

October, 2020



## Stewardship 2021



Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken. (Hebrews 12:28a)

In the midst of the many challenges we have been facing this year, there is much for Otey Memorial Parish to be grateful for. Pledge fulfillment has been good so far this year. We have cut expenditures where we can without adversely affecting ministry. Creative responses have emerged to minister in unprecedented

circumstances. We have found some new ways to be the Body of Christ. The people for whom the Letter to the Hebrews was written lived under circumstances very different from our normal ones. The domination of the Roman Empire in Europe and around the Mediterranean was near absolute. What we would consider even modest prosperity was reserved for a very small percentage of people. Christianity was a fledgling religion, and many looked upon it askance because it embraced people from all socio-economic strata instead of focusing on the well-to-do. To this people of God was written, "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken."

These days it can be hard to look around and find something that *doesn't* seem to be shaken. COVID-19. Segments of the economy hurting badly. Videos of violence by police toward African Americans. Large protests in the

streets. Political division and anxiety about the upcoming election. Many are yearning for a sense of solidity and reliability once taken for granted. In the Kingdom of God we are granted a way of living that stays solid despite any number of other things shaking around it. The caring and lively community we cultivate together in this parish does not depend on any particular externality, only on the love of God in Jesus Christ. It is a way of life rooted in gratitude for the price-less gifts we receive. Together we can build on this solid foundation to meet the challenges of our day and flourish in ministry, to the glory of God and for the good of our fellow human beings.

This year we are inviting every parishioner to share a brief video related to our theme, Grateful Together. Gratitude is strong medicine in difficult times! We are eager to hear the variety of ways people at Otey Parish are grateful. This is an activity that will build us up mutually in Christ.

How to make the videos:

If you're comfortable making and uploading it yourself, please email Frieda Hawkins at [admin@oteparish.org](mailto:admin@oteparish.org) for a link to the shared folder we're using.

If you're coming to our 11am outdoor in-person services, we will have a camera available afterward on October 4, 11 & 18 where you can record a message.

You can also arrange to stop by church to be recorded at a safe distance, or we can arrange to come by your home if you're not getting out. To set up either, please contact Frieda at [admin@oteparish.org](mailto:admin@oteparish.org) or 598-5926 in advance.

The videos can be done as individuals or as families. They can be as short as a few words, or as long as a minute or two.

Please start, "My name is \_\_\_\_\_." [repeat as many times as necessary for the number of people.]

"I am/we are grateful for . . . [then say what you wish to name.]

and conclude, "Let us be grateful together!"

Many thanks for sharing with your parish community in this way!

Seminarian Ted Clarkson explains how here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC76E\\_I7D3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC76E_I7D3U).

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Communion was reintroduced at our outside service at a small 12:15 pm service for Holy Cross Day on September 14. We have continued during our 11:00 am outdoor services since with the help of many loaning us their chalices.



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### **Bishop Bauerschmidt Visti**

Mark your calendars! The Rt. Rev .John Bauerschmidt will conduct his annual visitation on Sunday, November 15. We can't be sure what format worship will be in that day, but please plan to take part.



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### **Annual Meeting and Election of Vestry**

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for November 22 (time to be determined). At this meeting we will be electing three new members to the vestry.

Vestry members will be elected to three year terms.

#### **The formal qualifications for Vestry members are :**

- Confirmed member of Otey Parish
- At least 16 years of age
- Regular in worship attendance
- Have made and are fulfilling a pledge in the current year
- Not an employee of Otey or another organization or institution of the Diocese of Tennessee
- Completion of the background check required by the Diocese of Tennessee

#### **Yet informal qualifications are important as well:**

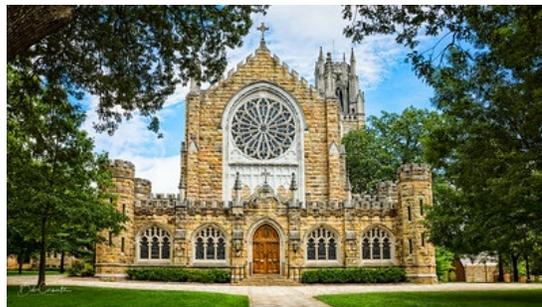
- Committed to the Christian life and ministry of this parish
- Approach the work prayerfully
- Work well in a group, listening openly and respectfully to points of view that differ from their own
- Speak their minds straightforwardly during deliberations while supporting decisions the Vestry reaches as a whole.

