



Otey Notes



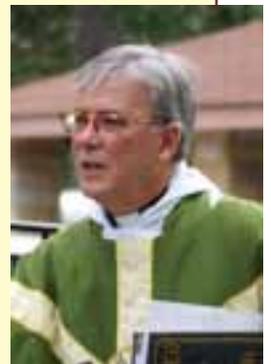
THE LATEST FROM THE CONSTRUCTION AND FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEES:

If you were unable to attend the all parish meeting on Sunday, September 23, updates on construction progress were presented by Amy Burns, Co-Chair of the Follow-up Committee, and John Solomon, Chair of the Construction Committee. Amy reported that a total of \$1.23 million has been received in Capital Campaign pledges and gifts. \$622 thousand has been collected and \$610 thousand in pledges remain to be paid over the next two plus years. Great news!

John Solomon presented a summary of what has been done since the last All Parish meeting on April 15th, including finalizing floorplans, securing bank financing as well as most of the permits. There have been delays due to cost challenges, but final construction plans will be ready at the end of September and, by the end of October, we should receive State Fire Marshall approval, the last permit, and have a Guaranteed Maximum Price from our builder, American Constructors. If all goes according to plan, ground breaking should begin during the early part of November. The latest floor and site plans were reviewed and the color rendering of our new Parish House was unveiled (photo above).

FROM THE RECTOR.....

We have heard a lot from the Epistle of St. James on Sunday mornings for the last few weeks. Writing to the “Twelve Tribes of the Dispersion” scattered outside Palestine, he says things like “What good is your faith, brothers and sisters, if you do not have works? ... Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” (James 2: 14-18.) We know, of course, that our salvation depends upon our faith, not our works. But James is simply saying that faith without works is counterfeit faith. If you have faith, you do the work of Jesus Christ--- seems simple to me. “Be doers of the word,” James encourages in Chapter 1, “and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” Walk the walk, don’t just talk the talk. Very good words in any era.



And I was thinking that if St. James was writing today, he might well sum it up by saying, “In other words, be like so many of the people of Otey Memorial Parish.” The other day, our new Parish Administrator Frieda Gipson asked me “Does it ever slow down around here?” Nope. In my four plus years at Otey Memorial Parish, it’s always been

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FROM THE RECTOR

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one project or another--- of course now, it's our new Parish House that is in the spotlight. So many volunteers are working so smart and so hard to pack up the existing building and move everything in it into Brooks Hall, or storage, or temporary housing. So many volunteers are working so smart and so hard to plan for every tiny detail of the construction of our new Parish House, and to raise funds. It's stunning, I stay amazed at the commitment of everyone involved with every facet of this project--- they are remarkable.



But then, all of our volunteers are remarkable. Our Annual Giving Team (Yes, it's that time again--- thank you for being generous with your time. I urge you, please, to be generous with your money, too), our Christian Formation Team and all our Church School Teachers, our Youth Group Advisors, CAC Volunteers, Altar Guild, our Choirs, Office Volunteers, everyone involved with the Liturgy and the Daily Office and Pastoral Care, the list goes on and on and on. I have not mentioned any names, but I know who you are. I am grateful for you, and for all you do, and I thank God for you every day. I never take you for granted, not for a second.

More importantly, God knows who you are. God knows that you are doers of the word and not merely hearer who deceive themselves.

And if you are not, why not?

God's peace,

Joe



WELCOME BACK.....

Our new Christian Formation year began with a well-attended "Welcome Back Picnic" which was held on the Brooks Hall Lawn, Sunday September 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.. Over 95 people enjoyed fried chicken from University Catering and delicious sides and desserts from Otey kitchens around the mountain. The evening was enriched by the fabulous music of Bazzania, the Sewanee all women's band, that developed a special Gospel music set just for the picnic.



The children, led by Kana Goldsmith, romped with glee on Brooks Hall lawn. Fr. Joe led a "Welcome back program" with an introduction to our new offering, "The Gospel and Its Apps."



Ministry leaders also had a chance to introduce themselves and share what is going on with their ministries this year. Vestry members passed out "Time and Talent" Sheets for everyone to fill out. And hopefully everyone turned in their "Time and Talent" worksheet. Thanks to all who participated and made this an evening to remember.

Sunday, September 16, 2012 marked the first week for Sunday School classes. Children began their Godly Play year with a terrific group of very dedicated teachers: Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier and Jeff Frazier (Godly Play I, ages 3-5), Barbara Prunty, Peggy Peterson, and Beth Charlton (Godly Play II, grades 1-2), and Kana and Michael Goldsmith (Godly Play III, grades 3-5).

Adults and Youth are blessed with several excellent Sunday School classes this year. The Lectionary Class, led by Pete Trenchi, meets in Brooks Hall Conference Room and will continue to creatively examine the Gospel lesson each week. Prison Ministry, coordinated by Betty Carpenter, is a thought-provoking five-week series looking at our brothers and sisters who are incarcerated and how we might serve them here in Franklin County. Please join us this week and every week as we learn and grow together!



