



Otey Notes



Welcome (not just back)!

“You’re only as good as your last game,” goes the expression in sports (or last book for authors, or last film for actors). I believe Otey is a welcoming parish with a culture of hospitality, *and* that being such requires deliberate effort every time we gather. We’re only as welcoming as our last coffee hour, or our last response to a question about how to find the nursery.

In the Bible, God’s people are called to a high ethic of hospitality. Part of this stems from the situation: people traveling in a time before a reliable network of paid accommodations needed to be able to rely on the hospitality of others. But I believe it goes farther. Every time we encounter another human being, we are experiencing another example of the image of God. Welcoming such a person is not simply a matter of politeness or even of mutual self-interest, but of perceiving and respecting God’s presence. Welcoming is not ultimately a means to add members to the parish, but is a ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, August 28, Parish Life and Christian Formation invite you to our annual Welcome Picnic following the 11:00am service. While this will be a welcome back for many, it will be a first-time or early welcome for people new to the community. Given the substantial number of new hires at the University for this year, Sewanee is blessed with a larger-than-usual number of newcomers. I ask you to extend the warmest of Otey welcomes to all newcomers: whether seminarians, University faculty/staff, people whose reason for coming here is not related to the University, or a longtime resident coming to Otey for the first time. Make the effort to introduce yourself. Find one or more other people who have something in common with the newcomer(s). If they have questions you can’t answer, help them find someone who can. When you see church newcomers out in the community, remind them of your Otey connection and ask how they are settling in.

These are all practical steps to help people connect with the Otey community. These human connections can be far more important than we realize in the lives of people making their home in an unfamiliar new place. They can lead to unexpected new friendships. And deep down they are ways to honor the image of God in our fellow human beings.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

Don’t forget our August 28 Welcome Picnic and Ministry Fair, after second service (around noon (see page 3 for details))

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION
SUNDAYS, 10 AM
Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson**

ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

- ✓Sept. 4 “Capitalism and the Common Good” Douglass Williams
- ✓Sept. 11 “The Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the Midst of Conflict”, Clark Baker
- ✓Sept. 18 “Homelessness and Housing: Sewanee’s Newest Project”, Dixon Myers
- ✓Sept. 25 “Poverty in Our Midst”, Bonnie McCardell, et al

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

- ✓Sept. 11 Canoe Trip, meet at 12:30 at St. Mark’s in Claiborne Parish House
- ✓Sept. 25 Regular Meeting, Brooks Hall,

OFFICE CLOSURES

- ✓Sept. 5 Labor Day

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓Sept. 21 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3:00pm
- ✓Sept. 22 Vestry Meeting, Adult Education Room, 5:30 pm

Otey Offices closed Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.



HUNGER WALK TO BENEFIT CAC—SEPTEMBER 3

WELCOME BACK, DEACON!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE HUNGER WALK

Registration is so easy. You can go online at hungerwalksewanee.wordpress.com and the cost is \$10 for students \$20 for adults and children under 12 are free. You can also register the day of the event at Angel Park. All proceeds will go to help the CAC and Morton Memorial's Food Pantry. Following the walk, lunch will be served in St. Mark's Hall at Otey Parish. It's fun, it helps our community, and it's a great way to spend a Saturday. Invite your friends, bring your dog, and let's have this be the best one ever.



Betty Carpenter



It is hoped that those new to the Sevanee Community quickly learn of the good work that CAC is doing and learn of ways to become involved with this important outreach ministry. The statistics make it clear that 1 in 3 children go hungry in Middle Tennessee

and it is a fact that 90% of those who seek assistance from CAC live below the poverty line. Statistics you can easily toss about but personal stories not so much. It is hard to convey on paper the anguish of a grandmother raising 5 grandchildren and having to quit her job because of no affordable child care, or another grandmother raising 3 grandchildren and unable to work because of serious health issues, or a disabled elderly man with a well that has run dry because of the drought and unable to afford the 4 thousand dollar water tap to connect to city water. Statistics have names and faces that we see everyday at CAC. We stand with the poor and do what we can with the resources that we have. Our service area is the greater Sevanee Community including Jump-Off, Midway and down into Sherwood. This is the time of year when newcomers are looking for ways to become involved so let's spread the good news that we at CAC are living out the Gospel message on a daily basis, knowing that statistics are stacked against us but doing it any way. Through grants and generosity and with God's help we can.

