



Otey Notes



WELCOME NEW ACOLYTES

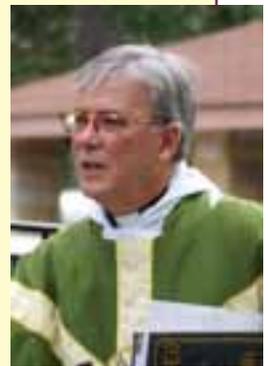


Watch for our four new acolytes trained at Otey last month. Anyone interested in becoming an acolyte may contact Elizabeth Duncan, eduncan44@gmail.com.

FROM THE RECTOR.....

When you read this, it will be after Easter. We will be singing our "Alleluias" (I hope to the top of our lungs) and basking in the miracle of our Lord's Resurrection! But--- right now I'm preparing for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. And Maundy Thursday's Gospel, in a very positive way, won't leave me alone. You know the story well, from the 13th Chapter of John's Gospel, when Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. In ALL circles, religious or otherwise, this is the ultimate example of Servant Leadership.

Servant Leadership is a phrase first coined by management guru Robert Greenleaf in the 1970s. The late Bishop Bennett Sim's book on Servant Leadership should be required reading for all Christians. Servant leadership resembles Christ in the flesh. It is first about being selfless, and acting selflessly. A visionary radiating humility.



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FROM THE RECTOR

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A simple strength drawing others. A steadfast voice demanding truth and justice. An open hand serving with heart. A quiet spirit lending an empathetic ear. A staunch supporter teaching the way. A risk-taker inspiring change. An upright mentor ethically guiding. It focuses on the commonalities versus the anomalies, the positive versus the negative, and that by meeting the needs of all we in return have all our own individual needs met.



Servant leadership is vital today because hopelessness is rapidly exceeding helpfulness. People need to believe and trust in leaders and principles that work. By emphasizing that what is best for an individual might not be best for the greater good, a servant leader can humbly place his/her interests to the side and focus on serving others. Jesus of Nazareth was the ultimate servant leader, a real model of sacrificial giving, and his legacy, when emulated, has worked for over 2000 years.

Otey Parish is full of servant Leaders. And for those of you who are, I give thanks every day. Your Vestry and I are determined to be, strive to be, Servant Leaders. In fact, we have adopted a simple, white hand towel as a symbol of our ministry. Chosen to remind us of Jesus' Maundy Thursday model of Servant Leadership, we will bring our towels to each meeting, and constantly see them in our homes and offices as reminders of our servanthood. Help us. Join us.

Alleluia, Christ has indeed risen!!! And as He reminds us in Mark's Gospel, "... whoever would be great among you must be your servant.."

Happy Easter!

Joe



BISHOP'S VISITATION COMING APRIL 7

The Right Rev. John Bauerschmidt will make his annual visit to Otey Parish on Sunday, April 7. He will be celebrating and preaching at both the 8:50 am and 11:00 am services. At the 11:00 service we are doing Confirmation as well. Please join us after the 11:00 am service for a reception to celebrate the special day for the new Confirmands and to welcome Bishop Bauerschmidt back to the mountain.

PARISH HOUSE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

As most of you know by now the basic shape of the structure that is still standing will remain. The parish hall (the large room also called the "great hall" by some) will be entirely new construction coming off the original building.

Much of the work has been in the lower level where the interior walls have been removed except for supporting posts. They have also removed stone and brick where doors will be between



classrooms, salvaging as much stone as possible. In addition, they continue to work on digging out piles of earth/stone to accommodate the elevator which will be located near the front entrance to this part of the building. The old furnace room area will become a classroom for the youngest children and serve as our nursery on Sunday mornings. The big pile of dirt you see beside the building has been removed from the lower level by men with shovels and wheel barrows because there is no room for any kind of mechanical earth moving equipment down there.



The area where they are removing the dirt/stone, about 6 feet of it, would have been to your left as you went down the stairs in the old building. Since there were no rooms there the dirt and stone were not removed when the original building was constructed. As they remove the dirt and stone they have to install temporary 6x6 posts to support the floor that was previously held up by the earth and stone. After they dig that out they have to dig 5-7 feet farther below for the elevator shaft.



For more information talk to any member of the Construction Committee: Drew Sampson (Chair), Alex Bruce, Bob Burns, Bill Mauzy, Roy Millar, Barbara Prunty, Mickey Suarez, Ann Millar, Joe Ballard.



The plumbing contractor has begun work cutting out trenches for the sewer lines in the floor of the lower level.



