



Otey Notes



From the Rector—Lenten Spiritual Practices

In the holy season of Lent we return to the basics—of Christian faith and of who we are as human beings. “Human” itself alludes to the dust or soil (humus). Ash Wednesday reminds us that dust comprises our bodies and is their destination after death. Lent is a time to look our mortality square in the face, and to renew the spiritual practices that connect us with the God who gives us our very existence and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

Regularly scheduled Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri at 7:30am) and Evening Prayer (Mon-Thur [and sometimes Fridays] at 4:30pm) are modest in duration, yet spiritually significant experiences for those who take part.

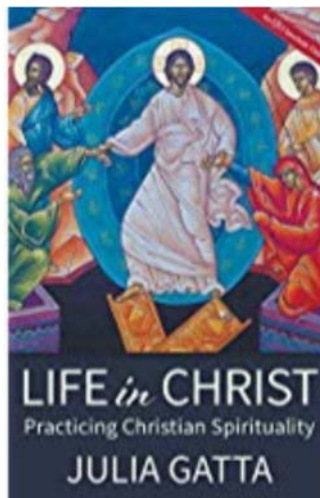
The Centering Prayer group, facilitated by Jennifer Michael, continues at 7:00 pm on Mondays, in St. Paul’s on the Mountain Chapel.

We will again hold the popular weekday celebration of Eucharist in the church on Thursdays, March 14-April 11 at 12:15pm. These services will feature a different guest preacher each week, and prayers for healing with those who wish to remain afterward.

Details about this year’s Lenten book and discussions, *Life in Christ* by Julia Gatta, are below..

Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality

Applying her years of experience as pastor and spiritual director combined with her study of the spiritual wisdom of the past, Sewanee’s own Prof. Julia Gatta explores common Christian practices and their underlying theology through an Episcopal lens. With particular reference to scripture, The Book of Common Prayer, and the wisdom of the Christian spiritual tradition, she illuminates methods readers may already be practicing and provides insight and guidance to ones that may be new to them. “This beautiful book will draw you into the spiritual depths of the sacraments. It will reveal Christ in the midst of your community. It will transform your experience of Sunday morning. A must-read,” writes Margaret Benefiel.



Discussions of the book chapter-by chapter will take place during Lent on Wednesday evenings (6:00-7:30, beginning with a light supper) and Thursday afternoons (1:00-2:00 bag lunch). Please sign up with Parish Administrator Frieda Hawkins at oteyparish@gmail.com. If you can’t come to the sessions, you will profit simply from reading the book. It may be purchased at the University Bookstore (currently in the Bishops’ Common) or online.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM

Godly Play for ages 3-11 Adult Forum—9:45

- ✓ Mar. 3 Rector’s Forum—“Same Sex Marriage, Part 2”
- ✓ Mar, 10 “The Role for Christians in the Environmental Crisis” - Andy Thompson
- ✓ Mar. 17 “The Continuing Appeal of C. S. Lewis” - Robert McSwain
- ✓ Mar. 24 “Slavery, Race, and Reconciliation” - Woody Register

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Mar. 20 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3:00 pm
- ✓ Mar. 21 Vestry Meeting, 5:30 pm
Hethcock Room

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Mar. 1 Community Meal—St. Mark’s
- ✓ Mar. 5 Fat Tuesday—5pm, St. Mark’s

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

- ✓ Mar. 3 Fire on the Mountain meeting—4pm-6pm, Brooks Hall
- ✓ Mar. 5 Fat Tuesday 5-6pm, cook pancakes
- ✓ Mar. 31 Fire on the Mountain meeting—4pm-6pm, Brooks Hall

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✓ Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes, 12:15 & 7:00 pm

SOUP & LENTEN SERIES MARCH 13, 20, 27, APRIL 3, 10

6:00P / Soup and Lenten Series – Julia Gatta’s “Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality”, St. Mark’s

MARCH 14, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
1:00pm Brown Bag Lenten Series - Julia Gatta’s “Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality”, Brooks

Fat Tuesday

Lent at Otey



Come one come all and let the good times roll for a New Orleans themed celebration in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish house! On Tuesday, March 5 at 5:00pm, you won't want to miss the

Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Otey Parish Life Krewe! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!

The menu will delight your taste buds with Cajun jambalaya and red beans and rice. A vegetarian offering will be provided. And King's Cake for dessert! Also, there will be a special pancake station manned. Tea, lemonade, orange juice and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own adult beverage of choice. Entertainment will include jazz, Mardi Gras favorites with live music presented by Bazzania, Bob Burns, and our very own Rob Lamborn (dancing and beads are encouraged)! Tickets prices are \$8.00 per adult with no family paying more than \$20.00, children ages 0-5 are free and children ages 6-12 are \$4.00 --- to be paid at the door.