#### **What do Vestry members do?**

- Complete "Safeguarding God's People" online training

- Prepare for and attend monthly regular meetings, and any called meetings
- Participate in an annual retreat
- Help envision the ministry and needs of the parish in the present and future
- Serve as "Vestry of the Day" for a full Sunday morning about once every two months
- Act as chair of, or liaison to, a particular committee or ministry area
- Adopt the annual parish budget and monitor parish finances
- Deliberate and decide important issues in the life of the parish
- Enjoy the privilege of serving the people of God at Otey

The Nominating Committee consists of the 3 Vestry members completing their terms this year: David Burnett, Lisa Howick, and Lee Stapleton. You may contact any member of the Nominating Committee to recommend yourself or someone else (with that person's permission).



### **Generous Hospitality from All Saints' Chapel**

Otey Parish has been welcomed to hold an 11am service at All Saints' Chapel while the university is on semester break! The plan is that we would have the first such 11am service on Sunday, November 29, and continue until the university goes back in session.

Currently the capacity of All SS is limited to 75 people--below our normal Sunday attendance, but a big increase over what we can do here with social distancing. In the meantime, options are being explored for moving indoors here once the weather starts to require it until All Saints' is available. The graciousness of Chaplain Peter Gray, Vice Chancellor Reuben Brigety and a number of others will make a big difference for us during a cold time of year. Please convey your thanks to them!



### **Community Action Committee Snippets**

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. A BIG Thank you and shout out to EVERYONE who continues to support CAC in so many ways, especially during these unique and trying times. Whether it is a regular monthly donation, making special trips to the grocery store, dropping off a jar of jelly at the door, or bringing by grocery bags; every single effort is seen, needed, and appreciated so very much. CAC could not do the work it does without the wonderful support it receives from Otey Memorial

Parish. Again, thank you.

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The Kitchen2Table program continues to build momentum. Using unused portions from McClurg Dining Hall, CAC has been preparing meals on a weekly basis for the past three weeks using the Cima-Pak sealing machine. During the first week, 57 meals were prepared and distributed. 27 meals were prepared the second week and 53 last week. That is an average of 45 meals per week so far. Each week, all of these meals have been efficiently prepared in under an hour using the unused portions from only **one** meal from McClurg. As the program continues to evolve, the number of McClurg meals and the number of days will continue to grow, increasing the productivity of Kitchen2Table. Distribution channels for these meals are also developing.



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### Hunger Walk 2020



The 2020 Monteagle-Sewanee Rotary Club Hunger Walk was a HUGE success! 7,235.98 miles were walked, ran, and/or biked and \$45,592.45 were raised to fight food insecurity on the South Cumberland Plateau. The goal for this year was \$25,000. That is UNBELIEVABLE! Thank you so much to all who contributed. CAC wants to especially thank Otey Memorial Parish, a Hunger Walk Partner, and those parishioners who participated and contributed to the Otey Memorial Parish Hunger Walk Team.

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CAC has partnered with the Bridge Program of the Franklin County Prevention Coalition (FCPC). The mission of the FCPC is to be a community coalition that brings people and organizations together to reduce youth substance abuse and violence through education and prevention strategies. The vision of FCPC is to engage community members in creating environmental change to reduce substance abuse and violence for future generations. As part of FCPC, Bridge is a free after-school program for at-risk children in Franklin County. Using a multi-faceted approach to working with youth, Bridge works with children by teaching life skills, providing team building activities, art, physical activities, social skills, emotional management, service-learning projects, and more. Through the Kitchen2Table program, CAC is providing healthy meals for these children during their weekly times with Bridge.

