

—The Episcopal Parish of —
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain —

Formerly Otey Parish

We don't yet have a new name for our newsletter that reflects our parish's change of name. If you have any suggestions, please send them to Frieda Hawkins at admin@stmarkstpaul.org.

June 2021



From the Rector - Closer to Normal

After more than a year of enduring the COVID pandemic, the past several weeks have been an amazing time of re-opening. An increasing rate of vaccination has reduced the occurrence of COVID and allowed the loosening of some restrictions. Here at church we are finding our way back to a feeling of much greater normalcy, even as we proceed with caution.

The **8:30 service** takes place in the church in person for those who have completed the course of COVID vaccination plus at least two weeks. Since all attendees are vaccinated, masks are optional and we have resumed singing! The 8:30 service also livestreamed on our Facebook page and is posted there and on our YouTube channel afterward.

During June and July our later service is at 10:00. It is outdoors and open to all, and an outdoor nursery is offered. Masking is optional, and we are singing to

our hearts' content! (In case of rain, the 10:00 service will take place in the church with open window, curtailed singing, and no nursery.)

Since evidence does not show COVID to be a food-or beverage-borne disease, we have taken some steps toward the normal administration of Communion. We've returned to using bread baked by parishioners. Drinking from the common cup is now an option for those who have been fully vaccinated. Intincting by dipping one's bread into the common cup will not be practiced going forward, as (counterintuitively for some) it carries more risk in general than drinking from the chalice. Chalices to be shared within one's household are still available for those not vaccinated (and optional for those who are).

V-B-Us, our intergenerational vacation Bible school, returns in person and primarily outdoors this June. Please see Christian Formation Director Jeannie Babb's article in this issue for more information.

Joyous only begins to describe the feeling of re-gathering in person to worship God! God literally made people for each other. Now we can experience the physical presence of people we haven't seen (or has seen only on a computer screen) for over a year . . . now we can see faces hidden all too long by masks . . . now we can share hugs safely after so long without touch. If you haven't been back to church yet, unless you have a medical reason not to, now is the perfect time to come and give it a try!

Sunday Service Schedule for July & August

8:30 am Holy Eucharist in the church for those fully vaccinated plus at least 2 weeks

10:00am Holy Eucharist outside for all with outdoor nursery provided
(In case of rain, the 10:00 service will take place in the church with open window, curtailed singing, and no nursery.)

Goodpaster Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday, June 19, at 11:00am is the date for David's ordination to the priesthood. We are very grateful to All Saints' Chapel for their hospitality in hosting St. Mark & St. Paul for this service. Please mark your calendars for this important and joyful event in David's ministry and our life as a parish!



God willing and the people consenting

The Right Reverend Mark Allan Van Koevering
Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington

will ordain

David Thomas Goodpaster

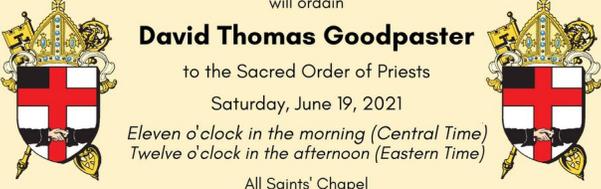
to the Sacred Order of Priests

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Eleven o'clock in the morning (Central Time)
Twelve o'clock in the afternoon (Eastern Time)

All Saints' Chapel
735 University Avenue
Sewanee, Tennessee

Clergy: Cassock, surplice, and red stole
The service will be livestreamed.



Partnership with SSMF

The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is partnering with the Sewanee Summer Music Festival this year to provide some space here. Musicians from the Festival will be joining in our worship services during that time to enhance our music.

Altar Guild

Each week volunteers prepare the various items used in our services of worship. We are recruiting new members to this holy work with the goal that members will serve on teams of 2 people who would work no more frequently than one week a month (or 2 weeks every 2 months). If you are interested, please contact Rob Lamborn at rector@stmarkstpaul.org.

Change of Name Ceremony

During the Bishop's Visitation on May 2, the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt led us in the formal enactment of our new name. We prayed in thanksgiving for the ministry of Bp. James Hervey Otey, heard readings from Scripture, read the diocesan resolution submitted by our vestry, prayed the collects for our patrons St. Mark and St. Paul, unveiled the re-carved stone sign with our new name, prayed for our parish, remembered Gertrude and John Kennerly as St. Mark's Hall was renamed in their honor, and sang "The church's one foundation." Afterward the Parish Life Committee provided the first reception we could enjoy in more than a year.





