



# Otey Notes

January 2011

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## From the Rector

"Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild..." - Hymn 111

This favorite Christmas hymn would have us imagine that, in the dark of that holy night, perhaps for just a moment, it was absolutely, totally, completely, wonderfully --- silent. Which might sound pretty good to some of us at this point of the Christmas season.

The author Kathleen Norris writes that when she worked as an artist in elementary schools, she devised exercises regarding noise and silence. "What interests me most about my experiment," she says, "is the way in which making silence liberated the imagination of so many children. Very few wrote with any originality about making noise. Most of their images were cliches such as 'we sound like a herd of elephants.' But silence was another matter: here, their images often had a depth and maturity that was unlike anything else they wrote. One boy came up with an image of silence as being 'as slow and silent as a tree,' another wrote that 'silence is me sleeping waiting to wake up. Silence is a tree spreading its branches to the sun.' ... one third grader's poem turned into a prayer: 'Silence is spiders spinning their webs, it's like a silkworm making its silk. Lord, help me know when to be si-

lent.' And in a tiny town in western North Dakota a little girl offered a gem of spiritual wisdom that I find myself returning to when my life becomes too noisy and distractions overwhelm

me: 'Silence reminds me to take my soul with me wherever I go.' "

There is always something pressing that we must do. Noise in our lives --- gifts to wrap, bills to pay, work, classes, cooking, cleaning, ALWAYS something loud and urgent. And these things indeed must be done, for we are responsible folk! But as we look at this Christmas Season, and at the fresh slate that is 2011, I'd like to encourage you to take some time to be silent. To be still. To carve some regular quiet time for God into your schedule. It is only then that we can hear the voice of God, and discern what it is that He would have us do.

"Silence reminds me to take my soul with me wherever I go" --- as always, a child leads the way.

Wishing you a holy Christmas Season, and, of course, some "heavenly peace."

# Christmas Worship Schedule

**Friday, December 24,**  
4:30 p.m.,  
Crèche Service  
and The Holy Eucharist

10:45 p.m.,  
An Order of Worship  
for the Evening followed by  
The Holy Eucharist

**Saturday, December 25,**  
10:00 a.m.,  
The Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, December 26,**  
Christmas I,  
8:50 a.m.,  
The Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m.,  
The Holy Eucharist



## Upcoming Services

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us on two very special occasions. **Friday, December 24th at 4:30 PM** we will celebrate Christmas Eve as our Youth and Children guide us through the Christmas story and place creche pieces in place. Please come early as we always have overflow in the sacristy and beyond!

**Sunday, December 26th** we will gather for the 3rd Annual Christmas Hymn and Carol Sing and Cookie Swap at the Sunday School hour. Bring your family and friends

of all ages as we gather in the Parish Hall to enjoy fellowship, cookies and warm apple cider. Remember to bring a dozen of your favorite cookies to share. Questions: Robin Reed (636-0010)



## Bishop Otey Society News

On December 12, the "Bishop Otey Society" completed its fall series on "End of Life Issues". Roy Elam, MD (Vanderbilt Internist) discussed the importance of an "Advanced Care Plan" in preparing for the point when our health becomes chronically terminal and/or critical without any expectation for recovery. These are topics we all must face for ourselves and/or our families.

The series will conclude on Sunday, January 9th with an open session offering participants the opportunity to ask questions relating to all three previous sessions. All are welcome.

In the meantime, the "Bishop Otey Society" wishes to thank all of our speakers for their very informative and thought provoking presentations.

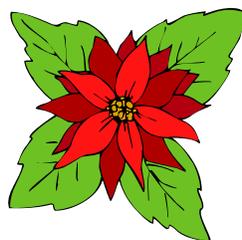


## Christmas Poinsettias

### Christmas Memorials

If you would like to honor or remember loved ones by making a donation towards the Christmas Poinsettias which will decorate the church through the Christmas season, please contact Diane Jones by phone (615-594-4805) or by e-

mail [dgmjones@bellsouth.net](mailto:dgmjones@bellsouth.net)  
The cost is \$25 and can be mailed to  
Diane at 565 Haynes  
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## Reader Needed

Otey parish is in need of a leader for the Evening Prayer service on Fridays at 4:30pm. If you are interested, or would like to know more about this opportunity, please contact Karen Keele at [kkeele@sewanee.edu](mailto:kkeele@sewanee.edu) or 598-5876.

# Youth Ministry Update



As I write this article, we are beginning the season of Advent with all of its high hopes and great expectations. In youth ministry the month of January and the academic second semester has many parallels for hopes and expectations. Starting with the September Kick-Off, our youth group has met faithfully through the fall, adding many new faces and a renewed sense of purpose. We have worked very hard to build Christian community and to schedule a variety of events which are a balance of meaningful and fun activities. With our adult volunteers and college interns we are able to have both junior high and senior high groups which meet separately but combine for our many outreach experi-

ences. Our hopes and expectations for the new year are high and many of the upcoming calendar events have become traditions. The February ski trip is a definite and already we are already thinking about summer time outreach. Plans are underway for a spring time "Youth Peace Summit" for high school students, this new event is an outgrowth of the ongoing "Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project". When it comes to youth ministry there are certain givens which add form and structure to the program. We'll put events on the calendar, arrange for speakers offering new insights into age old questions, plan for upcoming events, get ready for the summer mission outreach, order the pizza and

continue to encourage all kids to participate. All of this can be explained and measured within a certain framework. That's the easy part. What can never be explained or measured is how the Holy Spirit works within that structure to change hearts and minds. That *it will* happen, there is no doubt but *how* it happens is out of our hands and into the loving hands of God. That is the high hope, the great expectation and the plan for a new year and for the many years to come. We ask for your prayers as another year begins and for your continued support.