*Betty Carpenter
Director, Community Action Committee*



In accordance with diocesan policy for all deacons, the Rev. Deacon Betty Carpenter left Otey Parish on the arrival of the new rector last August, and has served a fruitful year at St. James, Midway with the Rev. Dr. Linda Hutton. Now that she is completing her agreed-on term of service at St. James, Betty has been assigned by Bp. Bauerschmidt to a joint appointment shared between Otey Parish and All Saints' Chapel, effective September 1. University Chaplain Tom Macfie and Otey Rector Rob Lamborn welcome Betty enthusiastically to this new position.

At All Saints', Deacon Carpenter will work with the chapel's Catechumenate program and will explore collaboration with the University of the South Office of Civic Engagement. At Otey, she will help build up outreach ministry beyond and distinct from her current role as Director of the Community Action Committee, as well as assist and resource the Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Betty will take part in services at both locations and will make pastoral visits as requested by the Chaplain and Rector.

That's a lot to do for a part-time (and non-stipendiary) position! Yet Betty has eagerly sought this level of commitment in the exercise of her diaconal ministry. Please welcome her warmly to this new role, and pray for the ministry she, All Saints', and Otey are undertaking for the coming year.

Rob Lamborn

CAC'S SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Come to CAC on any Thursday and you will find the smiling face of Brenda Matthews. Brenda has faithfully volunteered at CAC for the past four years, giving her time and talent by not only volunteering but serving on the CAC Board and participating in all CAC related events. Always upbeat and positive in every situation, Her kindness is evident to everyone who seeks assistance from CAC. Thank you Brenda for all you do for the greater Sevanee community.



PILGRIMAGE TO PLAINS

**Pilgrimage to Plains
with teaching by Jimmy Carter
Oct 8-9, 2016**

Christian Formation is designing a pilgrimage to Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia, culminating with a visit to President Carter's Sunday School class. All ages are invited. We will leave very early the morning of Saturday, October 8th, and return the next evening, Sunday, October 9th, stopping at a couple of meaningful waypoints both directions. (No school missed, so a great trip for kids and teens!)

Details are still coming together, but we expect to celebrate Eucharist with other Episcopalians, visit the Carter farm, and build in some free time for dinner out, riding the train, or antique shopping. Most of all, we expect to grow closer to God and one another.

If you've never made the journey to Plains or heard President Carter teach the Bible, this is your chance to do so as part of Otey Parish. A small group of Sewanee friends drove down last August as sort of a Lectionary Class field trip, and found it well worth the journey.

We will post more details on the FaceBook page (see events!) and in the bulletin as plans come together. We will spend Saturday night at the historic Windsor Hotel in Americus, GA. We have reserved a block of rooms, but space was already limited, so please let me know right away if you would like to go. Room reservations will be first come, first serve. Please email oteyformation@gmail.com with "Plains" in the subject line.

*Every blessing,
Jeannie Babb*



WELCOME PICNIC AND MINISTRY FAIR, AUGUST 28



Otey Memorial Parish is hosting a noon picnic following our 11 a.m. service. The picnic welcomes everyone to the Mountain, (those of you that are new to Sewanee and those returning to the Mountain). The menu includes fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans and watermelon. The sides will be potluck, so please bring something to share, if able.

Entertainment includes outdoor and indoor fun for all ages. Musicians are encouraged to bring instruments for bluegrass, jazz ensembles, hymns and whatever else comes together.

Parents may enroll children in Godly Play, a Montessori-based Sunday School program that meets Sundays at 10 a.m. Registration will also be available for Fire on the Mountain, a youth group for middle school and high school youth.

The Welcome Picnic will include Otey's annual Ministry Fair, offering information and registration for various ministries at the parish.

We look forward to seeing you.



Jeannie Babb

ADULT FORUM FOR 2016-17 (BEGINS AUGUST 28)

The theme for the Adult Forum in 2016-17 is "Culture and Society in Theological Perspective." This year's presentations are all on contemporary subjects and practical applications of the faith. These subjects include capitalism, poverty, homelessness, and the Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the first month.

Presenters will talk about their topics in such a way as to stimulate those attending to consider important issues in fresh and informed ways. The "theological perspective" of the title is meant to suggest that there are ways of looking at the problems around us which are informed by the faith and the experience of working for a better world. These ways are apt to be diverse; there is no single standard or solution. The goal is expressed in the Lord's Prayer: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," with God's help and guidance.

The Adult Forum will be held in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish House on Sundays throughout the year at 10:00 a.m. between the two morning services, as a part of the Christian Education program. Each session will end at 10:50, after a presentation and a period of questions and comments. Bring friends and family. All are welcome!

