



Otey Notes



From the Rector: Style and Substance

“The TV coverage matters because the pundits’ reaction doesn’t always match that of voters in instant polls, and it’s sometimes the TV spin that wins out.”

-Statistician and election analyst Nate Silver

I watched the first presidential debate last night. I guess I should no longer be surprised that media coverage leading up to and following the debate mirrors the “horse race” aspects of the presidential race rather than the candidates’ records and proposed policies. Focus was almost entirely on what the candidates needed to do to gain an advantage in the polls, rather than their positions on various issues. Having a split screen through almost the entirety of the debate implied that the words of the candidate speaking were no more important than the facial expressions and reactions of the other candidate.

Nate Silver’s words from his blog, fivethirtyeight.com, are accurate—spin sometimes does win out. The news media enjoys huge influence in our society, and with it comes awesome responsibility. What does it mean to be fair and unbiased? Is it giving equal time to both “sides,” independent of what the sides are saying? What is the relationship between maximizing TV ratings and exercising a public trust? Our *Book of Common Prayer* has a prayer for those who influence public opinion (p.827), never more apt than now:

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is easy to lament our society’s entertainment focus, but it must be recognized this is the reality of our day. There are some truths that need to be acknowledged, like how people don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. I have had to learn that substance can indeed be made quite appealing, when what is on the outward surface matches the inward reality. Rather than complain too much about the superficiality of our age, I have found as a Christian that my efforts are better used instead advocating for consistency between what you see and what you get.

As November 8 approaches, I invite you to make good use of our church’s prayer for elections (*Book of Common Prayer*, p.822):

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson

ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

- ✓ Oct. 2 “The South Cumberland Community Fund as an Agent of Change”
Laura Willis
- ✓ Oct. 9 “Can Democracy Be Made to Work?”
Amy Patterson
- ✓ Oct. 16 “The Community Action Committee: Mission and Scope” Betty Carpenter
- ✓ Oct. 23 Rector’s Forum -
Stewardship Committee
- ✓ Oct. 30 No Forum or Godly Play—
Coloring of Crosses

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

- ✓ Oct. 9 Regular Meeting—Brooks Hall—4pm
- ✓ Oct. 23 Blue Monarch Halloween

OFFICE CLOSURES

- ✓ Oct. 10 Columbus Day

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Oct. 19 *Otey Notes* submissions due by 3pm
- ✓ Oct. 20 Vestry Meeting, 5 pm, Adult Ed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Oct. 4 St. Francis Celebration—
Blessing of Animals— St. James
Church, Midway, 5:30 pm (page 6)
- ✓ Oct. 23 Oktoberfest—4pm, St. Mark’s
- ✓ Oct. 30 Stewardship Ingathering—
Shrimp & Grits Brunch, 10 am,
St. Mark’s

HUNGER WALK OUTCOME

CAC is grateful for the amazing turnout for the 2ND Annual Hunger Walk sponsored by Sewanee/Monteagle Rotary. The weather was perfect for 360 walkers to participate in the walk to raise funds for the food banks of CAC and Morton Memorial Methodist and to raise awareness of poverty and food insecurity on the mountain. John Goodson was inspired by Laura Willis's book "Finding God in a Bag of Groceries", and as they say, the rest is history. The Sewanee Community has supported the efforts for two years so now this event is a tradition! This would not be possible without support from across the plateau and down in the valley plus the leadership of the Sewanee/Monteagle Rotary. It is truly a community wide event. The funds raised will go directly to the food bank efforts of CAC and Morton. Thank you all because it takes all of us working together to make things better for those in need.



360 participants joined in Hunger Walk on September 3

Betty Carpenter



CAC



CAC has a steady stream of people who seek our assistance and never fail to thank us. Some express gratitude better than others but we know everyone is grateful. Rarely do we get a "thank you" note but when that happens it is worth sharing. Mickey Suarez and Joe Porter worked on a deck for a family down in Sherwood. CAC played a small part in that assistance but the letter says it all:

“Thank you for everything. Words can’t explain what our hearts are feeling right now. The porch is beautiful and the safety of walking on it is priceless. We don’t have to stop and hold our breath praying to get in safe without falling thru our porch. I am forever grateful and so appreciate what you have done. The kids and my husband are so thankful what u have done for us tears flow down our face every time we think of our porch. Sitting on our porch enjoying family time means so much to us we never had that opportunity

I’m very thankful for every thing. God Bless You! “
Crystal, William, Haley, James and Edward

Betty Carpenter
Director, Community Action Committee

ECW LUNCHEON

No stranger to this area, The Rev. Betty Carpenter will be the speaker for the first meeting of the Episcopal Church Women on Oct. 3. The noon luncheon-meeting will take place in St. Mark's Hall of Otey Parish House.