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## The Bonner Program

Access to Education,  
Opportunity to Serve.

In collaboration with and support from the University of the South's Office of Civic Engagement, the Bonner Foundation provides a four-year, service-based college scholarship program that affords students an "access to education and opportunity to serve." The program model is cohort-based, intensive (280+ hours per school year), and developmental (integrating experiential, curricular, and co-curricular service and learning). This year, the CAC is blessed to have nine Bonner students serving CAC as their primary site for service. Hayden Dunbar is a senior from Birmingham, AL. She serves as the CAC site leader and a CAC Board member. Will Priest is a senior from Savannah, GA. Juniors include Sam Straessle of Little Rock AR, Camille Gladden of Oxford, MS, and Lilly Reilly of Lovettsville, VA. Anne Dobson Ball of Spartanburg, SC is a sophomore and Bob Makazhu of Harare, Zimbabwe, Jackson Deneka of Memphis, TN, and Rehan Ali of Pakistan are freshmen. These students have been using University-approved COVID policies and procedures to support CAC by primarily preparing meals for the Kitchen2Table program, packing bags of food during regular CAC hours, and organizing upcoming community-wide meals through Food with Friends.

*David Goodpaster, CAC Director & Curate*

### Christian Formation Updates



**Contact: Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation**

**Text or call 423-255-6479 or email [formation@oteyparish.org](mailto:formation@oteyparish.org)**

#### **Welcome to the Mountain**

Do you have new neighbors or co-workers? We are eager to connect with them. If you know anyone who would appreciate a personal welcome and to learn about our ministries to individuals and families, please let us know.

#### **Website**

One piece of that new beginning is our website <https://www.oteyparish.org/>. We hope you'll enjoy the fresh new look, and that you'll help us make this a "front door" to Otey. What we have is only a foundation. Here's how you can help:

- Send pictures you have taken of people and events at Otey
- Let us know what you'd like to see on the website; what would help you connect?
- Try out the new Online Giving portal and give feedback on ease of use
- Report any errors, typos, or broken links

#### **Sunday School and Service Times**

**8:30 a.m. Early Service (Live on Youtube and Facebook)**

**9:15 a.m. Godly Play (Zoom)**

**9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum (Zoom)**

## Fire on the Mountain: Youth News

Sundays 4-6pm, on the lawn of Brooks Hall. Invite your friends! Parents are welcome to stay for the meeting, or pick up by 6pm.

Fire on the Mountain is the youth group for grades 6-12. Sponsored by Otey Memorial Parish, Fire on the Mountain welcomes young people from all faith backgrounds for fun, emotional and spiritual growth, and service.

What to expect:

Outdoor meeting (social distanced, with masks)

Games & activities

Snacks

New faces

What to bring:

Chair or beach towel

Water

Bug spray

Face mask

A sense of humor

Jeannie Babb

Otey Memorial Parish

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## Fire on the Mountain Photos

Fire on the Mountain helps create the Hunger Walk video

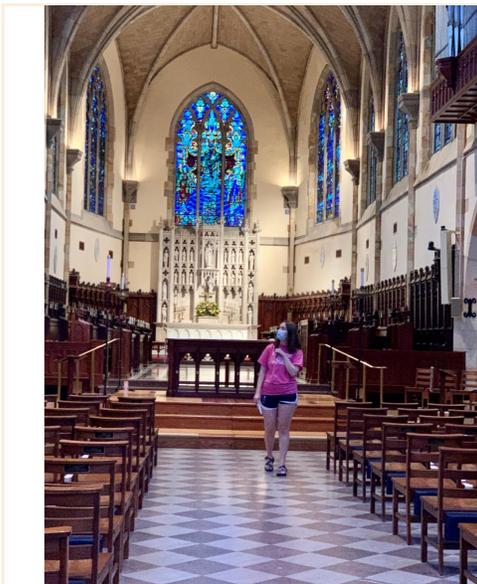
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- Mercedes Rodriguez-Laureani & Franklin Davis)



Franklin Davis, Youth Ministry Intern, took us on a stained glass scavenger hunt through All Saints Chapel. Participants - Sam Goodpaster, Joseph Brown, Caroline Lamborn, and Diana Rung.



