



Otey Notes



MOVING ON

The vestry met with Canon Pamela Snare on Sunday, September 29, to discuss the process for selecting a priest to serve as the interim rector at Otey for 12-24 months until a new rector is called.

The diocesan office has recommended two candidates to us. The vestry is responsible for hiring the interim priest. We will meet and interview both candidates in October and, if things go well, hope to have an interim rector on board before Advent.

Once we have an interim, we can begin the process of searching for our new rector. That process will include identifying a search committee that represents the entire parish as well as developing a parish profile. Please prayerfully consider what role you can play in the search for our next rector and in the future of Otey.

The contact information for all members of the vestry is on our website and in our parish directory. You can also call the church office at 931-598-5926 and leave a message for any of us.

Your Vestry

Ann Millar, Senior Warden
Roy Millar, Treasurer
Henry Chase, Assistant Treasurer
Amy Burns, Junior Warden
Steve Blount
Alexander Bruce

Doug Seiters
Carol Sampson
Karen Keele
Pratt Paterson
David Spaulding
Beth Wiley, Clerk

TAKE NOTE



- ✓ NOVEMBER 4 – ECW Luncheon
Noon, St. James
- ✓ NOVEMBER 10 – Vestry
Nominations Due
- ✓ NOVEMBER 10 – CAC Fund
Raiser
- ✓ November 22 – Thanksgiving
meal for CAC Clients and
Friends

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

- ✓ NOVEMBER 9 – Bon Fire And
S'mores
- ✓ NOVEMBER 17 – Cookie Delivery
To Senior Citizens And Shut-
Ins

OTEY MEMORIAL PARISH
VESTRY NOMINATION FORM

- **Nominations are due in the Parish Office by November 10.**
- **Annual Parish Meeting (and vestry election) is on Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m.**

About the Vestry

Originally the word “vestry” referred to the room where the priest would put on his vestments, at which time local laity would meet with him to discuss the affairs of the parish. Over time the name of the room came to signify the group of people who governed a parish because it was where they met. While the vestry meeting location has changed, the name has remained the same.

Role of the Vestry

The vestry of an Episcopal church has three primary responsibilities: 1) parish finances and 2) care of parish buildings, (3) to help select individuals to fill various positions of leadership and representation: the choice of a rector, the choice of delegates to the diocesan convention, and others (such as an interim rector) as the diocesan canons may stipulate. The vestry also serves as an advisory council to the rector who by church law is the parish’s chief liturgical and pastoral officer.

Membership

The vestry consists of lay members of the church elected by the congregation at the annual parish meeting. The vestry of Otey Parish has nine elected members. To be eligible for the vestry, a parishioner must be a communicant of the parish, at least 18 years old, a pledging member in good standing, and cannot have served on the vestry during the preceding year.

New vestry members will replace members who have completed their terms (Steve Blount, Ann Millar and Dave Spaulding.) In addition a member must be elected to serve out the remaining two years of the term of Theresa Shackleford who resigned during the first year of her term. While Doug Seiters was elected by the vestry to serve the remainder of this year, this specific position must be elected by the parish membership to continue for the remaining two years of this term. If nominees are interested in this two-year position, they should indicate so on this form. Continuing vestry members are Amy Burns, Alex Bruce, Karen Keele, Pratt Paterson, and Carol Sampson.

Expectations/”Job” Description for Vestry Members

Vestry members should be active participants in parish worship and events.

Expectations for a Vestry member include (but are not limited to) the following: attending monthly meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month; attending quarterly all-day work sessions (Saturdays usually); serving as “Vestry Member of the Day” for 6-7 times yearly on Sundays (includes making “Welcome Visitors” announcements during church services and inspection of the church buildings and grounds prior to early service and after coffee hour); representing the interests of an assigned “focus area” which includes serving in an active role on one or more parish committees and completing Safeguarding God’s Children online training.

Name of Nominee_____

Your name_____

Nominations may be submitted directly to oteyparish@gmail.com or deposited in the box marked Vestry Nominations in Brooks (narthex on Sundays).

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WOMEN TO HEAR DR.
ERIC THURMAN AT
NOV. 4 MEETING



Continuing the theme "Notable Women of Faith", Dr. Eric Thurman, Associate Professor of Religion at Sewanee, will speak about Brigit of Kildare at the Nov. 4 meeting of ECW. This early Christian nun (c. 451-525), a remarkable woman of her time known for her spirituality and compassion, became one of Ireland's Patron Saints.

All women of the area are invited to the catered lunch-meeting (\$10) to take place at noon in the St. James Parish Hall.

Reservations should be made by 6:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, before the Monday meeting. Please Call Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or e-mail her at plines@sewanee.edu.

All Saints' Sunday
is November 3. If you have lost a loved one since last year's All Saints' Sunday (November 1) and would like to have them remembered in prayer on this day, please let Frieda know by phone at 598-5926 or email at: oteyparish@gmail.com. by October 31.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Fire on the Mountain is up and running! Kudos to the awesome interns Mary Ottley and Jimmy Szewczyk.

"A Place at the Table" brought forth some great discussion and the youth discussed ways they can help make things better for those who live below the poverty line in the Sewanee Community. Thanks to everyone who helped make the Halloween Party for kids and moms of Blue Monarch a huge success.



