



Otey Notes



THE REV.
DR. MELISSA
HARTLEY TO
SPEAK AT ECW
ON MONDAY
MARCH 4, 2013

The March 4 meeting of the Episcopal Church Women will feature the Rev. Dr. Melissa Hartley as speaker. Continuing the year's theme, "Notable Women of Faith", she will talk about the Rev. Florence Li Tim-Oi, first woman priest of the Anglican Communion. The luncheon meeting will take place at 12:00 noon at St. James in Midway.

Dr. Hartley, Associate Chaplain of the University, is a 1993 graduate of Sewanee and holds graduate degrees from General Theological Seminary and Drew University.

Reservations for the \$10.00 catered luncheon should be made by 6:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, by calling Peggy Lines at 598-5863 or emailing her at plines@sewanee.edu.

FROM THE RECTOR.....

This penitential season of Lent is one where many of us "give something up" as a penance, as a way developing a closer relationship with God. So some fast one day a week, or give up sweets, or --- you know the drill. As I've confessed to you before, I would rather see individuals "take something up" for God. So, I suggest trying to attend our special Tuesday Holy Eucharist Services during Lent. Or come to Otey Memorial Parish for Morning Prayer at 7:30 A.M. or Evening Prayer at 4:30 P.M. Or participate in our Lenten "Bible Challenge." My wife Bobbye, being as wise as Solomon (and wanting to get me off peoples' backs) suggests splitting the difference. If you give up an hour of television daily, use that hour for prayer or sacred reading. Splendid plan.



I'd like to offer a suggestion. By the way, this is my duty (see page 445 in The Book of Common Prayer.) I do it at the request of our Bishop Otey Society, who I appreciate and admire for their hard and smart work. This is important--- please keep reading.

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FROM THE RECTOR

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This Lent 2013, you can “give up” some time and “take up” preparing your Will, getting your estate in order. You owe it to yourselves, and to your families. You may have much materially, or you may feel you have very little--- but either way, by doing something as simple as your Will, YOU make the decisions, not the courts.



I am asking you to remember Otey Memorial Parish in your Will. Universities do a great job of being this blunt---The Universities of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Dartmouth, Sewanee, and other schools near and dear to our hearts. In fact, Universities do such a good job of this that about fifteen years ago the Episcopal Church U.S.A. hired Georgia Tech's Estate Planner away from them to work for the Church!

The work Otey Memorial Parish does on this mountaintop and beyond in the name of Christ is work you can be proud of---remember the 24 or so banners of ministries that we support in our buildings that processed through our church? Before I leave here someday, I'd love for it to be 100 plus banners! Bobbye and I have remembered Otey Memorial Parish in our will, knowing that in a small way we are helping her ministries to continue and grow after our deaths. (And of course we're remembering our children, and, yes, universities.) Many of you have, too. But if you haven't, this Lent, please take time to do the same.

Because, do you know how much difference one person can make? A world of difference!

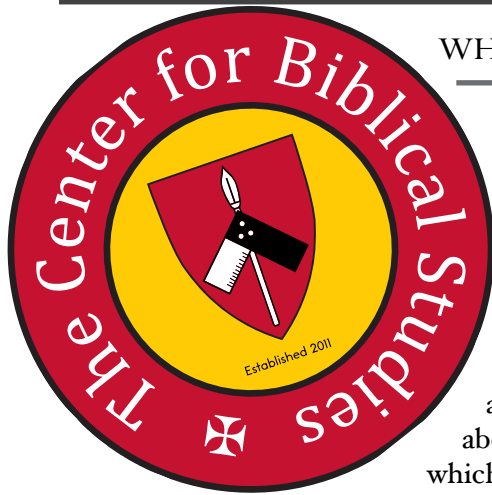
God's peace,

Joe



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in memory or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please contact Diane Jones no later than March 25. The cost is \$25, and the names of your loved ones will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Contact Diane on her cellphone at 615-594-4805 or send email to djones.sewanee@gmail.com. Please mail your payment to Diane at 565 Haynes Rd, Sewanee TN 37375.



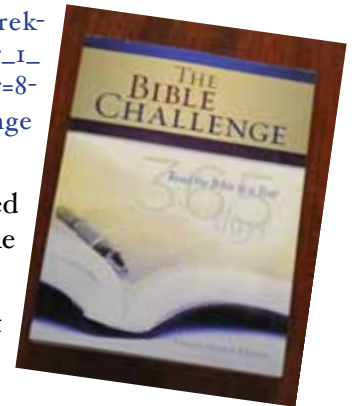
WHAT IS THE BIBLE CHALLENGE??

