



# Otey Notes



## *From the Rector--A Curate for Otey*

I am very pleased to write that the Rev. Regan Schutz will serve as Curate at Otey Parish from July 1 to December 31 of this year. Her service will be quarter-time and non-stipendiary, while she continues to work for the Godly Play Foundation and may also study further at the School of Theology. Regan is currently a transitional deacon (and her serving in church will be coordinated with that of Betty Carpenter). Ordination to the priesthood (God willing) is likely to be in October.

In addition to Sunday services twice a month, including preaching one of those times, as a clergy member of the parish staff Regan will participate in special services, events, and will share in pastoral care. Two programmatic initiatives she will be focusing on developing are a weekly afterschool extended Godly Play session, and the Living Compass small group program. Look for more information on these programs as they move closer to implementation.

Otey has been blessed by Regan's considerable gifts for ministry in other ways previously--first as Godly Play teacher and then this past spring as a seminarian volunteer. We celebrated with her in services here on her first Sunday of ordained ministry. Now we will have the exciting opportunity to share in her living the beginning of this next phase of God's call. Please join me in welcoming her in this new capacity.



For Regan's bio, see page 4

**Rob Lamborn**

## TAKE NOTE

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson

### ✓ SPECIAL EVENT

✓ July 2, 5:00 pm Summer Eucharist with dinner to follow

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### MONTHLY EVENTS

✓ July 19, 3:00 pm *Otey Notes* submissions due,

✓ July 20, 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Education Room

### OFFICE CLOSURES

✓ July 4 Fourth of July

## Summer Celebrations

The first Sunday of each month during the school break will include a liturgical change of pace. On July 2 and August 6, in addition to the regular Sunday services at 8:50 & 11am, a more relaxed celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be offered at 5pm with a simple supper to follow.

**Rob Lamborn**



Summer Worship Picnics

**VB-US AND FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN NEWS**

**God Above Us, God Beside Us, God Within Us**

What a meaningful summer learning program we all enjoyed during the second year of VB-U's, Otey's own Vacation Bible School that flips the concept by offering dinner and learning series to appeal to all ages and brings families together. The theme for VB-U's 2017 was "God Above Us, God Beside Us, God Within Us," from the creed of Iona Abbey.

The program was developed by Jeannie Babb with spiritual and logistical inspiration from Rob Lamborn, Peter Trenchi, Lisa Rung, Shelley Cammack, the Christian Formation Committee and many others. Delicious dinners were provided by Frieda Hawkins Gipson, Parish Life, and Betty Carpenter. Doug Cameron taught Appalachian camp music, weaving in some Woodie



Guthrie and other pieces that alluded to the lecture program. The Fire on the Mountain puppet team was outstanding, casting new light on well-known Bible stories with humor and insight. Puppet team members were Caroline Lamborn (Dangerous Dave), Julia Sumpter (Mr. Ty), Madeline Sumpter (Alice), Christianna Taylor (Malbee and Scruffy), and Elizabeth Taylor (Tony).



Break-out activities offered a choice between lecture, art, and hands-on physical activities. Monday night, participants made a labyrinth (dubbed the collabyrinth) that developed as it was laid out, and came together to form a path no one person could foresee. The labyrinth was then incorporated into activities each night, encouraging us to explore our journey with God, self-identity, and those we encounter on life's path. There were rocks, sand, fire. Thanks so much to Lisa Rung and Peter Trenchi who caught the vision for our collabyrinth, who believed in it even when we were not yet sure what it would be, and spent many hours in the heat laying it out. Thanks too to Wardie Cammack and her friend who carefully and lovingly put it away at the end of the program.



Monday night Barbara Prunty gathered our artists (many of them toddlers on their parents' laps) and showed them how to make drums and shakers from household items like an oatmeal box. Tuesday Lisa Rung taught children, teens, and adults how to make a God's Eye from yarn and sticks, and how to fashion a beautiful pinwheel from origami paper and an unsharpened pencil. On Wednesday, Carol Sampson led an inspiring Celtic mosaic art workshop.

Our speakers included: Appalachian poet Laurie Perry Vaughn, University of the South instructor Emily Senefeld on the use of indigenous Appalachian music to cross cultural boundaries at Highlander Folk School, and the Rev. Amy Bentley Lamborn on "Prepositioning God: God Above Us, God Beside Us, God Within Us." On the final night, the Rev. Rob Lamborn spoke and we all shared a very sweet and memorable Eucharist in St. Mark's Hall, offering one another the bread and the cup.

Thank you to everyone, named here or not, who invested in VB-U's 2017 by donating, by working, and by bringing your open heart and willing spirit. If you were out of town and hated to miss it, look for us at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Sewanee – we'll be selling ice cold water in our left-over VB-U's water bottles. For \$5, you can have a VB-U's 2017 memento and help support the ongoing programs of Otey Memorial Parish.



