



Otey Notes



From the Rector

Two observances in the life of Otey Parish this April will observe the 50th anniversary of significant events in race relations. Wednesday, April 4, is the anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. On that day the Sewanee community is invited to gather at the University Quad (rain location Convocation Hall) at 6:00pm for silence at the time Dr. King was shot, prayer, spoken reflections, and singing. The group will then process to Angel Park (rain location St. Mark's Hall) by 7:00pm for the tolling of Otey's bell at the time Dr. King was pronounced dead, silence, prayer and reflection on his legacy. I hope you will join me in remembering Dr. King's life and ministry.

On Sunday, April 22, we will for the second time celebrate St. Mark's Sunday, honoring Sewanee's historically African American congregation. When Otey became one of the first integrated parishes in the South in the early 1960s, some, but not all, members of St. Mark's Mission Church joined Otey. By 1968 the remaining members of St. Mark's asked Bishop Sanders to merge the church with Otey. What I assume were the words of the Rev. Cecil Woods (late husband of Otey parishioner Marie Woods) survive in the worship bulletin from Sunday, June 9, 1968:

"We welcome . . . all members of St. Mark's Church, who, after the ceremony at the 11:00 AM service marking the merging of the two congregations, will be henceforth members of Otey Memorial Parish. . . . It is our confident hope that Christ's Church in Sewanee will be stronger in faith, clearer in Her witness to the One Lord, and more effective in carrying on the redemptive work of our Lord in this community as a result of the coming together of these two congregations. . . . We give special thanks to God for the unity in Christ which is made manifest in our midst today."

Taking time to look back at these two events in 1968 is important both in and of itself and for the perspective it offers us now. Both commemorations remind us that, despite the progress that has been made, much work remains for God's vision of a reconciled humanity to be fully realized. May the steps we walk as a community down University Ave. on April 4 inspire us to take steps constantly toward achieving the equality and justice God calls us to.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson-Claiborne Parish House
Godly Play classes 1 and 2 meet in Claiborne Parish House
Youth Ministry meets in Brooks Hall

Adult Forum meets in St. Mark's Hall

- ✓ April 8 "Otey's Missional Engagement" Jeannie Babb and Robert Lamborn
- ✓ April 15 "Science and Faith in a Skeptical World" Cynthia Crysedale
- ✓ April 22 St. Mark's Sunday
- ✓ April 29 Bishop's Visit (No Forum)

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✓ April 29 Bishop Bauerschmidt visits—only one service at 11:00 that Sunday

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ April 18 Otey Notes submissions due, 3:00 pm
- ✓ April 19 Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Ed. Room



An Evening of Song with Carolyn Bruce

Community Action Committee

The community is invited to the senior recital of Carolyn Bruce on Friday, April 20, at 7 p.m. at McCrory Hall on the campus of St. Andrew's-Sewanee School. Carolyn is the daughter of Alex and Kathryn Bruce.

Carolyn will be singing an array of Broadway musical numbers showcasing her Mezzo / Alto voice. Under the guidance and instruction of Gary Scheufler, Carolyn will explore the breadth of range and style Mezzo/Altos have brought to life on the stage and looks forward to sharing her knowledge with the audience.

Though there is no charge for admission, Carolyn will be accepting donations to support the Guatemala Youth Initiative. This program promotes early childhood development, teen health, and high school education in some of the most impoverished areas of Guatemala.

Light refreshments will be served following the recital.

Collect for Musicians

In memory of Thomas Edward Camp
Former Otey Organist for 30 years.

O God, whose servant David played upon his harp, composed hymns for his people and danced before the Ark to the glory of your holy Name. Guide and inspire the musicians everywhere who serve in your temple that their offerings, like those of David, may be a sacrifice of time and talent worthy of your honor and glory. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord. Amen.

Composed by Ray Glover for the
Association of Anglican Musicians

Well done good and faithful servant. Ed, May you rest in peace. Amen.

From Current Otey Organist, Kathy Sturgis

April showers bring new CAC Board members. We are pleased to announce our newest Board Members:



- Walker Adams-Seminary
- Sarah Sutherland-St. James
- Sandy Rice-Community at Large

Many thanks to outgoing members Doug Cameron, David Cobb and Karen Vaughan for their faithful service and invaluable input into the decision-making process. Because of the strength of the CAC Board we are able to accomplish our goals which enhance the lives of those whom we serve. Louie Messina C'18 has been a Bonner Foundation Leader for the past four years and an important part of the life of CAC. Louie will pass the torch to Allison Bruce C'19 as we continue to welcome Bonner students as an integral part of the day to day operations.

Food insecurity is not going away any time soon. Fortunately we are able to provide weekly groceries to many mountain families. Grants and generosity allow us to assist with medical, dental and utility assistance.