*Rob Lamborn, Jeannie Babb, Shelley Cammack,
Virginia Craighill, Karen Meridith, Brown Patterson*

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE**GET TO KNOW OUR NEW SEMINARY INTERN: CHRIS WILKERSON**

Many Christians are increasingly involved in daily Centering Prayer, an ancient practice that is seeing a resurgence among the laity, across major denominations. Tennessee's Episcopal parishes are particularly active in this area.

Rooted in the contemplative tradition, the prayer invites practitioners simply to sit in interior silence for a brief period of time, daily, attentively "consenting to God's presence and action" within them. It is practiced both privately and in small groups at churches.

In Tennessee alone, thirty organized centering prayer groups are meeting weekly.

Each year, Middle Tennessee centering prayer practitioners and persons wanting to learn more about it hold a "Gathering" to bring practitioners from many parishes and denominations together in group discussions and prayer.

On Saturday, September 17, from 9 am to 2:00 pm, the Tenth Annual Gathering of Contemplative Outreach of Middle Tennessee will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 9100 Crockett Road, in Brentwood, Tennessee.

To celebrate the occasion, it will be led by Fr. Carl Arico, a founder of Contemplative Outreach Ltd.--International, and a close friend of Fr. Thomas Keating. Through decades of service to this prayer practice, his books, articles, presentations, and videos with Fr. Keating have provided sustenance and support for Centering Prayer practitioners internationally. Fr. Arico's presentation and discussion will be Centering Prayer--A Way of Life.

To learn more about and to register for the event, please go to <http://www.centeringprayermidtn.com> and go to 2016 Annual Gathering.

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VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS, AUGUST 25, 2016 MEETING

At its August meeting, the Vestry:

- Authorized the Treasurer to place funds in the most appropriate accounts to optimize the benefit for the parish.
- Received an update on the status of the new amplification system for St. Mark's Hall, and on plans to test an adaptive listening system in the church.
- Heard from Senior Warden Laura Willis about diocesan-recommended structure and resources for routine mutual ministry reviews.

Next Vestry meeting is Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 pm.



A senior this fall in The School of Theology at the University of the South, Chris Wilkerson is a Georgia native who came to Sewanee by way of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina in 2014. Chris earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology in 1993

and a master of fine arts in English and creative writing in 1999; he then spent fifteen years teaching college English while discerning a growing call to ministry. During that time, he also met and married Anne Stafford, a music therapist originally from Alabama. Anne and Chris have two daughters -- Emily, aged five, and Elena, aged three.

Chris completed his first semester of field education (as part of his seminary training) last spring at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee, under the mentoring of The Rev. Dr. Jerry Smith. When Fr. Smith tendered his resignation at St. B's in order to accept a call to a parish in Tallahassee, Chris saw a chance to expand the scope of his field training. St. B's is a large parish (1100+ members) in a bustling urban environment. While that kind of placement offered several unique learning opportunities, it was also unlike most of the parishes to which Chris might be called in Upper South Carolina after seminary. Moreover, Chris is particularly interested in serving his second semester of field education in a more intimate environment that allows for more direct, personal connection and relationship with the church community. So when he found out that it might be possible to complete his field education at Otey Parish, he immediately contacted Rob Lamborn to see if he would be interested in serving as a mentor. Chris is excited to become a part of the Otey family!

Chris has a passion for preaching, a deep love of the Sacraments, and a lifelong devotion to Christian theology, metaphysics, and mysticism. He is interested in ecumenical work, as well as the connection and interaction between the Church at the local parish level and the national Episcopal Church and the larger Anglican Communion. Beyond his religious pursuits, Chris is an avid fan of pop culture (particularly science fiction, fantasy, and surrealist comedy such as The Simpsons), literature (from Beowulf to Shakespeare to Yeats to James Tate), and Rock and/or Roll (primarily from the '60s to the '80s). An active singer/songwriter, Chris is hoping to have his first full length album ready for release later this year.

You can reach Chris at 598.5926 or by email at: ctwilkerson77@gmail.com.

Rob Lamborn

A PARTING HYMN

Our hymnal is organized predominantly by service music, hymns for each church season, then by special thematic hymns for various purposes. One of those sections contains departure hymns. It may mean departure from many different types of services. This month we are going to look at one of those hymns. *SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE* is done to the tune *Ellers* by Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901) and text by John Ellerton (1826 – 1893). The text was inspired by Psalm 145:1 (a praise psalm). Our setting of the hymn uses four verses emphasizing praise of God and supplication for peace. Ellerton's original had six verses. The original first verse is dropped in our hymn 345.