Caroline Lamborn searches the clerestory



Diana Rung considers Saints chosen by school departments



### Godly Play Zoom

On Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:45, children may join the Godly Play circle via Zoom. After the story, we wonder together. Then the children choose their work, often using materials in the Godly Play kits provided on Friday afternoons. The kits contain simple Montessori work supplies such as pipe cleaners, construction paper, wooden beads, or pom poms. A Parent Page for the current story may be included, along with a snack. Work time and the feast are completed after the Zoom

call.

Our August/September storyteller Julia Bates ("Miss Julia" to the children) told many of the Old Testament stories, Creation through the Exodus. Thank you, Miss Julia, for the beautiful stories you shared.

Miss Julia says, "Teaching Godly Play this fall was an honor and a gift. Something about working with the small figures and the desert box draws

me in to the retelling of the green and growing season lessons. Being able to do several stories in sequence builds my sense of connection both between the stories and to life today. Otey children pay close attention and ask probing questions even over the distance of zoom. Many thanks to parents who support their children checking in at 9:15 each Sunday.”

In October, Barbara Prunty and Ted Clarkson will pick up as storytellers.

Meghan Mazur and Jeannie Babb will serve as doorman.

Godly Play Stories for October:

4-Oct

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ten Best Ways

Barbara Prunty

11-Oct

19th Sunday after Pentecost

The Story of Moses

Barbara Prunty

18-Oct

20th Sunday after Pentecost

The Ark & the Tent

Barbara Prunty

25-Oct

21st Sunday after Pentecost

The Good Shepherd & World Communion

Ted Clarkson

How to participate:

Email [formation@oteyparish.org](mailto:formation@oteyparish.org) for the link, and to be added to the mailing list.

Pick up a Godly Play kit each Friday afternoon on the back porch by the CAC door.

Many thanks to all the children, parents, and teachers who make our Godly Play program successful, even during a pandemic.

### **Godly Play by Appointment**

Recognizing that Zoom is not for everyone, we will begin this month offering families a Godly Play story once per month by appointment. There is no age maximum for this ministry; we tell stories to anyone who wants to hear them! If there are children present, at least one parent must remain with them. We can meet in the Godly Play room at Otey or we can bring the story to your porch or yard. Email [formation@oteyparish.org](mailto:formation@oteyparish.org)

### **Godly Play Wishlist**

To donate materials, you may leave them on the CAC porch marked “Godly Play.”

- Individually packaged snacks (Goldfish, Animal Crackers, etc.)
- Small boxes of crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Pipe cleaners
- Large beads and string
- Play-doh

- Glue sticks
- Acrylic paint kits
- Raffia
- Colored tissue paper
- Tiny plastic bags (for glitter, etc.)
- Felt
- Water color paper or cards



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### **Nursery**

The nursery at Otey Memorial Parish will remain closed while we are not having indoor services. Nursery Coordinator Annika Derham and Nursery Caregiver Cara Kitzrow remain committed to the ministry, and are eager to stay connected with our little ones and their families. Please contact us if we can minister to you and your smallest children during this time.

