



Otey Notes



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!

SEPTEMBER 19 FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN KICK-OFF PARTY

Beginnings in youth ministry are always exciting and this year is no different. We always begin the academic year filled with hope and promise. The month of September sets in motion our programs for the upcoming year and the programming is a balanced blend of the new and old. For the past fourteen years, Fire on the Mountain-Episcopal Youth Coalition- has welcomed youth of our Sewanee community in grades 6-12 to join us for fun, outreach and mission on the mountain and beyond. Through the years, we have also offered hospitality to other youth groups and participated in diocesan programs and workshops. We gather twice a month for meetings and often have events in-between. What will the upcoming year bring?..... how about meeting new friends, reconnecting with old friends, fun, amazing opportunities for spiritual growth, ski trip, mission trip, Youth Peace Summit just to name a few. Kids, bring your friends, parents encourage your children to participate. It's going to be a GREAT year! We ask that you keep us in your prayers.

In Christ,

Betty Carpenter

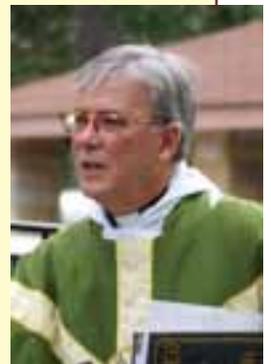
- September 19-Kick Off Party 4:00-5:30 Brooks Hall
- September 23-Diocesan Gathering for Youth 5:00-7:00 Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

"Come and you will see" John 1:39

FROM THE RECTOR.....

While Garrison Keillor advises me that it's been a quiet summer at Lake Wobegon, it's been a busy, BUSY summer for many of us at Otey Parish.

We've had the usual (relatively) low stress joyful events like weddings and baptisms. We've buried too many friends at Otey Memorial Parish since Memorial Day: Trudy Mignory, Barbara Newcomb, Jean Smith, and Fr. Howard Rhys. Christine Asmussen, Carol Doty, and Gail Parsons have all lost family members out of town this summer, and we at Otey have tried to help with food, and visits, phone calls and prayers. Too many of our Church family and extended family have faced serious illness this summer. We pray for them all, and their families.



On a happier note, we've been moving all summer, as we prepare to begin constructing our new Parish House. The Sewanee Children's Center, CAC, Folks At Home, and others have moved to their new, temporary, one-year housing. Administrative Offices and Church School rooms have been moved to Brooks Hall, as have some programs. All of this has happened under the coordination of Sr. Warden Ann Millar, with the help of many. We still have much work to do, and may be asking for your help.

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FROM THE RECTOR

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The New Parish House Construction Committee has worked tirelessly all summer. Chairman John Solomon and his team meet every Thursday at 8:30 A.M. for either a teleconference meeting or face-to-face meeting with architects and builder as they continue to negotiate and fine tune final details. John and our Parish Treasurer Roy Millar have worked tirelessly with several banks as they have negotiated the best construction loan for Otey. I believe in the next couple of week we'll be calling an 'All Parish Meeting' to bring everyone "up to speed." But never hesitate to ask questions of the Vestry or Construction Committee. And thank you for your generosity to the Capital Campaign--- I continue to be stunned by it. By the way, we will send the old Parish House off with the appropriate liturgical ceremony.



We've hired a new Parish Administrator! Frieda Hawkins Gibson will come on board as part of our staff at the end of August. Many of you know her. Born and raised here, she is currently working in the University's Leasing office, and part-time for Folks At Home. I am extremely grateful to the 'Parish Administrator Personnel Committee' of Amy Burns, Ann Millar and Barbara Prunty that we put together for the long hours and hard work that they put into the hiring process. These Parish Leaders did all the work of advertising for the job, reviewing resumes, etc. They advise me that MANY splendid candidates applied for the position. We are extremely grateful to all who applied. I know that Frieda will begin making a positive impact on the administrative side of the Church immediately.

Whew! There you go.

And that's the way it is in Lake Wobeg--- oops--- Otey Memorial Parish. Where the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and the children are above average. And the Holy Spirit is hard at work.

