



Otey Notes



From the Rector--Shifting Gears

"Can you drive a stick?" is a question I used to hear with some regularity before the increasing efficiency of automatic transmissions made them almost universal. I was blessed to learn to drive on a stick-shift car. Yes, it was harder than learning on an automatic, and the first stop light on the way into town was on an uphill grade. Although I only remember stalling once, it was stressful, yet ultimately a good challenge, to have to start in first gear uphill so often. This more difficult route of learning gave me the ability to drive a wide range of vehicles, including (in one summer job) a World War II-era military surplus truck that required double-clutching.

I write this within a week of returning from a refreshing vacation, to a Sewanee whose summer programs have almost wound down. It is gear-shifting time, an experience by the relative size of the University within our community. Since early May we have shifted down from the full population of the academic year and through the changes of Commencement, the Advanced Degrees Program of the School of Theology, the School of Letters, the Summer Music Festival, the Writers' Conference, the Summer Seminar, and other events.

These particular changes of gear affect some of us directly and others less so. The reason for shifting gears is to apply power most efficiently to the situation at hand. First gear is suited to the slowest speeds and the steepest hills, yet is rarely used on the Interstate (unless traffic grinds to the slowest speeds!) The "long legs" of high gear help eat up highway miles the fastest, but would quickly lug to a stall in a situation that calls for a lower gear.

Soon the start of Franklin County schools will signal the beginning of an almost month-long gearing-up for the fall semester. Our Christian Formation programming will return to high gear on Sunday, August 27. Between now and then, new seminarians will be arriving with their households, as will others beginning work in and around town. Still others will move here for reasons unrelated to work. Please take every opportunity to welcome these newcomers during this period of gearing up.

By contrast to periods of steady, cruise-control speed, changing gears is a ready-made opportunity for positive change. People who already live the area are visiting Otey and considering joining. For others who are already part of the parish, the broader shifting around them can encourage engaging in a higher gear. What about you? Might you be ready to shift into a deeper involvement in Christian life through your parish? All of our lay and clergy leaders stand ready to be of support. If double-clutching is needed, I'll do my best!

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson-Claiborne Parish House

Godly Play classes meet in Claiborne Parish House

- ✓ Aug. 27 Youth Ministry begins—Brooks Hall
- ✓ Aug. 27 Adult Forum begins "Introduction to Contemporary Christian Voices"—St. Mark's Hall

SPECIAL EVENT

- ✓ Aug. 6, 5:00 pm Summer Eucharist with dinner to follow
- ✓ Aug. 27 noon Welcome Picnic & Ministry Fair

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

- ✓ Aug. 6, 6:30—8:00 pm Swim Party—Alex Thurman's house
- ✓ Aug. 12 Canoe Trip, 11 am—6 pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Aug. 16, 3:00 pm *Otey Notes* submissions due
- ✓ Aug. 17, 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Education Room



Summer Worship

OUR NEXT SUMMER EUCHARIST IS ON AUGUST 6 AT 5:00 PM, WITH DINNER FOLLOWING. PLEASE JOIN US.

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN NEWS

Upcoming:

Sunday, Aug 6th from 6:30-8:00pm

Swim party at Alex Thurman's House!
We will gather at the Summer Eucharist picnic.
Please bring a swimsuit, towel, etc.

Saturday, Aug 12th from 11am-6pm

Canoe trip!!!!
Please sign up on FaceBook:
www.facebook.com/fireonthemountainFOTM

Youth Sunday School

10-11 every Sunday in Brooks Hall

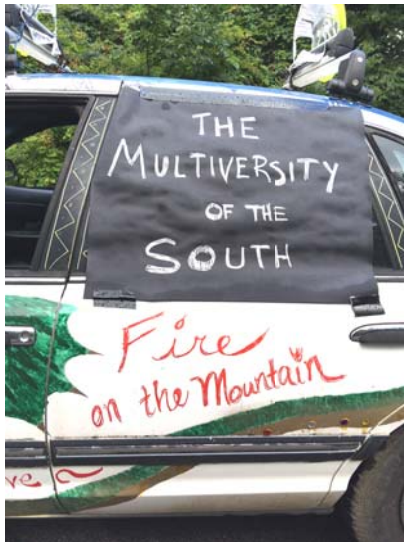
Larry Barker to teach Gospel of Mark series

By popular demand, Larry Barker will return to the youth Sunday school room on August 27, 2017. He'll be offering a series on the Gospel of Mark, which has often been called "the Cliffnotes version of the Gospel."