November Calendar

- November 9 Bon Fire and S'mores at the Forestry Cabin 6:30
- November 10-CAC Fund-Raiser
- November 17-Cookie Delivery for Senior Citizens and Shut-Ins

WE GATHER TOGETHER

In looking for a hymn to highlight this month I decided to look at the Thanksgiving hymns. These are the five or so hymns you learned to sing for the Pilgrims and Indian pageant at school years ago. I remember thinking “Over the River and Through the Woods” was also one we could sing in church. I later found that was erroneous. It is nostalgic to think of singing many of these hymns. The hymn I have chosen is “We Gather Together”. It is a Christian hymn we borrowed from the Dutch written in 1597 by Adrianus Valerius. It was written to celebrate the Dutch victory over the Spanish at the Battle of Turnhout. That really has nothing to do with a harvest festival like Thanksgiving. It is a hymn of praise to God for blessings received. It is interesting to note that the words “Thanks” and “Thanksgiving” appear nowhere in the text.



The hymn is usually sung to the tune “Kremser” composed in 1877 by Edward Kremser. The modern text was written by Theodore Baker in 1894. The original text “Wilt heden nu treden” doesn’t literally translate from the Dutch. Only three verses have made it into the hymn as we know it.

So, how did it grow to be so popular in the United States? It really has to do with our involvement in World War I and World War II. We started to see ourselves in this hymn according to Professor Michael Hawn, from Perkins School of Theology. When they sang, “the wicked oppressing” it included Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan to those who sang the hymn. It spoke to the people at that time and over time became a hymn of thanksgiving. Interestingly, it was also sung at the Funeral of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. That was a long evolution from a Dutch battle hymn. In the second verse it declares that God is beside us to guide us, will maintain his kingdom divine and His Name will be ever praised. It is God’s promise of permanence to us.

May you and your family enjoy a wonderful, blessed Thanksgiving Day.

Kathy Sturgis

The battle was fought by King Phillip II, then king of Spain and son of Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor, to try to eradicate Protestantism from the Netherlands. Many Protestants and their sympathizers were executed. In 1568, William of Orange tried to aid the Netherlands, but his efforts failed. The people were highly taxed and that led to more rebellion. Antwerp was captured in 1578. It was years before the Netherlands was spared. The hymn was very important to the Dutch due to their struggle. In fact it was the first hymn in the Dutch Reform hymnal done in 1935 in the United States .

During this time of transition, The Rev. Bill Hethcock has graciously offered to coordinate pastoral care for us. Please contact him with pastoral emergencies, sicknesses and other concerns of a pastoral nature. He can be reached at 598-5225 or by email at whethcock@bellsouth.net.

We are excited to announce CAC's big fundraiser on November 10. The theme is "Hunger is NOT a Game" and tickets are \$10.00 per person.



If you do not have a copy of the Laura Willis book "Finding God in a Bag of Groceries," copies will be available with a portion of the proceeds going to CAC. The focus of the Fund Raiser will be on the hunger that exists in our Sewanee Community and ways we all can help ease the lives of those who suffer from poverty.

Did you know?? Each month.....

- CAC distributes over ONE THOUSAND Pounds of food
- CAC spent over \$1,819.98 in Utility Assistance
- 35 volunteers helped make the work go well
- Food Stamps don't cover paper products
- CAC depends on YOUR generosity

UPCOMING DATES FOR CAC

- November 10 Fund-Raiser 12:30 Upper Cravens
- November 22 Thanksgiving Meal For Clients and Friends Of CAC

<p>Join CAC in the fight to</p> <p>End</p> <p>Poverty in</p> <p>Our</p> <p>Community</p>	What:	Dinner Fundraiser
	When:	Sunday, November 10, 2013
	Where:	Cravens (Behind Quintard and near the TWC)
	Time:	12:30
	Other:	Tickets cost \$10. All proceeds help the
		Community Action Committee

Otey Memorial Parish

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Bishop of the Diocese of Tennessee

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PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS:

Lloyd Apirian, Linda Bachand, Amanda Bailey, Elvie Biddle, Carl Bloeser, Rob Boatner, Ann Brewster, Frankye Bright, Jonathan Burnett, Stuart Cook, Meta Crane, Sally Franklin, Brooks Gunn, Shannon Hackett, Dennis Hastings, Nelda Hastings, Patricia Hawkins, Patrick Irwin, Robert Jones, Marion Kearley, Lisa Keele, Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Ray Meeks, Lucy Morgan, Cheri Peters, Jennifer Roberts, Marion Rectenwald, Dessie Taylor, Lethia Watson, Kathy Woods, and Harry Yeatman.

We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Chris Wilkerson, Cole Adams, and Dan Chiriboga.

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the December 2013 issue of Otey Notes is:

Wednesday, November 20

Email submissions to:
spicergang@gmail.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



November Birthdays

11/1 Heather Prunty	11/10 Isabel Patterson	11/26 Judy Wofford
11/2 Barbara Hughes	11/13 Meg Beasley	11/27 Marie Woods
11/2 Daniel Shaver	11/15 Iska Hoole	11/27 Casey Willis
11/2 Katie Craighill	11/15 Wardie Cammack	11/28 Phil White
11/3 Chris Zachau	11/16 Georgie Short	11/28 Blythe Ford
11/4 Madeline Sumpter	11/18 Emily Blount	11/28 Julia Sumpter
11/5 Pamela Byerly	11/19 Chris Zachau	11/29 Jenniefer Michael
11/5 Freddy Tucker	11/20 Don Shannonhouse	11/29 Betty Barton Blythe
11/5 Toby Van de Ven	11/20 Elizabeth Wilson	11/30 Sophia Hartman
11/7 Laura Willis	11/20 Porter Neubauer	
11/8 Jake Wilie	11/20 Diana Rung	
11/9 Ethan Burnd	11/22 Joan Wade	
11/9 Seth Burns	11/26 Jamie Pappas	