Confirmation and Reception

On Sunday, May 2, Bishop Bauerschmidt confirmed Caroline Lamborn and Mary Ming Lynch, and received Carolyn Davis into the Episcopal Church.



All photos by Cameron Adams.



The CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director [David Goodpaster](#) is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927 for assistance.



New CAC Board Member

Joshua Booher grew up the son of an Episcopal priest in Mississippi. He was baptized in 1972 at Otey Parish, when his parents came to Sewanee for seminary. After growing up with Education for Ministry (EfM) groups meeting in his home, he joined EfM in 2004 and his life was changed forever. Over the next few years, his personal ministries shifted to focus on EfM and finding ways to honor the dignity of every human being. When the opportunity arose, he joined the Education for

Ministry staff as the Associate Director of Operations and has been there for the last seven years. In this position, he still seeks ways to engage in the formation of the laity of the Episcopal church and honor the dignity of every human being. He looks forward to working with CAC to ensure food security for everyone in Sewanee and the surrounding area. He is thankful for the opportunity to serve and we are happy to have him. Joshua is pictured with his wife, Andrea, who works at St. Andrew's-Sewanee.

Special Visitor

This past semester, Vice Chancellor Reuben Brigety volunteered for Kitchen2Table (K2T). He was interested to learn more about the program and how it serves folks throughout the area. He also did his part to help assemble 145 meals. This was a wonderful opportunity to further inform the VC of the value and impact K2T has on our community; of how it expands the outreach of the University of the South and how it educates and provides experiences of service for both students and community members. The hope is that a primary takeaway for the VC is that K2T should continue being supported by the University of the South and Sewanee Dining Services now and into the future





CAC Spotlight

Emily Heid’s interest in local food systems and farming began during her time as an undergraduate at Sewanee. Following her graduation, work with the University Farm as an AmeriCorps VISTA and managing the South Cumberland Farmers Market offered opportunities to become involved. Shortly after the pandemic hit, Rooted Here (the umbrella organization for the South Cumberland Farmers Market) connected farmers and food banks by collecting donations to fund the purchase of food from local farmers impacted by the pandemic. Through this initial collaboration with CAC, the Farm2Table (F2T) program was born. Through this program, CAC distributes boxes of local produce to area residents, increasing access to fresh, healthy food and uplifting the local economy. Emily is excited about the potential of the Farm2Table program and the produce that will fill boxes throughout the growing season.

The South Cumberland Summer Meal Program

This summer, CAC is once again working in conjunction with the South Cumberland Plateau AmeriCorps VISTA Project and Sewanee Dining Services in support of the South Cumberland Summer Meal Program. Food distribution for CAC is scheduled for Thursday afternoons during the months of June and July (2:30 - 4:30 PM). Due to federal regulations concerning proximity to Sewanee Elementary School, the program will operate from the Sewanee Community Center from Thursday June 10th to Thursday, July 1st. The distribution will then move to CAC starting Thursday, July 8th and run through Thursday, July 29th.

Christian Formation News

VB-U's 2021: Made in the Image of God June 14-17 at the church, 5-7pm

What does it mean to see ourselves as made in the image of God? Or how might it change our

interactions with others, to recognize the *imago Dei* in our friends, family, neighbors, and strangers? Join us for four evenings of camp-style meetings, where we will look for the image of our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, through music, art, discussion, and fun.



Arrive between 5:00 and 5:30, and pick up a curbside meal for Dinner on the Grounds with live entertainment. REGISTER NOW so we will know how many to expect. Please register now: <https://vb-us2021.eventbrite.com>
This year we will have 3 break-out groups:

Lecture Series – Made in the Image of God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer (various speakers)

Children’s Camp – story, arts, and activities on the grounds

Nursery – infants and pre-schoolers

The final night will close with Eucharist, followed by a party with a giant waterslide!

VB-Us volunteers are needed. Please send Jeannie an email at formation@stmarkstpaul.org.