4th of July Parade Win

Fire on the Mountain won 3rd place for our parade float *The Multiversity of the South* which featured our teens and tweens as "The Just-Us League." We spent several afternoons crafting the float, which included a box city that could have been Metropolis, Gotham City or even, judging by the sandstone tower, Sewanee. Superheroes and villains from across the multiverse included Godzilla, Captain America, Supergirl, Harley Quinn, Joker, Maximum Ride, and more. Below are a few notes from our FOTM students. A huge thanks to Pete Trenchi, who pulled the float with the Sewanee Eclectic car, done up with fins and lights like



the batmobile – or as he triumphantly called it, "The Crown Vic of Victory." Everyone had a great time. "I hit a cop with a Danish!" remarks one youngster who shall not be named.

Fire on the Mountain Missions & Puppet Team

In just three hours, Fire on the Mountain raised \$175 toward youth missions with a cornhole bean bag toss on the Quad. (Thank you, Aaron Welch & the University Bookstore for donating Sewanee swag as prizes!) The Mission to Memphis planned for July was postponed because we had too few adult volunteers. We are trying to reschedule at a time when fewer people are on vacation. Otey's loveable puppets are rather disappointed not to make the trip, but we've promised them they can reappear soon at some local venues. Know a place that needs extra smiles? You can send the puppet team an invitation, care of Jeannie Babb at oteyformation@gmail.com.



Welcome Home

We are excited to welcome Isabel, Sophia, Amy and Neil Patterson back to the mountain! Isabel writes these comments about her time in Ghana and return to the states: "I feel like I'm different now, because I view people so differently. Some things I don't like to hear, because people don't understand that they are being offensive to Africa. Visiting Ghana has made me feel attached to the country and I feel the need to defend it. The people there were so friendly and gracious, that I feel like I don't give much. Also, coming back is so weird! It's like you can't see the poverty here, and it's so sad that people can experience such poverty in a wealthy country. Also seeing the difference between the higher and lower classes in Ghana gave me a whole new perspective of Africa. This was an unforgettable and amazing change in my life." Isabel, we are so glad you're back, and sharing that perspective with the rest of us.

Jeannie Babb & the FOTM teens/tweens

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS**Aug 27 – Welcome Picnic & Ministry Fair**

All Christian education classes resume August 27. Please see below for a description of our offerings. The Christian education hour runs from 10:00-10:50am, between our two church services. After second service, we will enjoy our annual Welcome Picnic and Ministry Fair. The picnic is one way we welcome newcomers to the mountain, and re-engage with one another after a summer of altered schedules. Expect games for all ages, great food, and relaxed conversation. The Ministry

**Welcome Picnic**

Fair encourages various groups at Otey to tell or show you what they do. Often you can join a ministry right there at the table. Some lay ministry roles have been difficult to fill lately, and some days they go unfilled. Your participation is vital to creating both the worship environment and ministry beyond the walls of Otey Parish. We hope you'll make the rounds, thank those who work so hard to care for each of us through these ministries, and prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to use your time, talent, and treasure.

Nursery (newborn to age 3 or 4)

Young children from infants through age 3 or 4 are invited to join their friends in the nursery each Sunday. Our nursery is staffed with paid, trained workers led by Sheila Layne. The nursery meets in the last room on the left in the Sewanee Children's Center facility, which is in the bottom story of St. Mark's Hall. Nursery hours are from 8:30 until noon, so it is available during Sunday school and both church services. Children are always welcome in church services as well. Many parents choose to let them play in the nursery for a while, then retrieve them prior to communion. Whatever works for your family, please know that your little ones are loved and valued here! The sight and sound of children at church blesses the congregation, and helps children begin building loving relationships with their church family.