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### **Sunday Forum**

# Otey's Ministry & Witness

Past, Present & Future

Sunday Forum, Otey Memorial Parish (St. Paul's on the Mountain)  
Sundays at 9:45 Zoom link available from [formation@oteparish.org](mailto:formation@oteparish.org)

## September

- 6 Rector's Forum: Otey's Ministry & Witness  
Rob Lamborn, Karen Meridith, Lisa Howick, Greg Maynard, Robin Bates
- 13 The Religious Landscape on the Cumberland Plateau  
Jerry Smith
- 20 Bishop Otey & the Early Days of the Diocese of Tennessee  
Howard Lotti
- 27 St. Paul's on the Mountain  
Rob Lamborn interviews Waring McCrady

## October

- 4 William Porcher DuBose & the Missions  
Karen Meridith
- 11 Bishop Quintard & Otey Memorial Church  
Greg Maynard
- 18 St. Paul's & St. Mark's Missions  
The Roberson Project
- 25 Stewardship Sunday

## November

- 1 Rector's Forum: All Saints Sunday  
Rob Lamborn
- 8 Historic Worship at Otey  
[Jim Turrell or Neil Alexander]
- 15 The Bishop's Visitation  
Bishop Bauerschmidt
- 22 Annual Parish Meeting
- 29 Deacon Claiborne  
David Goodpaster (Interview with David Bowman)



## Help tell the story of Otey, St. Mark's, and St. Paul's!

For our upcoming celebration of Otey's sesquicentennial founding as St Paul's-on-the-Mountain in 1870 - 71, we are planning to add to our archives with memorabilia, create a digital scrapbook, and perhaps a bound hardcover book, to look back on 150 years of Otey's ministries, celebrations, and families. During this quiet time of staying at home, many parishioners have remarked that they are going through boxes of collectibles. This is a great opportunity to look through your scrapbooks and memorabilia to unearth your treasures that might tell part of Otey's story. Please be in touch about items you have that you would be willing for the church to scan and return to you, or that you'd like the church to have. We may ask you if the church can borrow some items to put on display this coming year, but certainly we want your prized possessions to

come back to you.

We are looking for photos, pamphlets or flyers, programs, artwork, costumes, quilts, and the like. We also want to record your stories, spoken aloud to a video recorder or written in your hand. So please take these summer months to do a bit of research on the ways that Otey was instrumental in your life through the years.

For questions or to report what you've found, contact Lisa Howick at [lisa.m.howick@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.m.howick@gmail.com); Greg Maynard at [coachmaynard@gmail.com](mailto:coachmaynard@gmail.com); or the Church Office at [admin@oteyparish.org](mailto:admin@oteyparish.org).

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## Music Notes

### There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Amen! I don't think we could find fault with that, or the texts of the other 150 hymns penned by Frederick William Faber. Faber was born in Yorkshire, England in 1814. He was raised in the Church of England and was ordained a priest in 1839. Faber later became influenced by the teachings of John Henry Newman and the Oxford movement. Faber joined Newman into the Roman Catholic clergy in 1845. Faber wanted Roman Catholics to sing hymns in the tradition of the Wesleys, and John Newton, he began writing hymns. One of the most famous of his 150 hymns was, *Faith of Our Fathers*. Faber served the Congregation of St. Phillip Neri until his death in 1863.

After joining the Roman Catholic church, eleven of his hymns were published in a small book entitled *Hymns 1849*. These eleven were written for particular tunes. Many of his other hymns have been set to various tunes. Faber's hymns focused on sanctity of the world, perfection at home, and high attainments for earthly callings. Many of the hymns had glaring literary defects, careless grammar, and slipshod meter, but the people were glad to have hymns to sing.

The best known hymns included in the HYMNAL 1982 are *Brigheest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*; *Faith of Our Fathers*; *Dear Jesus, Ever at My Side*; *Jesus, Gentlest Savior*; *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*; and *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*.

*By Kathleen Sturgis*

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## Sewanee Mask Directive



Beginning Saturday, July 3, Vice Chancellor and Mayor Reuben E. Brigety, II instituted a mandatory mask directive that is in effect for all persons on the Sewanee Domain. This directive applies to all residents, visitors, students, faculty, and staff, and will remain in force until further notice.