Fire on the Mountain: Youth News

Fire on the Mountain held its last regular meeting for this academic year on April 26. What a year it has been! We learned new ways of being together while decreasing Covid-19 risks. We moved many activities outdoors and started new practices. Fall semester, we used *In the Spirit of the Circle* as our curriculum. Spring semester, we completed the confirmation material from *My Faith, My Life: A Teen’s Guide to the Episcopal Church*, by Jenifer Gamber.

At the Bishop’s Visit, Caroline Lamborn and Mary Ming Lynch were confirmed! We love them and appreciate their hard work to prepare for this important milestone!



Congratulations to the Class of 2021, especially to FOTM members Caroline Lamborn and Christianna Taylor who both graduated from high school this year! I also want to recognize Diana Rung who was Class of 2021, but skipped her senior year of high school and just completed her freshman year at the University. Well done, Caroline, Christianna, and Diana!

We had our year-end party at Lake Cheston and enjoyed boating and swimming. Thanks to Cameron Adams for the photos, and to Tom Phelps for bringing canoes!

Upcoming FOTM Dates:

June 14-17 – VB-U's

TBD – Summer mission

If you are not on our text list, please text Jeannie at 423-255-6479 to be added.

Many thanks to our 2020-2021 youth teachers:

Jeannie Babb

Joseph Brown

Betty Carpenter

David Goodpaster

Meghan Mazur

Yuri Rodriguez-Laureani

Year end FOTM party pics





Fire on the Mountain members making our sidewalks beautiful.



Godly Play Sunday School

We would like to thank Barbara Prunty for donating a new story (The Greatest Parable) for our Godly Play program. The materials for all our Godly Play stories are purchased from Godly Play Resources in Ashland,

Kansas. The materials are not toys, but lovely handcrafted pieces designed for visual and tactile learning.

Our last Godly Play session for this academic year was on Pentecost. Godly Play will resume in early August. We will decide closer to time where/how these sessions will be held.

Many thanks to our wonderful Godly Play teachers and doorkeepers!

Godly Play teachers:

Jeannie Babb

Julia Bates

Ted Clarkson

Aaron Elrod

Peter Gray

Cheryl Lankhaar

Meghan Mazur

Barbara Prunty

Beth Wiley

Would you like to learn how to tell Godly Play stories? Or perhaps you feel called to provide support as a doorkeeper? In the coming year, we will be training and Safeguarding additional teachers. Please check with Jeannie about this vital ministry.

Tuesday morning Godly Play / Parents' Morning Out 2021-2022 Registration Open Now

Quick Facts:

For children ages 18 months to 4 years

8:30-11:00am on Tuesdays

Directed by Jeannie Babb

Co-op with parent volunteers

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/152156272507>

Tuesday morning Godly Play is a wonderful weekly event for preschoolers, and a chance for parents and caregivers to have a break. The emphasis on Godly Play distinguishes the program from other playgroups or co-ops. Godly Play is an imaginative, Montessori-based approach to nurturing the Christian faith. Using symbols and objects as well as words, Godly Play stories value openness and discovery rather than rewarding correct answers. The culture of the Godly Play room encourages generosity and calm. We also spend time outdoors on the playground, engaged in art and other work, and playing cooperative games like Red Light, Green Light and Ring-around-the-Rosie that help children learn cooperation, listening, and following instructions.

Thanks to the generosity of the church's pledging members, Tuesday morning Godly Play / Parents' Morning Out is offered at no cost to families. Parents take turns volunteering several times per semester. Parents who wish to enroll a child in the program should register here:

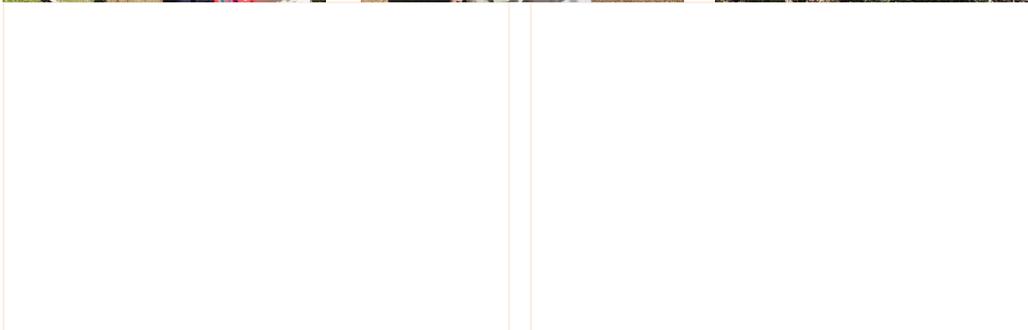
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If you have questions, please contact Jeannie by email:

formation@stmarkstpaul.org or 423-255-6479.