Walls, ceilings and floor are being removed for the elevator shaft. The area where the elevator shaft is going would have been at the intersection between the Godly Play II classroom and the finance office.



On the main level most of the walls have been stripped down to the studs. The stage has been removed.

RESURRECTION AND THE HARLEM SHAKE

Being of a certain vintage quite often I need some help and explanations regarding current trends and fads. Working with youth it is good to narrow the culture gap and it seems the latest fad out there is “the Harlem Shake”. If you are perplexed as was I , here is the simple explanation. Gather a group, play , then dance to the music wearing crazy clothes, post it on YouTube. That’s it. It was a big group request that Fire on the Mountain make a Harlem Shake video at our next youth group meeting. Being that we were still in the Lenten season, it seemed appropriate to allow time for Stations of the Cross. Fortunately we have readings and responses designed for youth. The trees on the lawn of Brooks Hall made perfect stations as we somberly walked the walk, stopping at each tree completing the 14 stations. This followed a quick change into costumes and on to our video location by the outdoor chapel. The Harlem Shake took all of about 3 minutes and we were done. Later over pizza, we discussed the connection of the afternoon activities and related them to the last days of Jesus. The anticipation of the crowd along the way to Jerusalem... (the youth’s excitement surrounding the Harlem Shake video)... the cold reality of the crucifixion... (the 14 Stations)... the glory of the resurrection (jubilation dancing the Harlem Shake). Is a theological stretch? Maybe, but the kids got it because it related to their everyday. Now I doubt this video will go viral when it gets posted but some seeds got planted. After all that is what Youth Ministry is all about.



MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- April 6- Wear paint clothes
- April 12-13-Sons and Daughters of Abraham Third Annual Youth Peace Summit
- April 21-Meeting





SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM PROJECT

Our Third Annual Youth Peace Summit will be held April 12 and 13 at Dubose Conference Center. Christian, Muslim and Jewish youth from middle school to college age will gather for 2 days here on the mountain to learn about our shared faiths and the of the many ways we are connected. We expect a large turn-out from Middle Tennessee and Alabama. This has been an amazing experience for everyone who has participated and we encourage anyone interested to come observe. The openness and honesty of the small group discussions should give us all hope for future generations.



GIVE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR BLESSINGS!

The United Thank Offering is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church.

The ingathering of boxes and envelopes for contributions was held on March 24 at Otey Memorial Church and All Saint's Chapel. If you were unable to bring your offering on the 24th and would like to contribute, please take it to the Otey church office in Brooks Hall or call Irene Hamer, UTO Chairman, at 598-9574 by March 30.

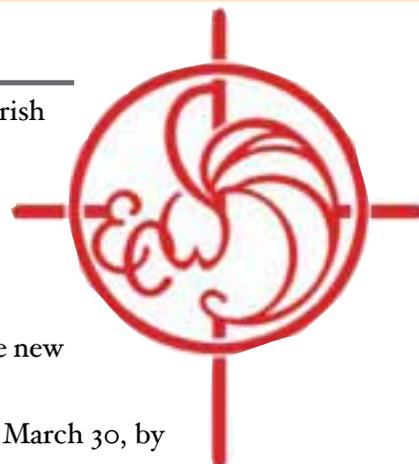
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN MEET APRIL 1

Monday, April 1, is the date of the next ECW meeting to be held at St. James Parish House in Midway.

Continuing the series on Notable Women of Faith, Ms. Susan Holmes will be speaking about Emily Malbone Morgan, prominent social and religious leader of the late 19th Century and early 20th Century, who founded the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross of the Episcopal Church.

Ms. Holmes is a long time member of Otey Parish Church and Coordinator of the new regional TIMEBANK initiative of Folks at Home (F@H).

Reservations for the noon luncheon meeting should be made by 6:00 p.m. Sat., March 30, by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or e-mailing her at plines@sewanee.edu.





COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

CAC is amazing and on so many different levels. Yes we are a food bank and that brings people who are hungry through our doors. Volunteers drive down each month and haul back thousands of pounds of groceries purchased from Second Harvest of Nashville. Volunteers unload and stock the shelves. Volunteers man the desk and visit with the clients, hearing their stories and offering appropriate help. Volunteers pack the grocery bags and distribute them to the those who come to us. Donations and Grants provide funds so that we can assist in other ways with utility, dental, medical and other needs that might arise for those of limited means. Parishoners bring items on Pantry Sunday that help stock the shelves. It weaves us all together with a generosity of spirit in a way that wouldn't happen under different circumstances, yet here we all are in this together... elementary school children, high school and middle school, university students, seminarians, clergy, Board members, community members old and

young, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, rich and poor. We are part of this CAC fabric helping where we can with what we have and it takes all of us

Since the last issue of Otey Notes we have:

- Distributed over 1,600 pounds of food
- Provided food for 350 people
- Assisted 21 families with Utilities, Health Insurance and Housing Needs
- Worked with Sewanee Housing Applicants
- Made 6 In-Home Visits
- Facilitated assistance for low income families with filing income tax

Betty Carpenter

APRIL IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION....