Looking ahead to the weeks ahead, we will have a special Sunday on October 7, 2012. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Prison Ministry series will meet in the church as we welcome Ms. Christine Hopkins from the Franklin County Jail re-entry program. (All Godly Play classes and the Lectionary Class will meet in Brooks Hall at 9:00 a.m.). Fr. Joe will be leading us at the 10:00 a.m. service as we remember and deconsecrate the Parish Hall. At 11:00 a.m., we will share a simple lunch and then get to work taking down the last pieces of the Parish Hall that can be salvaged and moving these pieces to Brooks Hall. There will be a separate program for infants and children while youth and adults work on closing down Brooks Hall. Please plan to join us a fun-filled work day... dress code of the morning will be overalls, jeans, work shirts, work pants, and bandannas!

Come grow with us as we "BUILD COMMUNITY AS WE BUILD A PARISH HOUSE."

--Robin A. Reed--

FOLKS AT HOME ANNOUNCES ENDOWMENT FUND

Folks at Home (F@H) has just established an Endowment Fund thanks to a very generous gift. Laurence Alvarez, the Secretary / Treasurer of F@H, recently announced, "Last April one extraordinary, totally unexpected response to our annual fund-raising letter came from David and Debra Humphreys, who live in Missouri. David's connection to Sewanee is that he is an alumnus of the College and former chair of the University's Board of Regents. He sent a note saying 'We are happy to help Folks at Home in their good work...' and included a check for \$50,000!"

"With the blessing of the Humphreys the Board decided to use this money as seed money for an endowment for F@H, and the money now has been invested long-term for income and growth. In our future fund-raising efforts we will ask for donations to the endowment fund, but not at the expense of contributions to the annual fund."

Kris Gosling, F@H Board President, said "the gift affirms the long term future of F@H...like all endowments it provides financial security in volatile economic times. This provides important additional resources to enable F@H to continue its significant growth." "F@H has grown from a grassroots vision and a sponsored project of Otey Memorial Parish, to a serious partner and important resource, connecting community and coordinating access to care and services in the Sewanee and the

South Cumberland region. In 2011 we effectuated over 866 services, compared to 500 in 2010, which was our first year in operation," stated Kathleen O'Donohue, Executive Director.

The community's past, current, and future support truly is appreciated, and we know you will rejoice with the Board for this overwhelming expression of confidence in the mission of F@H. Folks at Home is a local nonprofit organization developed for and dedicated to assisting its members in continuing a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in the community through coordination of services they need during elder years. Anyone of any age is invited to participate.

Your support, questions and suggestions are welcome, as are Volunteers and interested Vendors. For more information, you may call, e-mail, come by, or visit our website at <http://folksathome.sewanee.edu> Please contact us, Folks at Home, 400 University Ave., P.O. Box 291, Sewanee, TN 37375, folksathomesewanee@gmail.com, 931-598-0303.



ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SEMINARIAN ASSISTANT FOR FALL 2012!

It is with pleasure that we welcome Lewis Connolly to Otey Parish as our Seminary Assistant for Advent Semester 2012. Lewis is a Senior Seminarian at Westcott House, Cambridge, and a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of London. He is studying at the School of Theology this semester. He and his bride Catherine have been married for three years (unfortunately, Catherine, a literature student, will only be in the states for occasional visits.) Welcome, Lewis, we're glad you're here!

Childrens Choir

My name is Rebecca Van de Ven. I am a local musician and occupational therapist and I attend Otey Parish. I have been asked to take over the children's choir this fall. I have a short list of those that have been interested in the past. If any of you have children who might enjoy singing in church 1 time per month and rehearsing 1 time per week, please email me. We do not have a day set as of yet. I was going to see if there is a day when most students could make it.

Let me know if you are interested.

Rebecca Van de Ven

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YOUTH MINISTRY AT OTEY PARISH

Youth Ministry is NOT just about youth. Youth Ministry is, at its very best, the whole body of Christ working together to fully develop the spiritual gifts of all of its members. Forget "them and us"....it is all of us! With a great turn out for the sign up party, Fire on the Mountain has lots of new faces and new young adult leadership which insures that we will have a wonderful year. We are so fortunate to add to our ministry team two new college interns with experience working with youth of all ages. They are Emma Kingsley and Sabol Rogers who join Ross Scarborough a three year intern. With our focus on outreach, a supportive community, willing kids, a great ministry team and your prayers it will be all be well .



Betty Carpenter



OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- Oct. 7 - Meeting 4:00-5:15
- Oct 21 - Meeting-4:00-5:15
- Oct.28 - Halloween Party for Blue Monarch 2:00-4:00



“When we have a spirit of *thanksgiving*
we can hold all things lightly.
We *receive*; we do not grab.
And when it is time to *let go*, we do so *freely*.
We are not owners; we are *Stewards*.”