God's peace,

Joe



URGENT HELP NEEDED

Sewanee Senior Center has an urgent need for volunteers to help with preparation of meals and dish washing Mon. - Fri. Regular and substitute volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated. Some Otey members already help and do a great job! Potential volunteers can e-mail Judy Rollins at jrollins@sewanee.edu, call the Senior Center at 598-0771 or Judy at home, 598-0645 evenings or weekends.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thanks to the many volunteers who have been of such great help and support during our time of transition. We are gradually getting settled in the CAC Yellow House. With our mission being to spread the love of Jesus by helping in times of need, CAC never missed a beat when it came to serving our community. Consequently, our move is not yet completely finished. We still could use volunteers who would like to arrange the kitchen and find places to store non-administrative items. Additionally, we still have a truck load of items yet to move from the parish house. If you would like to help, please call 598-5927.

We have recently submitted a grant request to the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau. The CFSCP grant committee focused the grant guidelines for requests on building community and networks across the three counties of Grundy, Marion and Franklin. CAC is committed to building new networks within the Sewanee community as well as strengthening those that have been apart of our mission for years.

Additionally, our grant request included the establishment of a community garden in the sun drenched back yard of the Yellow House. Technology upgrade and needs were also part of our submission along with the majority of the funding request going toward helping our neighbors with medical and dental needs. In particular, we projected a great need for mandated medical insurance premiums after the first of next year.

Should anyone present to the ER without insurance, they will be fined \$200. Many of our CAC friends cannot afford medical insurance or even car insurance for that matter. We want to do everything we can to help our friends break their cycle of poverty. Having their medical and dental needs met may release them to be able to pay for the mandatory liability car insurance our state laws requires and prevent their going to jail.

Our request included utilizing human resources which rely on gifted men and women like YOU who are willing to join with CAC in developing continuing learning opportunities. This past winter, we utilized the DREMC staff in making a short presentation at one of our breakfasts. DREMC also provided three energy saving light bulbs for each person in attendance.

We would like to have representatives from the County Agricultural Extension Agency who might offer a short presentation on food safety. The ladies from the sewing group at the Senior Citizens are willing to teach clients how to mend clothes. All such learning experiences could be included in a soup and sandwich or pizza lunch for our friends.

Although many would say that CAC is not a community service agency, in reality we do provide much needed services in our community. CAC is always looking for ways in which we can make our friends feel more included and welcomed. Such short presentations above might be included in our get together times for meals. We so invite you to share any ideas you may have on how we might maximize such community resources. Do it now! Go to your computer and give us the benefit of who you know and what they might share toward this effort remembering that your director has only been a resident of Sewanee for 7 months and doesn't yet fully know her way around.



BOXTOP COLLECTION

Ever wonder what all those labels that you find on office supplies, cereals, and other grocery items are for? When you clip them and drop them off at Brooks Hall at Otey Parish, the Sewanee Post Office or Regions Bank, they go to Sewanee Elementary School teachers to help them buy supplies for their classrooms.

Last school year, Sewanee Elementary collected \$63870 worth of Box Tops which was significantly more than the \$354.40 from the 2010-2011 school year.

We hope to collect even more this year for our students at SES with help from the entire Sewanee Elementary Community!

This is a big time of year for Box Tops. With all of the the Back to School shopping, you will see Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops on a lot of products you bring home. You can find a complete list of products with Box Tops at: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/Brands.aspx>.

You can also help us earn additional Box Tops by signing-up at <http://www.btfte.com/hero>. For each new person who signs-up between August 3rd through September 15th, SES earns five bonus box tops.

Thank you for all your support and don't forget to clip those box tops

WHAT'S NEW IN CHRISTIAN
FORMATION...

This summer, the Christian Formation Committee (CFC) has been busy revising the Otey Parish Christian Formation Program as we anticipate relocating to Brooks Hall and building a new parish house. This creative makeover has been championed by CFC members: Kathryn Bruce, Steve Burnett, Betty Carpenter, Kana Goldsmith, Bill Hethcock, Brown Patterson, Robin Reed, and Jay Williams. Our new program is based upon the theme: Otey Christian Formation is, "Building Community, Building a Parish House."