As we are in the home stretch in the Christian Formation year, there are many events ahead to enjoy at Otey Parish! Easter Weekend, we will have the "Third Annual Eggstravaganza" for children ages 1-11. Coordinated by Jill Mollica and Kelley Black and their children, Matthew and Luciana Mollica, and Aubrey and Jenna Black, the Eggstravaganza will include three "zones" for children 1-5, 6-7, and 8-11 years old. The Eggstravaganza will take place between Easter services. So, bring your Easter basket and wear your Easter bonnet for some fun! Prizes will be given out for two golden eggs in each zone! Parents, be sure to bring your cameras for some wonderful Easter pictures!

During the month of April, "The Gospel and It's Apps" will offer several informative sessions for all to attend. April 7th, Bishop John Bauerschmidt will make his annual visit, teach Sunday School, and update us on activities in the Diocese. On April 14 and 21, Attorney Bob Burns will offer presentations on "End of Life Issues." April 14, Bob will review preparations for winding up affairs at death, entitled, Wills & Estate Planning: "Why have a will?" April 21, Bob Burns will return to provide an overview of details for handling an estate. "Probate and

Administration of Estates: "Thy will be done?" On April 28th, we will discuss the "Five Wishes." The Five Wishes is a program which helps you develop a living will. The will aids your family and physicians know who you designate to manage your health care decisions when you can not make them. The Five Wishes helps you delineate what kinds of medical treatment you want or don't want, what degree of comfort measures you wish, and what kind of information you want shared with your loved ones. "The Five Wishes" was developed in 1997 and is now the most popular living will used in America.

On April 28th after the second service, the Christian Formation Committee will sponsor a

"Sunday School Teacher Recognition Reception." Mark the date and bring your family after church for cake and ice cream and a chance to give your Sunday School teacher a hug!

Sunday school during the Academic Year finishes May 5th this year. Keep watching the bulletins and website for special summer offerings!

God's peace to all!

-----Robin Reed-----



The Otey Care Team continues its work to ascertain and respond to the needs of our parishioners, as well as those in our community. The team is made up of five people, each responsible for one of our services.

Ann Seiters represents Stephen Ministers. She can explain the work of this ministry to you. If you would like to become a Minister, or would like to receive a Minister or know someone who would, get in touch with Ann.

Kathleen O'Donohue continues her work with Folks at Home. It now has over fifty members. This spring, ten University students have signed up to visit with the elderly in their homes. (These are in addition to previous students and some community members who already volunteer their time to visit.) Scheduling has been completed, and both the older and younger participants are enjoying the visits.

An outreach of meals is coordinated by Lisa Howick. She ascertains needs in the parish and beyond, and arranges for meals to be brought in. Such occasions might include a death in the family, a new baby, illness and recuperation, moving in or out, etc. Volunteers are always needed to help cook and deliver the food, and a convenient on-line program, Taketheameal.com, is used for signing up. Watch for alerts on when to check this web site.

Mary Sears is new to the group, taking the place of Carol Sampson as scheduler of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs). She reports that fourteen have been trained as LEVs at present to meet our needs. Weekly receivers usually number ten, but that number can vary due to surgery, etc. Mary would like eventually to offer transportation to and from church to those who don't drive. If you or someone you know might be interested in this service, please let Mary know.

Remaining on the Team, but in a new position, is Carol Sampson. Carol is starting a ministry called the Card Ministry. She and several others will send out cards and notes to those in recuperation, grief, loneliness, or with other needs.

The group functions best when it is aware of needs, of course. So you are urged to let these caregivers know if care is needed. Feel free to contact any one of the members about any need, as the information is often shared. Many times, one need helps us realize that there are several ways that we can be helpful. And if you're interested in being a caregiver, there are plenty of jobs to choose from. Please contact Karen Keele.

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We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Ian Duncan and Chris Wilkerson.

Don't Forget!

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

Wednesday, April 17

Email submissions to:
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Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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