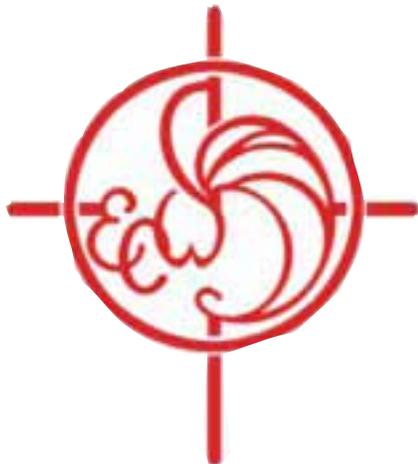
Richard Foster

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that September marks the beginning of our annual stewardship season at Otey. On Sunday, September 23rd, we learned a hymn, new to some of us, entitled “Showered By Your Gracious Bounty.” Our hope is that this hymn, which we plan to sing at every given opportunity during this stewardship season, will help us focus on what Christian Stewardship is all about, learning to trust God and God’s promises to us. The next Sunday, September 30th, we are very fortunate to have The Rev. John Duncan Talbird, Jr. as our preacher. After twenty four years as Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lookout Mountain, John is currently working with Holy Cross Hospital in Leogane, Haiti as they rebuild the hospital and campus following the devastating 2010 earthquake. We are truly blessed to have John joining us to help us kick off our stewardship season. Beginning in October, we will have several parishioners share with us their stories about how their lives have been blessed and how they have responded to the great abundance God has given each of us. You should also expect to receive a letter or two, and possibly a phone call or email, from the Stewardship Committee over the next few months asking you to please prayerfully consider your pledge to Otey Memorial Parish this year. Please remember that the reason God loves a cheerful giver is that cheerful giving is an indication that the giver has truly heard the Gospel and is moving deeper into the Kingdom. The Stewardship Committee invites you to look at your life from the viewpoint of abundance, rather than scarcity, and to give, give, give.

*Our many thanks -
Otey Memorial Parish's Stewardship Committee*





ECW TO MEET OCT. 1 AT ST. JAMES

Are you a woman and a member of the Episcopal Church? If the answer is "yes" you are automatically a member of ECW, the Episcopal Church Women of Otey Parish!

We would like to encourage you to become an active member by attending one or all of the five interesting luncheon meetings planned for the coming year. All meetings are at noon on the first Mondays of Oct., Nov., March, April and May and this year will be held at St. James in Midway.

The program of the first meeting on Oct. 1 will continue the theme of "Notable Women of Faith" and features as speaker the Rev. Kathryn Mary (Kammy) Young, who herself is an example of such women. The Rev. Young, who was the first woman rector in the Diocese of Florida followed by many years' experience as a parish priest, has been a lifelong advocate for the ministry of women worldwide. She served as the Diocese of Florida ECW Chaplain before moving to Sewanee and is currently a professor here at the School of Theology. She is married to the Rt. Rev. George Young, Bishop of East Tennessee. At the Oct. meeting she will bring us interesting incites about the Diocese of Tenn. Convention held this summer in Nashville.

Reservations for the catered luncheon (\$10--payable at the door) should be made by 6:00 p.m. the Saturday before the Mon, Oct. 1 meeting by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or e-mailing her at plines@sewanee.edu. All interested women of the area are invited to attend. Working women are encouraged to come and stay as long as they can for the approximately one hour meeting. A vegetarian meal or childcare will be provided if requested at the time of reservation.

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

Marilyn Apirian, Don & Sue Armentrout, Barbara Ball, Elvie Biddle, Louise Blount, Richard Blount, Jane Bonin, Dwayne Brewer, Ann Brewster, Jonathan Burnett, Chris Cameron, Brownie Carney, Willie Cocks, Michelle Cooper, Suzie Coughlan, Yvette Cowell, Meta Crane, Louvica Davis, Maureen Donohue, Jim Franklin, Sally Franklin, Ray Green, Allison Greene, John Green, Brooks Gunn, Amy Hanna, RJ Hughes, Patrick Irwin, Richard Jones, Robert Jones, Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Patty Mayeux, Ned McCrady, Sally McCrady, Ray Meeks, Moses Mulovi, Sheila Naidu, Mary Bethany Neal, Rod Nunley, Marion Rectenwald, Michael & Miranda Rectenwald, Michael Rusin, Brian K. Smith, Barbara Springer, Sarah & Gavin & Ryan & Jon Stewart, Dessie Taylor, Lethia Watson, Tyler White, Jane Williams, Caroline Wilson, Kathy Woods, and Harry Yeatman.

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 October 2012 issue of Otey Notes is:

Wednesday, October 17

Email submissions to:
spicergirls@nerdshack.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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