**Jeannie Babb**





Several years ago Bonner Leader Louie Messina built several raised beds behind Brooks Hall with the hope of beginning a community garden. After a few false starts and some magic by board member Elizabeth Koella the garden is now going gangbusters! We have been able to share fresh vegetables with those who are in need. Kale, beets, tomatoes, green peppers, turnips and broccoli have found the perfect place to grow. This past spring we got some much needed help from the university farm and students from Deb McGrath's class. It has truly been a community effort and we are grateful for all who have made it work.

Be on the look-out for the CAC float in the 4th of July parade. Bazzania Band and guest trombone player Fr. Rob want to raise awareness and have a little fun along the way playing music as we go. If you have have a dog look for our booth. CAC will be selling "Pupaccinos," the CAC treats for furry friends.



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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 3RD ANNUAL HUNGER WALK TO BENEFIT CAC—SEPTEMBER 2**  
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The youth of St. John's, Decatur, Alabama spent a week on the mountain for their summer mission trip. Their outreach projects included helping restock the shelves of CAC and repainting the outdoor chapel cross. They also helped lead Vacation Bible School for special needs adults. Led by youth minister Tim Callahan and The Rev. Seth Olsen, this is the third year St. John's youth have come to the mountain and participated in outreach projects which helped others.

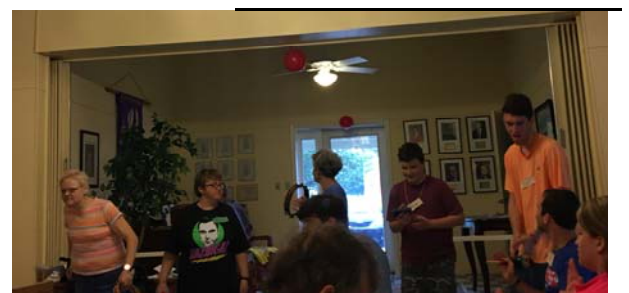
Here's hoping three years makes their trip tradition.

*Betty Carpenter*

**Before**



**After**



**REGAN SCHUTZ'S BIOGRAPHY**

**FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN**

Born and raised in Oregon, Regan attended Portland's [Jesuit High School](#) and then received a BA in Psychology from the [University of Colorado](#) at Boulder. After time in New York City, Regan spent 12 years in Oregon and was actively involved in the Godly Play program and cathedral operations at [Trinity Episcopal Cathedral](#) in Portland.

After a rigorous process of discernment for Holy Orders and the decision to attend seminary, Regan and her family moved to Sewanee, TN where her husband Paul was called as Director of Marketing & Communications for the School of Theology's [Beecken Center](#). Regan was ordained to the Diaconate in April 2017, and just a few weeks later she received her Master of Divinity at the University of the South's [School of Theology](#). Thriving in the loving community of Sewanee, her daughters Cecilia and Genevieve will be in the eighth and first grades respectively.

Regan believes wholeheartedly that [Godly Play](#) will change the world. Joining the Godly Play Foundation in 2010, Regan oversees US Godly Play Training and Foundation Communications and assists Executive Director Lee Dickson with Development. She will continue this part-time work while serving the congregation of Otey Memorial Parish this year.

**Regan Schutz**



**VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS, JUNE 2016 MEETING**

At an abbreviated meeting on June 22, the Vestry:

- ◆ Heard about a second successful year of VB-US
- ◆ Was updated on CAC finances
- ◆ Received reports from other committees, the Rector, and the Treasurer
- ◆ Allocated funds to replace the broken refrigerator in the St. Mark's Hall kitchen.

**Rob Lamborn**

**Meetings**

Fire on the Mountain meets the first and third Sunday of each month. July meetings begin at 4pm (July 2 and July 13) at Brooks Hall. July 2 will be a short meeting prior to afternoon Eucharist & parish picnic, with frisbee and other games during the picnic.

**4th of July Float**

Fire on the Mountain will have a float in the 4th of July parade! We invite you to help decorate the float and/or ride on it. Please email Jeannie ([oteyformation@gmail.com](mailto:oteyformation@gmail.com)) for details.

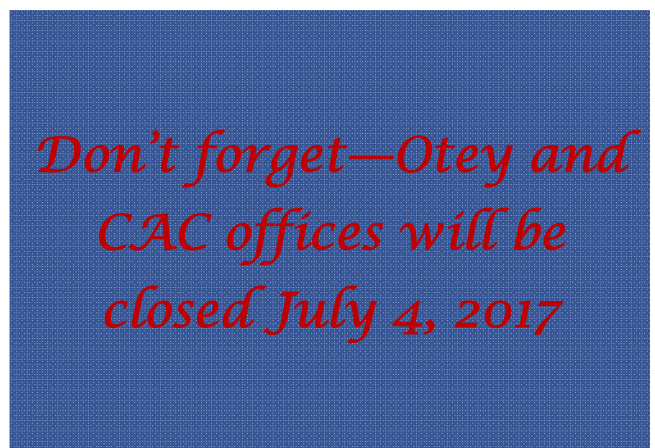
**4th of July Fundraisers**

We are raising money for our Mission to Memphis at the end of this month! Bake sale and cold water - look for Shelley & Wardie Cammack on the corner of University Avenue and Sada Elliott Place next to the craft fair. (Please drop off donated baked goods in the kitchen July 2, well marked. Thanks!) Corn Hole bean bag toss contest - Look for Jeannie Babb and Peter Trenchi from 10-12pm on the Quad near children's games! \$5 to enter; prize for the best set of 4 bags.