Godly Play (age 3, up through elementary school)

Godly Play encourages the imagination. This contemplative, Montessori-based Sunday school program is founded on the premise that children already have connections with God that should be honored and developed. The program seeks to acquaint children with the stories and liturgy of our faith, without telling them how to interpret the stories in a didactic way. Godly Play teachers tell stories by heart, afterward engaging children in the process of wondering and finding themselves in the story. Children who are at least 3 years old by this August are invited to join their friends in the Godly Play rooms. During the summer, we use one room (Godly Play 2) for all children. Beginning August 27, children up through 1st grade go to the Godly Play 1 room, and children in 2nd-5th grade to Godly Play 2.

**Youth Sunday school (6th-12th grade)**

Students in middle school and high school gather in Brooks Hall. They often start downstairs in the kitchen, making waffles, muffins, or cinnamon rolls together before going up to the youth suite. This class will engage all your senses, including your sense of humor. Guest teachers are frequently invited to tell their stories or facilitate discussions. Some Sundays this class may join the Adult Forum or the Lectionary Class.

Lectionary Class (all ages welcome)

Do you want to dive into the origins and connections of the Gospel reading? Bring your involved curiosity. The Lectionary Class meets in the sitting area of the Adult Education room in St. Mark's Hall, and is facilitated by Peter Trenchi and/or the Rev. Rob Lamborn. High quality coffee is provided; feel free to bring a yummy treat to share.

Adult Forum (all ages welcome)

Building on the previous year's theme of "Culture and Society in Theological Perspective," the 2017-2018 theme for the Adult Forum is "Contemporary Christian Voices." Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. W. Brown Patterson, this class invites local scholars and other leaders to speak and lead discussion on a series of topics within the theme. The Adult Forum meets each week in St. Mark's Hall. Please see the schedule in Otey Notes for speakers and topics.

Jeannie Babb
Christian Formation Director

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

HUNGER WALK



Next month marks the 4th year that I have had the privilege of serving as director of Community Action Committee. Before my time as director, I thought I understood poverty pretty well having taught for many years in one of the poorest counties in Tennessee. However I didn't have a clue. I knew a lot of poor people but was in no position to offer any assistance outside of the boundaries of the school system. Obviously no one chooses to be poor nor is poverty easily overcome. The deck is stacked against the most vulnerable.

Those who come to CAC for assistance are for the most part elderly, have serious health issues, are raising grandchildren, are the working poor or all of the above.....and we are the last stop. Being in my position I hear the stories and wonder if I would be brave enough to overcome the adversity which our CAC friends face on a daily basis. Our shelves are stocked as in a grocery store.....no long lines to get food. Our application process is non-invasive and our friendly volunteer force welcomes everyone who comes in the door. Mostly we offer hospitality, friendship and prayer when it is appropriate but we can't change a culture or undo generational poverty. We can offer assistance but not subsidy. Utilities, housing, medical/dental, mortgage payments, rent, transportation, food are the requests that most frequently come to us. Each request is given careful consideration and there is a maximum amount per year for every household. Everyone seems to understand and respect those guidelines and of course for every rule there are exceptions. However we are limited to serve the greater Sewanee Community and Sherwood but we get many requests for the surrounding counties and so refer to other agencies. Our well-stocked food pantry means that CAC friends can get groceries once a week and our community garden provides seasonal fresh produce. As the students return to the university and begin their work with CAC, another layer of outreach will unfold. Everything these young adults have read about poverty becomes real and statistics now have names and faces and stories to share. This is the church at its best doing what Jesus asks us to do.....feed the poor, and we are living into our Baptismal Covenant by respecting the dignity of every human being. Every day we get to do this!

It is all because we live in a community that is generous and have the support of a parish that believes in outreach and a rector who is supportive. Thank you all for your contributions to an amazing ministry.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 3RD ANNUAL HUNGER WALK TO BENEFIT CAC—SEPTEMBER 2





One of our youngest volunteers. Nolan is the grandson of another volunteer, Sarah Sutherland!