Dedicated to serving others, she taught special needs children for many years in a nearby county. She then studied to become a deacon in the diocese, as she continued her position as director or the Community Action Committee of the parish. The Rev. Carpenter will talk about aspects of her multi-challenging career and her goals for CAC.

The luncheon (\$10) is catered by Jennifer Janeway. Reservations must be made by 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, by calling Connie Gibson at 598-5583.or emailing her at lgibson@sewanee.edu. A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time of the reservation. All women of the area are invited to join in the fellowship, learning and inspiration of ECW.



Ruth Ramseur

CAC PARTNERS WITH SES

SES students collected 486 food items for CAC! Way to go and many thanks!!!!



PILGRIMAGE TO PLAINS , OCTOBER 8-9

On this 2-day trip, Otey parishioners and friends will travel to the South Georgia to learn and worship together. The itinerary includes stops to worship with other Christians:

Saturday, Oct 8—

- ◆ Meet at Otey Parish at 5am to carpool
Morning Prayer & Breakfast – the Rev. Chris Hartley, St. Michael & All Angels in Anniston, AL
- ◆ Noon Prayer & Lunch—the Rev. Jeff Wallace, Calvary Episcopal in Americus, GA
- ◆ Afternoon free for tours, shopping, trolley, supper, museum and farm tours
- ◆ Compline—the Rev. Joe Porter, Windsor Hotel in Americus, GA

Sunday, Oct 9

- ◆ Morning Prayer—Jimmy Carter, Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, GA
- ◆ Lunch in Plains
- ◆ Eucharist & Supper—the Rev. Jo Ann Barker, St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church in Atlanta, GA

We will return to Otey Parish at around 8pm Sunday

We will be staying at the historic Windsor hotel in Americus, GA, Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, GA. People of all ages are invited, but the availability of lodging is very limited. Please make your plans now and contact oteyformation@gmail.com to reserve your spot!



SEWANEE CHILDREN’S CENTER

This past summer the Sewanee Children’s Center Board named Sandy Glacet as its director. Sandy is not a new face to SCC as she has been a teacher for the past two years and also a parent of two SCC students. We are hoping to have a monthly update on what is going on at SCC for our newsletter. In September:

- * Our Discovery Class wrapped up their colors and shapes unit with special art project, and science experiment.
- * The Adventure Class has had lots of fun on their camping adventure from scavenger hunts, to collecting sticks, to making (and eating!) s’mores. I have attached a photo.



* The Tag Along Class began a unit on fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Everyone is welcome to contact me if you would like to visit our school! 598-5928

Sandy

WELCOME PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR, AUGUST 28

The Welcome Picnic was a wonderful success, and the largest one in years. About 180 Otey friends and neighbors gathered to peruse the Ministry Fair and eat a sumptuous meal with fried chicken and potluck side dishes. People brought musical instruments and took turns entertaining, while others gathered outside to play games or enjoyed catching up with old friends.



Thank you to all who brought food, to all who played music or sang, to all who prepared tables to invite us into your ministry, to the Christian Formation Committee for your ideas and early morning hours to put the Ministry Fair together, and to all who brought your warm smile. We especially want to thank Parish Life for your creativity and all the work to bring this together!



Did you miss the Ministry Fair? Most Otey Parish ministries are open for new members all year long! If you’re not sure how to join a ministry team, or need help discerning your ministry is at Otey Parish, please ask.

COLORING OF CROSSES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Oct 30 – Shrimp & Grits & Crosses

On the last Sunday in August, Otey parishioners will spend the Sunday school hour together in St. Mark’s Hall. We will color the crosses we dedicate to saints, which will be displayed on the walls in the nave on November 6 to celebrate All Saints Day. Art supplies provided, along with a delicious brunch of shrimp & grits (provided by Vestry, Stewardship Committee, and Parish Life.) . Nursery will be in session during all services and



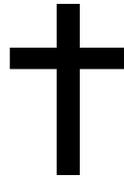
See page 6 for complete 2016 Adult Forum Schedule.

Otey Offices closed Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day.