New tutors have added much to the after-school program.....tutors love it, kids want to come, parents are pleased and grades are up. That is what we call SUCCESS! Many thanks to all who support the work of CAC in all the many ways possible.....always the most important being prayers. Thank you for your pantry Sunday responses and generosity. We are in this together and together we continue to make a difference.

Betty Carpenter, Director



Elizabeth Koella gets her hands dirty.



Tutoring Program

Fire on the Mountain Happenings

The Exsultat—A Liturgical Treasure

Housing Sewanee Work Day Sunday April 15,

Otey Youth/Fire on the Mountain Youth group will be working on a Housing Sewanee site. Mickey Suarez has volunteered to lead our group. This is the same site we helped clear almost two years ago. The house is up and has a roof. We will be doing work inside.

Help others, learn new skills, and have fun.

We will meet at Brooks Hall after the 11AM Otey service for pizza. Then we will shuttle over to the site (on the east side of Sherwood Road a little over a mile south of Highway 41A (just north of the south end of the Garnertown Road ; loop). We will work until 3 PM or 4 PM, depending on what kind of help is needed.

Please join us for this great opportunity to help others, learn new skills, and have fun.

Neil will send out an Evite in the next couple of days. Saturday, May 26 to Friday June 1. Otey Youth Mission Trip to Pensacola, Florida and the east Alabama coastal area.

Mark your calendars. Evite to follow very soon.

Neil Patterson, Youth Director

From Drew and Carol Sampson

It seems that Carol and Drew Sampson have already gotten over the “moving blues” and are enjoying their new home in Mississippi. Drew writes that they like the ocean views and their new church. We wonder if that church knows how much volunteer work Carol and Drew have done at Otey over the years! (Maybe they want to take a well-earned break for a while.) They’ve gotten to know Ruth and George Ramseur’s family, young George and Cynthia, who live in the area. The Sampsons would welcome greetings, and their address is 1502 Kensington Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Karen Keele



Over the years I have remembrances of many Easter Sundays. One of the hardest of these are either doing an Easter Vigil at sundown on Holy Saturday, or about 5 AM on Easter morning. The fire is blessed outside and the new candle is lit. Both events start in the dark and the Paschal Candle is lit outside and then processed into the darkness illuminating the nave of the church. While that is happening, “The light of Christ” is chanted three times before the huge candle is secured in the stand. Then the deacon, priest or cantor sings the Exsultet unaccompanied. This is a lengthy prayer which echoes the Passover seder. It has several parts. It recalls the vigil the Lord kept over the children in Israel on their last night in Egypt. Then the saving of Noah and his family from the flood, the freeing of the Israelites from bondage, the promise to extend the descendants of Abraham to “all the Nations”, the rescue of the Israelites at the Red Sea and the fulfillment of the promise of God to deliver them into the Promised Land. This ceremony dates from the fourth century church.

Christ is our light and is symbolized with the paschal candle. Christ is our alpha and omega, so the Greek symbols are also on the candle. Originally the vigil would last all night until sunrise would herald the first Easter morning service. Notice that the Paschal Candle will be present for the 40 days after Easter Sunday and then at Baptisms, Confirmations and Funerals to represent the presence of Christ.

It is thought the Vigil resembles the Haggadah , which is the proclamation made at the Jewish Pascal supper. These psalms would have been sung by Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper. It is the pronouncement of the gospel (Good News). The Exsultet has has an enlightening and instructional function, as well as praise to God.

At one time there was a fast from sundown to sunrise that were part of the Vigil. The Easter Vigil we have today has gone through a long development to be the beautiful service it is today. It customarily was the Baptism and Confirmation of new Christians as well.

Over the years the singing of the Exsultet provokes wonderful memories for many of us. Without the Exsultet, the Easter hymns wouldn't be the same. The service is rich in instruction and focused on the salvation given to us by Christ. Hallelujah! May the blessings of Easter-tide be yours.

Kathleen Sturgis, Music Director

Otey in Pictures (Easter 2017)

Sons and Daughters of Abraham



Otey Youth, Parents, and Friends.

Attached is the Flyer for the Sons and Daughters of Abraham Peace Summit which will be held here in Sewanee on April 28. Youth Groups from other places (Nashville, Brentwood, and other exotic places) and other Abrahamic Faiths (Judaism and Islam) as well as other Christian youth groups will be coming to Sewanee to have fun and to allow us all to learn more about each other's religions and to think more about our own Christian faith.

Do not miss this. These Peace Summits are always AWESOME! Ask any Otey Youth who has previously attended and you won't want to miss this great event.

You will need to register online to pay for the event (SEE the FLYER, below). I will be sending out an Evite so that I can be sure that I have enough adult chaperones and drivers to get to our group hike over in Grundy County. I will also try to stay in touch with Betty Carpenter (one of the SADOA founders) to see who is registering.