REFLECTIONS ON DELCAMP

We are in the midst of summer with our vegetables and flowers in bloom and outdoor activities abounding. Summer School is over and folks are finishing exams. The strains of the wonderful music of the Sewanee Summer Music Festival have filled our ears with joy and awe. The other music festival is the Sewanee Church Music Festival which has been happening for over fifty years here on the mountain. It is a rather expensive conference and therefore I haven't taken part for three years. I do manage to go by to visit old friends and enjoy the rehearsal for Sunday and Evensong.

Each year the conference contracts a composer to write a new organ and a new choral piece for the conference. This year they also had a hymn written and dedicated to the work of Robbe Delcamp. The tune was written by Todd Wilson, one of this year's clinicians. The text is outstanding. It was written by Theobald Heinrich Schenck (1656 – 1727) and translated by Francis Elizabeth Cox (1812 -1897). I was so impressed with the hymn which was done at Evensong on July 14th that I wanted to share it with you. Later, I hope to introduce the music to you as well. This is the text.

1. Who are these like stars, appearing, these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing; who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark, they sing, praising loud their heav'ly king.
2. Who are these of dazzling brightness, these in God's own truth arrayed?
Clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster ne'er shall fade.
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand? Whence comes all this glorious band?
3. These are they who have contended for their Saviour's honor long, wrestling on till life was ended, following not the sinful throng; these who well the fight sustained, triumph by the Lamb have gained.
4. These are they whose hearts were riven, sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er, God has bid them weep no more.
5. These like priests, have watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated, day and night they serve him still.
Now in God's most holy place, blest they stand before his face.

I found evidence of the texts being set to one other tune in this translation. The music is majestic and I look forward to sharing it with you soon. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Kathleen Sturgis

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Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, JoAnn Barker, Ann Brewster, Stephen Carter, Nancy Chase, Nick and Carolyn Davis, Bill Dick, Doris Ann Edwards, Sally Franklin, Alex Hoole, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Mike Jones, Bob Keele, Sam Lloyd, Tina Louise Morgan, Frankie Morris, Sue and Alec Moseley, Flaget and Larry Nally, Jennifer Powell, Cynthia Putnam, Doug Seiters, Molly and Michael Short, Christopher Walker, Sam Williamson, Liz Workman, George, Karen, and Steve.



Fire on the Mountain won 3rd place at the July 4th parade.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the September 2017 issue of

Otey Notes is:

3pm Wednesday,

August 16

Email submissions to:

oteyparish@gmail.com

August



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| 1-Aug | Cindy Potter | 20-Aug | Peggy Ward |
| 1-Aug | Caroline Lamborn | 20-Aug | Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier |
| 2-Aug | Tom Ward | 21-Aug | Dixon Myers |
| 2-Aug | Loulie Frazier | 22-Aug | Elizabeth Grammer |
| 3-Aug | Roy Millar | 22-Aug | Lynn Taylor |
| 3-Aug | Greg Maynard | 22-Aug | Harrison Hartman |
| 4-Aug | David Burnett | 23-Aug | Ginny Capel |
| 4-Aug | Mac Priestley | 23-Aug | Patton Watkins |
| 6-Aug | Leah Rhys | 23-Aug | Alexander Bruce |
| 6-Aug | Frederick Croom | 23-Aug | Ariel Jones |
| 7-Aug | Corky Carlisle | 23-Aug | Konrad Knoll |
| 11-Aug | Claudia Porter | 24-Aug | Marion Knoll |
| 13-Aug | Stephen Burnett | 25-Aug | Cynthia Putnam |
| 14-Aug | Rob Lamborn | 26-Aug | Russell Fielding |
| 16-Aug | Remington Rose-Crossley | 26-Aug | Edwin Keeble |
| 17-Aug | Liz Workman | 30-Aug | Carrie Mauzy |
| 20-Aug | Julia Gatta | 31-Aug | John Reishman |
| | | 31-Aug | Fields Ford |