IN MEMORIAM

The Rev. Clifford Schane, Rector of Otey Memorial Parish 1979-1996, died in Atlanta on September 11, 2016. May he rest in peace.



STEWARDSHIP

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” is the theme of this fall’s stewardship campaign. Over the month of October we are invited to remember how God has blessed us and consider prayerfully how we can respond generously in our support of God’s work through Otey Parish. Letters, a sermon, bulletin inserts, brief talks by fellow parishioners, posters, a forum presentation, and a brochure will all aid our reflection. The return of pledge cards is invited on Sunday, October 30, when there will be a brunch between services to say a hearty “Thank you!” for the support people give to Otey.

Rob Lamborn,
Stewardship Committee members—
Anne Griffin, Joel Cunningham, Susan Holmes, Diane Jones, Brenda Matthews, and Rachel Suarez

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 MEETING

At its September meeting, the Vestry:

- --Reflected in prayer on God’s abundance (“A saint always knows that there is more than enough for our need but never enough for our greed.”)
- --Welcomed Deacon Betty Carpenter (back) and Seminary Intern Chris Wilkerson
- --Received the 2015 audit and heard a report from the auditor.
- --Adopted a proposal to reconstitute the Finance Committee, to consist of the Treasurer, a Warden, a Vestry Liaison, 2 other members, and the Rector.
- --Agreed to explore ways to provide support to the Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation, which helps fund the Hope Institute, a day/boarding school in Uganda
- --Authorized funding for a trial adaptive listening system for the church that will provide improved audibility for those who have hearing loss.

Next Vestry Meeting is October 20, at 5:30 pm

GUMBO

What happens when a priest transplanted from Louisiana puts it out on FaceBook to designate September 11 as “Gumbo Sunday” to raise money for flood relief? Easy answer...you gather a few friends who own food processors, put on a Mardi Gras CD and turn it up as loud as it can go and start cooking. After you have cooked TWENTY GALLONS of gumbo and sold 75 pints and counted all of the proceeds, you send the Diocese of Louisiana a check for \$1400. Thank you Gary Sturgis, Forbes Mann and Ginny Capel! We did it!



Betty Carpenter



Sunday, October 23 at 4pm, St. Mark’s Hall

“Fall” into good spirits and great company with Otey Parish’s second Oktoberfest. This celebration is not one to miss as it will be bursting with food, music and dancing, costume contests and pumpkin decorating! The menu for this feast includes German brats steamed in beer on a hoagie bun, warm German potato salad, sauerkraut with caraway, mouth watering salted soft pretzels and some sweet treats to tantalize any taste bud. Rake in all the fun listening to a Polka Band complete with Polka lessons! Please feel free to dress to impress in your best Fall/Halloween getup as there will be a prize for the best costume. Bring your kids and their friends too for fun with music, dancing and some pumpkin decorating for all ages!

Volunteers are always appreciated: if you would like to help plan/set-up this event please contact Frieda at oteyparish@gmail.com.

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN



The annual Fire on the Mountain (FOTM) canoe trip was a great success. Seven adults and five youth attended the event. We rented canoes at Float-A-Boat out of Wartrace. The section of the Duck River that we canoed was quite scenic and there were dozens of other canoers, mostly with kayaks enjoying the day on the river as well. This section of the river can see 1000 canoeists and kayakers on some weekends in the summer. Some of our younger canoeists learned how to paddle and steer as they sometimes zigzagged their way through sections of the river. It was a beautiful day to be enjoying God's creation and fellowship.

At the first regular Fire on the Mountain meeting of the year, we learned what it means to be a parish, and considered the history and future of Otey Memorial Parish and Fire on the Mountain. We learned about the Otey banner, which depicts reconciliation between the communities of St. Mark's and St. Paul's. After reflection, discussion of inclusion and exclusion in our own midst, and a commitment to reach out more to each other, we ate some delicious homemade chili, and painted an old car with symbols that mean something to us – including a depiction of the parish banner.



Our next meeting will be the **Oct 9th, 4-6pm at Brooks Hall**. We will share a meal and enjoy games & activities. Young people please be there, if you're not traveling on the Pilgrimage to Plains.

On Oct 23rd we'll host the annual combined Fire on the Mountain + Blue Monarch Halloween Party! We need helpers, drivers, pumpkins, candy, face paint, and apples. If you can help, or would like to attend, please contact Neil Patterson at fotmotey@gmail.com.