Please RSVP by emailing or calling Frieda at the church office to make a reservation; email: oteyparish@gmail.com; telephone 931-598-5926. We want this to be a fun celebration and we would like to have enough food for all who attend the Fat Tuesday celebration.



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes—March 6, at 12:15p and 7:00p -

Wednesdays during Lent, March 13,20, 27, April 3, 10, 6:00 pm

Soup and Lenten Series – Julia Gatta’s “Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality” – St. Mark’s

Thursdays during Lent, March 14, 21, 28, April 4,

**12:15 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
Brown Bag Lenten Series - Julia Gatta’s “Life in Christ: Practicing Christian Spirituality” – Brooks**



Inclement Weather Policy



It is Otey Parish’s policy to follow the Franklin County School systems’ closures and delays for inclement weather. If Franklin County schools are closed, Otey Parish will be closed. The Community Action Committee will also be going by this policy. The Sewanee Children’s Center will decide and announce its own cancellations.

You Are Invited—Candlemaking

Community Action Committee

March 30, 2019
 10 a.m. to 12 noon
 Full Circle Candles at Hallelujah Pottery
 1202 W Main St
 Monteagle, TN 3735

Otey Memorial Parish has scheduled a workshop at Full Circle Candles located in Hallelujah Pottery. Whereas our last candle day was for Fire on the Mountain youth, this one is open to all adults and older children. (Not recommended for children under 8, because the wax is very hot and can cause burns.)

Please bring \$20 to cover your cost of attendance and all materials for making several candles including votives, tea lights, and a candle in a jar. Debbie Blinder will teach us how to work with soy wax and select favorite fragrances and essential oils. You can decorate your candles with labels and charms. Space is limited to 12 participants. Please RSVP by March 23 so Debbie will have supplies prepared:

<http://evite.me/b1jH5Atgc1>

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



In celebration of Epiphany, Fire on the Mountain youth created unique scent combinations at Full Circle



CAC is looking forward to spring when new projects are beginning and new ideas are floating around the office. In this mountaintop community there are so many ways to make connections. We are blessed with resources and have so many people willing to connect the resources with the people who are most in need. I don't know of any place where ideas can become reality so quickly. After-school tutoring matches kids with seasoned tutors to make learning fun and test results improve. Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts, the innovative fund-raiser sponsored by Kappa Omega sorority, collected canned goods and funds at a recent event. Our faithful volunteers keep things running smoothly and the Bonner students from the University come with new projects and the youth enthusiasm to bring about change. Community meals are opportunities to meet and interact with a wide spectrum of the mountain population, not to mention that it's delicious AND free.

Betty Carpenter, Director



Sewanee Hearts and Grocery Carts

Daughters of the King

To the Women of Otey Parish:

The Daughters of the King of the Episcopal church has an active chapter at St. James, Midway. Mary's Heart Martha's Hands chapter extends to you an invitation to join us at a meeting and be introduced to what we are all about. We are in Communion with the Methodist, Lutheran and Catholic churches which means our membership is open to these women as well.



Membership is open to women eighteen years and older. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at St James church Midway. The contact number is 598-5869.

Pixie Dozier



Happy First Day of Spring—March 20

Folks at Home Programs in March

Funded in part by a grant from the Community Fund of Middle Tennessee, our second balance class in the "2019 Campaign for Balance" will begin on March 5th. "Tai Ji Quan Moving for Better Balance" (TJQMBB) is a modified form of Tai Chi developed by Dr. Fuzhong Li at the Oregon Research Institute. The program has shown impressive results in balance improvement through multiple studies. Wall Wofford will be leading the class on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am to 11am at the Sewanee Community Center. There is no charge for the class, but class size is limited.

Folks at Home's 3rd Reading Group is forming in collaboration with the School of Theology. Senior Theology Student Sarah Wigner will lead the discussion group around N.T. Wright's Surprised by Hope. Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church. The class begins March 5th and ends April 16th. The class will meet on Tuesdays at 2p at the School of Theology. This class is free and open to the public.

"Getting Started on Your Memoir": Led by instructor Pat West, this class is designed for adults who would like to learn how to write about their lives. Whether you are interested in writing a full life story, a selection of stories, or a biography, this class will provide you with practical ways of gathering, writing, and preserving these memories. The class will meet over four Saturdays at the Sewanee Senior Center, beginning March 16th and ending April 6th. Class time is 10am to 11:30am. The class is free for Folks at Home members and Senior Center members. \$15.00 per class for non-members.

Contact Folks at Home to register!

assistantfolksathome@gmail.com, 598-0303

Tuesday morning Godly Play class exploring Brooks Hall



FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN NEWS

Youth Sunday school – Every Sunday morning 9:45-10:45, we meet in Brooks Hall. We make something yummy, talk about God, and often play some chess or Bananagrams. This is a small, casual class where young people are encouraged to engage issues of faith in a thoughtful way.