Interfaith dialog rocks! Having fun is fun. Come and do both at the Peace Summit.



Peace Summit 2018

April 28, 2018 | St. Mark's Hall | Sewanee, TN

Ages: 6th–12th grades
 Time: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 Fee: \$25, Lunch and t-shirt included
 Register by April 21 at:

<http://bit.ly/2or33DB>



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of abraham PROJECT

Come play, pray and eat together! We'll have interfaith dialogue and go hiking in Monteagle. Transportation will be provided from Nashville.

For more information, contact
 Sabina Mohyuddin at sabinazm4@gmail.com
 Betty Carpenter at camppe2@msn.com

Neil Patterson, Youth Ministry Director

STEM Ministry

We often see or hear about the STEM ministry. Some of us wonder what that's all about. STEM stands for Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry. It provides ministers to some of the nearby churches that haven't the budget to support a full-time priest

These congregations were among those established as missions in the late 19th century under the leadership of the Rev. William Porcher DuBose, the second rector of Otey (then called St. Paul's on the Mountain). He gathered up clergy on the faculty as well as seminarians, and together they eventually started eventually 29 missions in this area! Among those we no longer hear about are Calgary at Roark's Cove; St. James at Lost Cove; Church of the Saviour at Jump-Off; Resurrection at the Barrens; and the quaintly named St. Andrew's at the Switch at Lower Coal Banks, later called Gipson's Switch, and now St. Andrew's.

Some of the missions in the area were still holding services in the early 1990's, but financial support was needed to help maintain them. At that time a woman named Martha Bennett moved from Nashville to Monteagle to enjoy a quieter life. A long-time Episcopalian, Martha was dismayed to see the small area churches struggling to survive. She worked for several years to organize them into a group, named it, and sought diocesan funds to assist them. In fact, she was so totally committed to the idea of STEM that she HOUNDED the diocese until the budget was able to contain an annual allocation for her "baby". Martha Bennett died a number of years ago, but STEM is thriving

Those area churches that survived and now receive the services of STEM are Church of the Holy Comforter, Monteagle; Christ Church, Alto; Epiphany Mission Church, Sherwood; Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester; and Christ Church, Tracy City. They are still under the auspices of the diocese and contribute 40% of their respective operating incomes for the STEM ministry as a whole. In addition, they contribute to the Diocesan

Fair Share

STEM has an office at Trinity Church in Winchester, and Patti Posan is the Administrative Assistant. The staff, all priests, includes Amy Lamborn as Vicar, Matt Farr as the STEM Curate, and Timothy Hannon as Assisting Priest. In addition, these priests rotate among the six STEM participants: Chris Bryan, Ray Gotko, Jo Ann Barker, Stephen Eichler, Joe Porter, and Jerrie Lewallen. Please thank these devoted followers of the Rev. William Porcher DuBose when you see them.

Karen Keele

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: Grace Arnold, Jeanie Babb, Elvie Biddle, David Bowman, Ann Brewster, David Burnett, Henry Capel, Matthew Collins, Debra Cooper, Carolyn and Nick Davis, Jeffery Davis, Bill Dick, Sally Franklin, Ed Hawkins, Patrick Irwin, Martha Jones, Mike Jones, David Kearley, Flaget and Larry Nally, Meta Shackelford, John Solomon, Liz Workman, and Sam Williamson,.

CAC Fundraiser

TKP sorority will have a fund raiser for CAC on Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 on the lawn of Brooks Hall



Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the May 2018 issue of Otey Notes is:
3pm Wednesday, April 18

Please note on your calendar.

Email submissions to:
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All Interested in Otey Choir

Otey would like to re-start our choir with Gary Sturgis as director. All those interested please contact Gary at gksturgis@gmail.com to discuss rehearsal times and place.



April



1-Apr	Christianna Taylor	16-Apr	Ian Tucker
5-Apr	Lucy Howick	17-Apr	Anne Griffin
8-Apr	Brown Patterson	19-Apr	Gary Sturgis
8-Apr	Jack Howick	19-Apr	Carolyn O'Connor
9-Apr	Regan Schutz	19-Apr	Pamela Macfie
9-Apr	Curtis Williams	19-Apr	Jeffrey Frazier
10-Apr	Andrew Thompson	22-Apr	Kim Heitzenrater
10-Apr	Larson Heitzenrator	24-Apr	Amy Patterson
11-Apr	Drew Sampson	26-Apr	Slater Goodson
11-Apr	Farris Ralston	27-Apr	Rachel Suarez
12-Apr	Doris Carlisle	28-Apr	John Solomon
13-Apr	Alex Neubauer	28-Apr	E. Lawrence Gibson
13-Apr	Adam Tucker	28-Apr	Latham Davis
15-Apr	John Bordley	28-Apr	Allison Bruce
16-Apr	Peter Keeble		