Photos from the Easter Egg Hunt

How wonderful it was to see so many children coming back to church, just in time for the big Easter egg hunt! Thanks to Fire on the Mountain for providing candy, stuffing and hiding the eggs, and directing the egg hunt.





Nursery

In June and July, we will offer an outdoor nursery during the 10am service, as weather permits. Babies and preschoolers will be entertained on the church playground, and brought back to parents during the Peace so families can receive Eucharist together. Annika Derham continues to serve as Nursery Coordinator, with Cara Kitzrow as Nursery Caregiver. Subs and volunteers are needed; please contact the church or email formation@stmarkstpaul.org.

We will also offer outdoor nursery during the lectures (6-7pm) at VB-U's, June 14-17.

Sunday Forum resumes in August

The Christian Formation Committee is currently planning the theme for our Christian education program in the 2021-2022 academic year.

REFLECTIONS ON A POEM

By Kathleen Sturgis

Recently I read a poem in one of my journals entitled Theory of Choir by Annette Langlois Grunseth. It talks about the transformation that takes place in a person when they go to choir rehearsal. I relate totally to the phenomenon, but then I thought, "Does this same thing happen to people in the pew?" After a little introspection I think it is the same experience.

First, it draws us away from the mundane of life to the spiritual part of our being. We can put aside for just awhile the demands of the world. We can breath deeply and focus on the words of the hymns and chants. All our concentration is on our vocalizing of spiritual understandings. We are made whole again in the music. We are aware of the rhythm of our hearts. In fact, a conductor must fight conducting too fast due to excitement. They must breath deeply and center themselves before beginning. We do that before worship. Then as a congregation we become "Like bricks on a path, carefully laid down one next to the other, one journey of sound, one interlocking message, as

we crescendo upward, assembled at the seam of Here and the Hereafter.” Isn’t that a beautiful thought?

During worship we become one body in Christ in word, song and praise. That is why church is important. You can’t really be as one when you are not here. When one of us is missing, they are missed. We aren’t as strong. As we approach summer and the waning of this pandemic, remember you are important and how hard it has been for us to be separated for so long. Worship needs to be an important part of our “new” normal activity. We are truly one in the spirit, one in the Lord. It is so wonderful to get to see all of you again. Think about the bricks of love and care we are laying for our community. Be a part of it!

Have a safe, refreshing and reuniting summer. Foster new ideas and activities to enhance your life as we go forward together. Hallelujah!

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.

Giving to the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

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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:

Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul
P.O. Box 267
Sewanee, TN 37375
(931) 598-5926

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

Prayer List: Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Alison Cane, Corky Carlisle, Barb Ford, Catherine Garcia, Anne Griffin, Misty Isbel, Ariel Jones, David Kearley, Michelle King, Sandy King, Thressa Privett, George Ramseur, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts and Agnes Wagner.

June Birthdays

Lee Stapleton 6 / 1 ; Pierce Myers 6 / 4 ; Thomas Camp 6 / 6 ;
Lynda Gotko 6 / 6 ; Max Goodpaster 6 / 6 ; John Willis 6 / 7 ; Nick Davis 6 / 9 ;
Joan Hurst 6 / 10 ; Julian Elrod 6 / 12 ; Joan Baird 6 / 14 ; Alec Moseley 6 / 14 ;
Cheryl Lankhaar 6 / 14 ; Annette Smith 6 / 16 ; John McCardell 6 / 17 ;
Helen Wilson 6 / 18 ; Sarah Boyd 6 / 19 ; Karen Meridith 6 / 20 ;

Paul Cahoon 6 / 22 ; Lane Beaumont 6 / 23 ; Alex Thurman 6 / 24 ;
Alex Hoole 6 / 26 ; Steve Ford 6 / 27 ; Jerry White 6 / 30



The deadline for submissions for the July
18 2021 issue of *St. Mark & St. Paul
Notes* is: 3pm Wednesday, June 21.
Please note on your calendar.
Email submissions to:
admin@stmarkstpaul.org

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is
to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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