Sunday, March 3rd, Fire on the Mountain meeting, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall – Drama team and service hour planning. Everyone is invited! As always, there will be goodies.

Tuesday, March 5th, 5-6pm in St. Mark's Hall – Shrove Tuesday. Youth will cook pancakes and possibly perform a puppet show. Details to be determined at the March 3rd meeting, based on availability. As always, there will be refreshments. *Service hour opportunity!*

Sunday, March 31st, Fire on the Mountain meeting, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall – Game time & Potluck! This event will build relationships through fun and games. Bring a snack to share. There will be a prize for the most creative snack and the least creative snack!

Friday, April 5th – Saturday, April 6th, Seeds of Spring youth retreat at DuBose Conference Center. See article for more information. Invite your friends!

June 17-20 -- VB-U's Fire on the Mountain drama team will be performing nightly. Youth may also opt to help with crafts and other nightly activities. *Service hour opportunity!*

July 8-12, 2019 -- Youth Mission Trip Save the date! We are going to the Gulf! All youth are invited to Camp Suarez, July 8-12, 2019. Rachel and Mickey Suarez have graciously invited us to share their home on the water for this week. Students will earn service hours volunteering at a children's camp. Daily activities will include boating, tubing, water skiing, swimming and kayaking. Contact Jeannie Babb oteyformation@gmail.com with any questions. Space is limited. Please sign up now to reserve your spot and be part of the planning team! <http://evite.me/RVWXw8TC8B>

Volunteer with Fire on the Mountain! Parents (and sometimes siblings) are encouraged to join their teens and tweens at FOTM events. We follow diocesan guidelines and Safeguarding practices. Please check with Jeannie Babb to learn more: oteyformation@gmail.com

Jeannie Babb, Acting Fire on the Mountain Director



AN EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE RETREAT

SEEDS OF SPRING



APRIL 5th-6th DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER--MONTEAGLE \$30

Fire on the Mountain will be going to Seeds of Spring, a Friday evening and Saturday daytime overnight spiritual retreat for the youth of our diocese and their adult chaperones. This program provides youth with an opportunity to meet other Episcopal young people and explore faith and community during the season of Lent as we anticipate the arrival of Easter. The program includes contemplative and creative worship, reflection, games, hiking, fun, rest, and more.

Meals and cabin style lodging will be provided at Dubose Conference Center. Other youth from the diocese will arrive by bus; Fire on the Mountain will meet at (and leave from) DuBose.

This gathering is open to all 6th -12th grade students in the diocese and their friends. Fire on the Mountain leaders will be present the entire retreat, as well as adults leading each of the youth groups who attend. All adult volunteers must have completed the basic child and youth safety training required by the diocese.

Reserve your ticket here:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seeds-of-spring-tickets-56922126613?team_token=2257607-4nqq2

The cost is \$30 per person; scholarships are available. Deadline to register- March 25th. After March 25th \$10 late fee added. After registering you will receive a welcome packet with itinerary, packing list, and other necessary info. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie Babb 423-255-6479, fotmotey@gmail.com.

Jeannie Babb, Acting Fire on the Mountain Director



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The deadline for submissions for the April 2019 issue of Otey Notes is: 3pm Wednesday, March 20.
Email submissions to: oteyparish@gmail.com


Vestry Highlights

Vestry Highlights—Regular Meeting of February 21

- Adopted revisions to the 2019 operating budget.--Approved taking out a line of credit with First Tennessee Bank as needed for bell tower repairs.
- Reviewed and did some initial prioritization of ideas brought forth at the annual Vestry Retreat on February

ASH WEDNESDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST WITH
IMPOSITION OF ASHES

MARCH 6 AT 12:15 PM AND 7:00 PM.



MARCH 10, 2019

DON'T FORGET TO
"SPRING" FORWARD..



March



Carolyn Wofford	3	1	Emily Puckette	3	15
Knowles Harper	3	1	Janet Graham	3	18
Dorothy Gates	3	2	Peggy Bonds	3	22
Esme Hopwood-Meyer	3	2	Ann Seiters	3	23
Tom Howick	3	6	Chris Asmussen	3	27
Bess Turner	3	7	Ren Elrod	3	29
Mary Blount	3	7	Christian Taylor	3	30
Elliott Benson	3	7	Frieda Hawkins	3	30
Rachel Alvarez	3	8	Doug Seiters	3	31
George Chamberlain	3	8	Anne Boykin	3	31
Paul Wiley	3	13	Thomas Phelps	3	31
Tom Macfie	3	14			