayers as, taking out a small compass, Rashed kneels, facing Mecca, with the boys in a line behind him, the girls behind them, all at a diagonal across the back of the room. In Arabic, the call was mysterious, lovely, nestling somewhere between tenor and baritone, nuanced, compelling and learned without formal study: "from elders in our mosque."

Rashed begins the prayer, complex and demanding, all from memory, with the group joining and following, kneeling and touching foreheads to the floor at intervals in acts of devotion. In English he explains afterwards that the first was the story of Miriam (Mary) from al Koran, the second, the story of the miraculous birth of Jesus.

Many participants reconnect after last spring's Retreat here on the Mountain, or, later in the summer, a Fast-A-Thon held during Ramadan and sponsored by the Islamic Center of Nashville. Held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Franklin, Christians fasted from lunch on, and all spent

the afternoon discussing food programs, learning about Second Harvest Nashville, and food as ritual. At sundown a magnificent feast of Middle Eastern dishes broke the fast for all.

Friday night’s panelists (one Jew, one Muslim, two Christians) were asked “How does your faith influence your life?” Leaving her college class schedule open from noon to one o’clock makes it possible for the Kurdish young woman to observe daily noon time prayers. The Christian panelists describe their “grounding” in daily life and in crises in Christian, Biblical terms. Having extended relationships with fellow Jews at the Temple is important in the young USN student’s life.

Then, it was “have at it” and from the floor the panelists took theological, doctrinal and practical questions. “Why do some of you cover –hijab – and some don’t?” “What’s a bar mitzvah?” “How do you find a husband?”

Regular features in the Retreat punctuate the full group sessions and breakout groups: spaghetti for supper, a bonfire, brownies, making your mark on a blank canvas, sleeping as little as possible, an early morning boys’ basketball game after prayers just before sunup, the “universal” soccer game, claiming this year’s T shirt. Betty tells the story of how the Retreats began.

“How do religious beliefs, or our faith, affect our political life?” asks Sabina on Saturday morning, describing the increasingly divisive role politicians and the media play in developing public attitudes.

“To be a Muslim you have to believe in Jesus!,”Sabina

“Just Deen It!” (Deen equals religion) Student
 “Think of Jews’ plight under Hitler.” Student
 “Palestinians initially welcomed and befriended Jews.”
 Dr. White

“Getting beyond media stereotypes: -Muslim equals terrorist; black equals gangs and drugs; white equals poor childhood, needs therapy- is essential to break the impasse.” Student

Then to breakout groups for frank, wide-ranging talk: abortion, marriage rituals, Prom, gay marriage.

At the lunch tables each write briefly about the experience of the last 24 hours:

“This is a life-changing event for me and I’ve not missed one.”

“We like to leave the city and come to this beautiful place.”

“It’s important to get some facts in order to have better understandings.”

A round of applause erupts after the question “Shall we do it again?”

Packing, loading, coming together slowly for the photo – using eight different cameras the designated photographer completes the task quickly - and all move out to hike the Fiery Gizzard before leaving for home.



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

It is always good when the gifts and talents of our youth can impact the community in positive ways. Learning of a mother’s desire to have a painted cross for her son’s grave, Fire on the Mountain members spent a Sunday afternoon designing and painting a cross for her. Fr. Joe blessed the finished work of art and it will be delivered soon.

MAY 5- SENIORS GOODBYE



CAC REPORT TO THE BOARD – APRIL 2013



Things continue to go well at CAC. Over the past month :

- Collected on pantry Sunday: 376 rolls of toilet paper
- 27 rolls of paper towels and additional paper goods

Assistance to clients:

- Electricity- 21 households
- Water- 8 households
- Gas-2 households
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We are always looking for more volunteers. Everyone can do something for CAC! Call us!

598-5927

Betty Carpenter

- Ordered and are in the process of distributing 4,167 pounds of food from Second Harvest
- Received from Boy Scouts 300 pounds of additional can goods
- Opened the office on a Saturday to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for our clients obtained from perishable food route of Second Harvest
- TKP held Powder Puff Football game to benefit CAC
- Provided seed money for a start-up business for a client in partnership with St. Mary's
- Had opportunity to speak at a TKP meeting to explain how CAC works and distribute "10 ways to Fight Poverty in Sewanee" to all members



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS AROUND THE CORNER!!

"Everywhere Fun Fair" is July 22-26, 2013 at St. James, 9:00-Noon.

Children entering Pre-K through grade 5 are welcome to attend. Youth ages 12-18 and adults are invited to help. We need volunteers to help with crafts, music, and more... Otey Parish joins with all area Episcopal Churches in the area (Sponsored by Otey Parish- St. James- Holy Comforter-Epiphany Sherwood-Trinity Winchester) for this week of learning, fellowship, and fun!!

Robin Reed (636-0010)



A community volunteer reported that her bimonthly friendly home visits with 2 F@H households are going well and that she plans to continue this volunteer service.

University students in courses with a CEL (Community Engaged Learning) component have been matched with community members. Ten (10) students were individually matched with a F@H member for 5+ friendly home visits over the semester. Eight (8) students have completed energy audits and implemented conservation repairs at three (3) homes of F@H members.

With the grant from the CFSCP (Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau) Folks at Home hired Susan B. Holmes to work 15 hours weekly as the Timebank Coordinator. Susan said "The vision of the South Cumberland Plateau Timebank is to promote cohesive communities across the ...Plateau where people of different ages, backgrounds and abilities interact with each other on an equal footing with mutual respect and understanding." Timebanks also stand out for their revolutionary mathematical equation: ONE = ONE. One hour = One time dollar. (Timebanks USA). This holds true whether a member is offering professional legal advice, repairing a kitchen sink, or making home visits for companionship. **Every member's time is valued equally.** For every hour that a member spends providing a service to another member, they earn one time dollar. Then, that member can spend his or her time dollars on the services of any other Timebank member. It does not matter what your age, education or skill set is. Your hour is worth the same as another. The Timebank will be made up of individual members, organizational affiliates and business partners. Everyone across the Plateau is invited to become a member. Membership fees are \$20 year for individuals, \$30 families, and \$50 for organizations. So that all community members may become Timebank members, fees may be worked in time dollar hours. You may contact the Timebank office at 931-598-0303, mobile 423.280.1480; email <plateautimebank@gmail.com>. Facebook: Plateau Timebank.

Folks at Home (F@H) continues to grow and flourish thanks to the support of Otey Parish, the Sewanee Community Chest, the Dodd Endowment, the Dandridge Trust, and individuals in the greater Sewanee community. 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 Ave., P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375. (931)-598-0303 folksathomesewanee@gmail.com

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We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Ian Duncan and Chris Wilkerson.

Don't Forget!

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

Wednesday, May 15

Email submissions to:
spicergirls@nerdshack.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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