I particularly admire Edward John Hopkins who wrote the music to some 76 hymns and numerous chants. He originated a chant called angular chant which has fallen from favor after dominating chant in the English church for years. Some of his better known tunes, in addition to *Ellers*, are *Artavia*, *St. Athanasius*, and his double chant in F. Why am I fond of him? He served Temple Church in London for 55 years. I too served one parish for many years and can relate to some of the reasons why he wrote so many pieces. He wrote to meet the needs of his congregation.

Hopkins started his musical career as a choirboy at the Chapel Royal in 1826. An accomplished organist, he later played at Mitcham, Surrey; St. Peter's, Islington; and St. Luke's, Berwick Street. In 1843, he became organist at Temple Church, London. In 1882, the Archbishop of Canterbury awarded him an honorary Doctor of Music, as did Trinity College in Toronto in 1886. He was a member of multiple musical societies, including the Royal Academy of Music. He was a contributor to *Grove's Dictionary of Music*, recited up until his 78th birthday, and was organ professor at the Royal Normal College for the Blind at Norwood.

Hopkins studied organ construction extensively and with his friend, Rimbault, wrote *THE ORGAN, ITS HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION* in 1855. His *CATHEDRAL PSALTER* dominated the English Church for years.

The Rev. John Ellerton was born in London, educated at King William's College in Isle of Man and graduated from Trinity College, Cambridge with a BA in 1849 and MA in 1854. He became a priest in 1851 and served as Vicar of St. Nicholas, Brighton, and Crewe Green, Cheshire. He wrote or translated over 80 hymns. Six of his hymns are included in the Hymnal 1982 and wrote many hymns for the children of his parish. Ellerton wrote several books: *HYMNS FOR SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES* (1859), *CHURCH HYMNS* (1871); *THE CHILDREN'S HYMN BOOK* (1881); and *HYMNS, ORIGINAL AND TRANSLATED* (1888). He also contributed to *HYMNS ANCIENT AND MODERN*. Vicar Ellerton was elected prebendary of St. Alban's but paralysis prevented his acceptance of the honor. He died in Touquay on June 15, 1896.

I have been looking for information on angular chant. So far, I haven't been able to find an example. If anyone out there has some information on the topic, please share it with me. I wanted to find out more about the Victorian Chant that became the vogue. One thing about *SAVIOR, AGAIN...* it is a great evening prayer, even if you just recite it. "Grant us peace in each heart, Thy spirit from above.

Kathleen Sturgis

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

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

As you can see from the schedule below, we have a canoe trip scheduled for Sunday, September 11. I will need to know by Sunday, August 28 if you will be able to attend the canoe trip.

Parents and other interested people, please let me know if you are interested in helping with events or providing meals for any of our meetings or events where we will be eating.

Neil Patterson, Director

Date	Time	Event	Location	Other things needed
August 28	12 noon	Otey Yearly Kickoff Picnic and Fair	Otey Parish Church	Sign up sheets, forms packets, Canoe trip sign-up sheets.
September 11	12:30 to 4:30 PM	Canoe Trip	Sequat-chie River	Meal before we leave Otey, parent drivers/chaperones
September 25	4 to 6 PM	Regular Meeting	Brooks Hall	Meal at 5:30

Don't Forget!

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

3pm Wednesday, September 21.

Email submissions to:
oteyparish@gmail.com



September



1-Sep	Sophia Patterson	20-Sep	Dave Spaulding
4-Sep	Ann Millar	20-Sep	Mark Harris
5-Sep	Haynes Roberts	22-Sep	Erika Cannon
6-Sep	Sandy Baird	23-Sep	Ronald Goodman
6-Sep	Teresa Phares	23-Sep	Bruce Baird
7-Sep	Jane Mauzy	23-Sep	Ken Taylor
8-Sep	John Benson	25-Sep	Jeff Heitzenrater
8-Sep	Allison Paterson	25-Sep	Phoebe Bates
8-Sep	Sally Hubbard	27-Sep	Larry Barker
8-Sep	Peggy Peterson	27-Sep	Lynn Stubblefield
8-Sep	Mary Ming Lynch	27-Sep	Laurence Alvarez
10-Sep	Reid Ward	27-Sep	Neil Patterson
12-Sep	Mary Davis	27-Sep	Kate Wiley
12-Sep	Joshua Alvarez	30-Sep	Abigail Adamson
15-Sep	Diane Jones	30-Sep	Judah Thomas
16-Sep	J.C. Allen	30-Sep	Solie Thomas