All residents of, and visitors to, Sewanee are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in public or inside buildings other than private

residences, with five exceptions:

- When they are alone
- When they are asleep (such as in a residence hall room or hotel room)
- When they are eating or drinking
- When they are maintaining a social distance of six feet or more from any other person, and
- If they have a documented medical condition that precludes their wearing a face covering.

In situations that may be ambiguous with regard to the above exceptions, individuals are asked to exercise their best judgment with regard to their likelihood of spreading the virus to others. If in doubt, individuals should wear a mask. Everyone is asked to have a mask on their person at all times so that they may don it when circumstances require it as outlined above. The Vice Chancellor expresses his gratitude for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe during this unprecedented health crisis.

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### **Mental Health Resources**

*If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.*

Ps. 139:11-12

Christians are not exempt from feeling the effects of isolation, loneliness, and fear, especially during these months of social distancing and quarantine. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on mental health. While taking care to prevent physical complications of the disease, many neglect to safeguard their mental well-being in the process.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, there is help available! You can call **855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471)** to speak with the State Crisis Line, or **text HOME to 741741**. Just need someone to talk to? Call the Church Office at **931-598-5926** and let us know. We will be happy to lend a listening ear, pray with you, and help connect you with any additional services you might need.

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### **Giving to Otey Memorial Parish**

#### **Bill Pay from Your Bank Website**

Use the Bill Pay service provided by your bank. If your bank offers online bill pay services, follow their setup directions to add the church as a payee, and add recurring automatic payments. Use the name and address below for the payee:

Otey Memorial Parish Church  
P.O. Box 267  
Sewanee, TN 37375  
(931) 598-5926

## By Mail

Mail us a check, or place cash or check in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are giving toward a pledge, please write "Pledge" on the memo or envelope. If mailing, send to us at the above address.

## Online Giving

Convenient and secure -- You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift. Choose credit, debit or bank account payments. If you already have a login for our Realm software, you can either [Give Now](#) or text "Otey\$75" (or any amount) to 73256. Follow the prompts and manage your account. **More information regarding Realm below.**

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- 🗨️ Communicate with groups & teams
- 📅 Follow church announcements
- 🔍 Look up members
- 💰 Manage giving
- 📅 Create and join events

Let's be the church... together.



Our new church management software has expanded capabilities to help parishioners get connected and stay that way. You can easily update your personal information, see the status of your giving, and set up online one-time or recurring electronic giving. As always, we are still able to receive gifts by check.

Interested or have questions?  
Call the Church Office at 931-598-5926.

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**Prayer List:** Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Bonnie Babb, David Burnett, Corky Carlisle, Garry Collins, Matthew Collins, Catherine Garcia, Ariel Jones, Houston King, Cheryl Lankhaar, Mary Lynch, Raymond McCoy, Mary Matlock Newman, Elizabeth Noland, Allen Peek, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts, Russell Stubblefield, Elizabeth Taylor, Van Tucker, Peggy Ward, those suffering from coronavirus, those harmed by hurricane or wildfire, and those others we name.

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## October Birthdays

Rowan Jones, 10/1; John Goodson, 10/3; Phebe Hethcock, 10/5; Aaron Elrod, 10/5; Sharon Zachau, 10/6; Ellie Jenkins, 10/6; Zachary Blount, 10/7; Rebecca Van de Ven, 10/7; Mason Goodson, 10/8; Jenna Black, 10/8; Aden Rung, 10/9; Jim Pappas, 10/9; Charles Beaumont, 10/13; Sam Howick, 10/14; Donny Rung, 10/15; Sam Frazier, 10/17; Suzanne Cahoon, 10/19; Larry Prince, 10/20; Beth Pride Ford, 10/20; Jackson Frazier, 10/22; Stephen Carter, 10/24; Henry Fisher, 10/26; Kathryn Bruce, 10/26; Ray Gotko, 10/27; Callan Cook, 10/28; Doug

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