Betty Carpenter

# Holiday Greetings from Folks @Home

As the seasons change, so do the needs of our community members. We are grateful for our health and well-being, and a loving, supportive community. An integral function of Folks at Home (F@H) is to coordinate access to affordable quality services. Our goal is to connect community members in need of services with those offering services. Folks at Home has Volunteers, Vetted Vendors, and a professional staff person to assist in times of need, as well as a Lending Service of safety equipment.

We are grateful to students from SAS who volunteered to help with Autumn yard work, and look forward to future projects with SAS.

In 2011, with the support of a grant from the University's Fund for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, Folks at Home will collaborate with students, faculty/staff, and community members on a sec-

ond Accessibility Awareness Project. In addition to an educational presentation, Volunteers will be recruited to learn how and build a wheelchair ramp. Our goal is to create a core of trained Ramp Team leaders who can implement the building of a ramp when the need arises. Please contact F@H if you are interested in participating.

Office hours are 9:30 – 11:30 AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, when a F@H Volunteer is in the Folks at Home office. Additional office hours vary on Monday through Thursday. Please call to arrange for services or for information about F@H.

Folks at Home (F@H) is a membership-based, volunteer driven, not for profit organization “developed for and dedicated to assisting its members in continuing a dignified and comfortable lifestyle in their homes through

services they need or require.” People of all ages are invited to join Folks at Home as Members, Vendors, Volunteers, Donors, and as Advisors, Board, or Committee Members. Your support, questions and suggestions are welcome. For more information, you may call, e-mail, come by, or visit our website at [http://](http://folksathome.sewanee.edu)

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## New Vestry Members!

We welcome three new vestry members in January. Welcome John Solomon, Ann Millar, and Dave Spaulding. We give thanks for their upcoming and continued service to Otey Parish!



## New Editor!

Changes are underway at Otey Parish! Beginning with the February edition of the newsletter, Will Cate will be the new editor of the Otey News. Please welcome him as he takes on this new role!

**WELCOME**

# Are you watching for the star?

**Epiphany**, the day in which we celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ will be celebrated at our parish on **Sunday, January 9, 2011**.

Our children will lead us in following the star and the wise men to find the Christ Child at the Epiphany Pageant at 5 PM. To prepare for the pageant, our director, Lizzie Duncan has asked parents and grandparent to have their children sign up for a speaking or non-speaking

part on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Godly Play teachers will provide sign-up sheets.

Lizzie will cast the pageant and Godly Play teachers and assistant teachers will assist Lizzie as needed with costumes, scripts, and supervision.

Children in Godly Play classes will practice on Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> during the Sunday School hour and Saturday morning, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Plenty of parts are available

for children ages 3 to grade 5. Costumes are very simple and usually just involve pieces you may already have at home from prior plays or Halloween costumes—animals, angels, and shepherds.

Mark your calendars to join us for this festive and memorable event! Questions: Lizzie Duncan ([eduncan@sasweb.org](mailto:eduncan@sasweb.org)) or Robin Reed (636-0010).

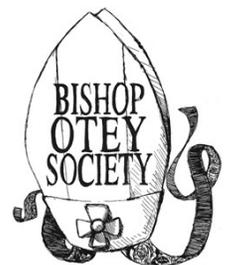


# Patronal Feast on January 30

For the first time, Otey Parish will celebrate Bishop Otey's birthday with a Patronal Festival on Sunday, January 30. A Patronal Feast Day is the occasion that a parish honors the saint who was chosen as the patron saint of the parish. The last Sunday in January is the closest to

Bishop Otey's birth date. The celebration, sponsored by the Bishop Otey Society, will begin at 5:00 PM with a service in the sanctuary. After worship, adults will move to Brooks Hall for wine and cheese, followed by a chili supper. Children are invited to a pizza party in the parish hall.

Plan to attend what we hope will be a significant and fun event. Further details will be forthcoming in weekly bulletins.



# Welcome St George's!

Fire on the Mountain teens hosted youth from St George's Episcopal School for Lessons and Carols. Despite the brisk air, all had a wonderfully warm time!



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## Prayers of the People

We pray for:

Elvie Biddle, Terri Blount, Ann Brewster, Karen Bunting, Clyde Burgoon, Ada Byrd, Brownie Carney, Faye Carney, Hampton Carver, Ashley Charlton, Nancy Chase, Bud Clark, Mary Clinton, Loulie Cocke, Michelle Cooper, Suzie Coughlan, Meta Crane, Mary Sue Cushman, Louvica Davis, Keith Durham, Barbara Dykes, Matthew Fleming, Terry Fontham, Sally Franklin, Donna Furrer, Kris Gosling, Amy Hanna, Charles Hubbard, Patrick Irwin, Rayma Lee Johnson, Bill Jones, Jody

Jones, Jean Livingston, Howell Lynch, Julie Marsman, Elizabeth Masters, Ruth Matlock, Chrissy Meeks, Kathy Moore, Sheila Naidu, Mary Bethany Neal, James Newton Jr., Amorn O'Connor, Evie Patterson, Cheri Peters, John Piccard, Peggy Rhys, Michael Rusin, Mike and Joan Sharp, Helen Shedd, Clea Sherrill, Kip Slawter, Barbara Springer, Jasmine Stafford, Dessie Taylor, Alexander Thiel-Hadjilambrinos, Polly Thurman, Tibby Tucker, Reid Ward, Lethia Watson, Jimmy Weddington, Tyler White,

Fred Wile, Kathy Woods, Harry Yeatman, and Virginia Carter Zinn. We pray for those serving in Afghanistan, and Iraq and for their families, especially Nick Barry and James Scott. We also pray for the victims of war.

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Wednesday, January 19th*