If you would like help out with FOTM, but don't know how, you could provide a meal for one of our meetings or events. Think pizza or chili or submarine sandwiches or soup and bread or anything else that is quick and easy.

We need meals for October 9, November 27 (all at 5:30 PM) and December 11 (at 12:15 PM). You can just drop the meal off or join us as we eat. This is also a great way to meet the youth and see if you would like to get involved in FOTM in other ways as well. Email Neil at fotmotey@gmail.com or call at 931-598-9530 if you would like to help.

Sunday School—The Middle/High School Sunday School class has been meeting for four weeks. Since September 4 Larry Barker has been leading the class, which he will continue through mid-December. Larry is currently taking us on a journey through the Torah.

Neil Patterson, Fire on the Mountain Director
Jeannie Babb, Christian Formation Director



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- Shelley Cammack, '18, Christian Formation
- Dorothy Gates, '17, Jr. Warden
- Timothy Graham, '16, Finance
- Barbara Prunty, '18, Pastoral Care
- Rachel Suarez, '18, Stewardship
- Ken Taylor, '17, Parish Life
- Laura Willis, '16, Senior Warden
- Kathy Solomon, Treasurer
- Beth Wiley, Assistant Treasure
- Ann Aitken, Clerk

PRAYER LIST

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Kenny Alexander, Sr., Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, Stephen Carter, Linda Cheadle, Nancy Chase, Sally Franklin, Hunter Hawkins, Phebe Hethcock, Linda Hutton, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Ariel Jones, Mike Jones, David Kearley, Bob Keele, Rob Keele, Luwin Lewis, Howell Lynch, Brenda Matthews, Flaget and Larry Nally, Julia Ramsey-Tharp, Doug Seiters, Virginia and Scott Sloan, Sam Williamson, Liz Workman, George, Karen.

ADULT FORUM—2016

OTEY ADULT FORUM— 2016

CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Oct. 2 "The South Cumberland Community Fund as an Agent of Change" Laura Willis
- Oct. 9 "Can Democracy Be Made to Work?" Amy Patterson
- Oct. 16 "The Community Action Committee: Mission and Scope" Betty Carpenter
- Oct. 23 Rector's Forum Stewardship Committee
- Oct. 30 No Adult Forum (Coloring of Crosses)
- Nov. 6 Rector's Forum Rector
- Nov.13 "Whose Children Are These? Immigration at Home and Abroad" Abby Colbert
- Nov. 20 No Adult Forum (Parish Meeting)
- Nov. 27 No Adult Forum (Advent Wreaths)
- Dec. 4 Rector's Forum Rector
- Dec. 11 "Climate Change: How to Meet the Challenge?" Deborah McGrath
- Dec. 18 "Practicing Law to Create a More Just Society" Steven Blount
- Dec. 25 No Adult Forum

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the November 2016 issue of Otey Notes is:

3pm Wednesday, October 19.

Email submissions to:
oteyparish@gmail.com

Blessing of Animals

Otey Parish is again invited to a shared celebration of St. Francis on Tuesday, October 4, at 5:30pm, on the spacious grounds of St. James Church, 898 Midway Road. Rob Lamborn will join St. James Vicar Linda Hutton in asking God's blessing on animals who are important in our lives (and this can include stuffed animals for children). Is your animal too large, anxious, or rambunctious to bring? Feel free to bring a picture to the blessing.



October



1-Oct	Rowan Jones	14-Oct	Sam Howick
3-Oct	John Goodson	15-Oct	Donny Rung
5-Oct	Aaron Elrod	17-Oct	Sam Frazier
5-Oct	Phebe Hethcock	19-Oct	Suzanne Cahoon
6-Oct	Sharon Zachau	20-Oct	Larry Prince
6-Oct	Julia Cammack	20-Oct	Beth Pride Ford
7-Oct	Rebecca Van de Ven	22-Oct	Jackson Frazier
7-Oct	Zachary Blount	24-Oct	Stephen Carter
8-Oct	JoAnn Barker	25-Oct	Michael Cannon
8-Oct	Clay Calhoun	26-Oct	Kathryn Bruce
8-Oct	Mason Goodson	26-Oct	Henry Fisher
8-Oct	Jenna Black	28-Oct	Isabel Spinelli
9-Oct	Jim Pappas	28-Oct	Henry Calhoun
9-Oct	Aden Rung	29-Oct	Douglas Cameron