**Mission to Memphis July 26-30**

Fire on the Mountain is building on relationships made during the spring trip. This time we will take the puppets & will engage in more direct ministry, revisiting Abba House, Constance Abbey, Sweet Mary's, and Caritas. We will also visit the homeless kitties at House of Mews! Please let Jeannie know if you are planning to attend; we are finalizing details now. [oteyformation@gmail.com](mailto:oteyformation@gmail.com)

**Jeannie Babb**



**CARITAS**

The word, CARITAS, is from Latin meaning “charity”. We tend to think of it as Christian love of mankind; goodwill. For me it is a favorite Taize hymn, *UBI CARITAS*. Recently I read an article delivered to the Lambeth Conference several years ago by former Archbishop Rowan Williams. In the article he compared the positions on love and good works by William Tyndale and Martin Luther.

Father Rob has been talking a lot about the need for us to aid Christ in the work of the kingdom. Now my questions were not how or why, but what is the true motivation we should express? Since holiness is always the action of God, it isn't to “earn” any favor. We hear of justification by faith. Faith is not a human action, but God's. So He is “ever working”. Christ serves as our model and /or motive for service. The service is the reward.

The article spoke of our poor response to money and our consumerism addiction. We are here to care for each other. Tyndale feels there is nothing wrong with money, only the evil use of money. The definition of evil use is the failure to use it to meet the needs of another. Luther felt it was wrong to use wealth to endow or honor the deceased. He felt it a serious mistake, probably due to his stance on the sale of indulgences. Tyndale refers to Matthew 5: 44 -45. “God distributes his gifts freely and so must we. “ Luther's doctrine of works as the outgrowth of faith is assumed to be a pure act of God.

I make regular visits to St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville. During those visits I have met Freddie, part of the janitorial staff. If you met him, you would think he was the official greeter. As he works he stops to wish people well, inquire about their day and generally spread joy. Freddie doesn't have to do anything but his job. However, it is just a part of who he is to care for others and spread joy. He gives freely of what he has been given. It is a pure act of love.

Tyndale feels the poor cannot be allowed to remain an anonymous mass, but be assisted to realize their dignity that God's freedom gives them. The freedom of divine love sets up a debtor relationship between every human being since we serve and reinforce each other. Further Tyndale stressed that the goal of any specific act of practical charity is to enable the recipient to discharge their own duties and debts effectively. I see that in action in so many of our CAC activities and policies.

In the work of St. Augustine, it is assumed that love in the Body of Christ is seeking for the other what one desires for oneself. Part of the article also looked at obedience to church and /or state. The church hierarchy caused the reformers to attack monasticism and clericalism as incongruent with the Gospel. Archbishop Williams espouses the fact the Christian society needs a language describing what it serves. We aren't to be a social fraternity. Tyndale says we need to consider what we feel about justification, ownership, lordship, debt, duty and feelings. We each have been given a special set of gifts. We aren't all the same in service as individuals, but we can put our gifts together like a puzzle and work to bring the joy of service to all.

In our country's current social climate, Tyndale has a lot we could consider as we move forward in establishing standards for our people. This summer, give a look at Tyndale. I found him very interesting and thought provoking. There are so many great books of faith. Enjoy one this summer. Have a safe and restful summer full of blessings.

*Kathleen Sturgis*

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**PRAYER LIST**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS: :** Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, JoAnn Barker, Ann Brewster, Stephen Carter, Nancy Chase, Nick and Carolyn Davis, Bill Dick, Pixie Dozier, Doris Ann Edwards, Sally Franklin, Alex Hoole, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Mike Jones, Bob Keele, Elinor and Bob Lamborn, Sam Lloyd, Tina Louise Morgan, Frankie Morris, Flaget and Larry Nally, Jennifer Powell, Cynthia Putnam, Doug Seiters, Sam Williamson, Liz Workman, George, Karen, Steve

**Don't Forget!**  
**The deadline for submissions for the August 2017 issue of Otey Notes is:**  
**3pm Wednesday, July 19**  
 Email submissions to:  
[oteyparish@gmail.com](mailto:oteyparish@gmail.com)



*July*

	1-Jul	Benjamin Thomas	19-Jul	George Ramseur
	2-Jul	Claire Reishman	20-Jul	Nick Phares
	3-Jul	Sue Moseley	21-Jul	Pax Phares
	5-Jul	Scott Parrish	22-Jul	Anne Davis
	8-Jul	Larry Wilson	23-Jul	Andrew Heitzenrater
	9-Jul	Nancy Burnett	23-Jul	Saida Thomas
	11-Jul	Richard Gosling	24-Jul	Amy Lamborn
	12-Jul	Linda Parrish	24-Jul	Ruth Ramseur
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	14-Jul	Richard Winslow	27-Jul	Porter Westling
	15-Jul	Andrew Myers	28-Jul	Bob Burns
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	18-Jul	Allison Cahoon		