As we build a new parish house, continuing to build the body of Christ is essential if we are to be Christ's eyes and ears, hands and feet in the world. This summer, the CFC has sponsored several events, the Otey Family Picnic and Parent's Night Out (with kudos to Fire On the Mountain Youth for their good work!) for us to strengthen our connections and welcome new members to our church family.

This year, all the children's Godly Play classes, I (ages 3-5), II (Grades 1-2), and III (grades 3-5), will be held on the 3rd Floor of Brooks Hall. The Nursery will be in the newly baby-proofed Rector's Office. Adult and Youth offerings will include The Lectionary Class and "The Gospel and Its Apps." The Lectionary Class led by Pete Trenchi, which will meet in the first floor Conference Room.

The "Gospel and It's Apps," the second offering for Adults and Youth, will be based upon Jesus's call to his disciples:

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25: 34b-36

At Otey Parish, we are people who are blessed and called to serve our brothers and sisters who are hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, and in prison. Our model in "The Gospel and Its Apps" will focus on facilitating learning and discussion and empowering action and ministry in our local area.

Our first series for the "Gospel and Its Apps" will be on Prison Ministry and the Death Penalty. Coordinated by Betty Carpenter, this series will include showing of a powerful video on hospice ministry and seminary training offered at Angola Prison in Louisiana. Speakers will address this class on "Kairos," the weekend ministry to inmates, the "Re-Entry program" which facilitates inmates' transition to life outside prison, and the Death Penalty.

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After the first series, we will have a special All-Saint's Day celebration. Following All Saint's Day, a new Confirmation will be offered for interested youth and adults. Concurrently, "The Gospel and Its Apps" will offer a study of the book Three Simple Rules by Rueben Job. This book will look at understanding and practicing these simple rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. The last series of the semester, during Advent, will be "The Theology of Handel's Messiah," led by Rev. Jo Ann Barker.

Please join the CFC for the "The Welcome Back Picnic," which will be held at 4:30 PM Sunday, September 9th. Sunday school rooms will be open. Teachers will be available to sign-up children, youth, and adults for classes. A potluck picnic with music by Bazzania and games for the children will follow. Our Sunday school begins September 16th at 10:00 AM.

Please come join us, as we are "Building Community, Building a Parish House!"

---Robin Reed---



Fire on the Mountain gives a gift of time to parents.

17 children came to play games, eat pizza and watch a movie. We will do this again so parents be on the look out.



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BREAD BAKERS NEEDED

The Bread Bakers Guild at Otey Parish is an important ministry which provides fresh-baked loaves for our Sunday and other special eucharists, such as funerals and weddings. Recently, our ranks have grown thin. Volunteers are needed! We have a very simple recipe that requires little to no experience with baking yeasted breads, and we offer plenty of “tech support.” Each baker is on the schedule about once every two months. The symbol of fresh bread at God’s table is beautiful and holy. Help save us from wafers! Please contact Diane Jones at 615-594-4805 or djones.sewanee@gmail.com.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Marilyn Apirian, Don and Sue Armentrout, Barbara Ball, Rick Ball, Elvie Biddle, Louise Blount, Richard Blount, Ann Brewster, Jonathan Burnett, Chris Cameron, Brownie Carney, Michelle Cooper, Suzie Coughlan, Yvette Cowell, Meta Crane, Louvica Davis, Maureen Donahue, Jim Franklin, Sally Franklin, Ray Green, Allison Greene, John Green, Brooks Gunn, Amy Hanna, Patrick Irwin, Evan Jones, Richard Jones, Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Patty Mayeux, Ned McGrady, Sally McCrady, Ray Meeks, Jo Mesbit, Moses Mulovi, Sheila Naidu, Mary Bethany Neal, Marion Rectenwald, Michael and Miranda Ractenwald, Michael Rusin, Brian K. Smith, Barbara Springer, Sarah and Gavin and Ryan and 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 September 2012 issue of Otey

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is:

Wednesday, September 19

Email submissions to:
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