One day in Advent, as I was reading the daily Episcopal News Service (ENS) website announcements, I happened to stumble upon an article and video about *The Bible Challenge* which quickly caught my attention. *The Bible Challenge*

was created by The Rev. Marek Zabriskie, Rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Ft. Washington, PA. Back in 2010, Rev. Zabriskie decided to read the Bible in a year. As he began to read, he invited members of his parish to read with him. What they found was that they read parts of the Bible they had never heard before. Some stories were challenging, others disturbing, and some were very closely related to the challenges Rev. Zabriskie and his parishioners were facing in their daily lives. As they continued to read, they felt they were being transformed individually and as a church body. As they deepened their understanding of their identity as children of God, they found themselves connecting with each other in new ways and finding the vision and energy to serve God's church in the world. They felt called to create The Center for Biblical Studies to promote *The Bible Challenge* nationally and globally.

Otey Parish's Christian Formation Committee elected to begin *The Bible Challenge* this Lent to see how we might each connect more deeply with God and the people who have gone before us before and after Jesus' ministry on earth. We have two small groups that meet each Sunday from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. One group meets at the church and another meets at the home of Alex and Kathryn Bruce. (Babysitting is available when needed: just let us know!) We meet to pray, discuss the week's readings, and share what we hear God saying to us this Lent in terms of where we are and where we are being called to serve God in the world.

Please consider joining one of our groups. Books are available at : www.amazon.com/The-Bible-Challenge-Marek-Zabriskie/dp/0880283505/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1361740960&sr=8-1&keywords=the+bible+challenge for \$14.00.



Lessons for reading are listed at oteyparish.com under the Adult Ministries section.

Everyone is welcome to set off on this wonderful journey with believers from our parish and all over the world as we experience the Bible from cover to cover. Questions: Robin Reed (636-0010); Kathryn Bruce (931-924-9876).

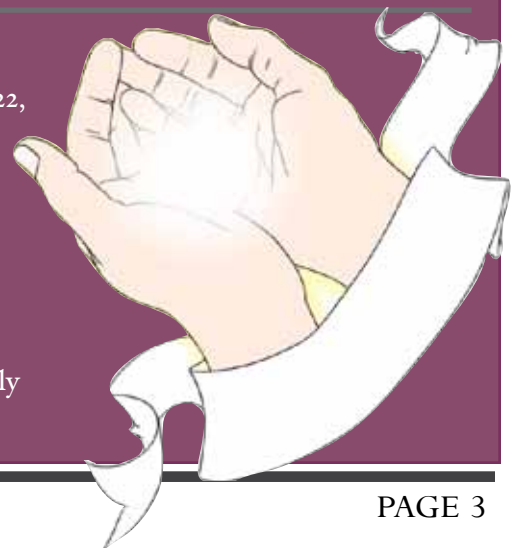
-----Robin Reed-----

LENTEN SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Otey will continue to celebrate the Holy Eucharist each Tuesday at 12:22, throughout the remainder of Lent, with a special homilist each week. Upcoming homilists are:

- March 5 - The Rev. James C. Pappas III
- March 12 - The Rev. Dr. W. Brown Patterson
- March 19 - Dr. Robin Reed

For those wishing to participate, there will a Healing Service immediately after the Holy Eucharist.



TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT POVERTY IN SEWANEE WITH CAC

1. Volunteer your time and energy to CAC. We need drivers to pick up groceries and other food items at various times during the month. Tell us when you are available and we will do our best to connect you with the opportunity.
2. Each time you buy a bottle of shampoo or deodorant, buy another and donate the items to CAC.
3. Organize a canned goods drive in your dorm or school. Collect and deliver the items to CAC. Help shelve the things you have collected.
4. Tell your friends, faculty members and student leaders that hunger issues are important to you. Put a CAC bumper sticker on your car, notebook or bike. Carefully consider the food you buy and consume.
5. Educate yourself about hunger and poverty in Tennessee by going to <http://www.secondharvestnashville.org> or learn about hunger and poverty world-wide by going to <http://www.one.org>.
6. Begin a "Giving Jar" and collect your pocket change for CAC.
7. Shop Sewanee! Buying locally and eating in Sewanee restaurants supports local farmers and businesses; both are vital to our local community.
8. Make a financial donation to CAC to honor a special person or special day.
9. Send us an email at cacoteyparish@gmail.com with your ideas, visions and suggestions. We would love to hear from you.
10. Pray for the work of CAC, for our clients that we serve and for all who are in need or hungry.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE- ESTABLISHED 1974
 AN OUTREACH MINISTRY TO THE GREATER SEWANEE COMMUNITY
 BASED AT OTEY PARISH MEMORIAL CHURCH
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COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Since the last issue of Otey Notes CAC has purchased 2641 pounds of food and distributed this to 85 households in the Sewanee Community. This equates to our feeding over three hundred and fifty individuals. CAC has assisted 29 clients with utility bills, provided help with medical and dental needs and engaged over 100 volunteers in our activities! Sewanee Housing will soon begin construction on a new house and we are making that information available to our clients along with the opportunity to have home energy assessments done. By having more energy efficient homes it will lower utility bills and educate our clients about energy conservation. CAC is a vital ministry of Otey Parish and everyone can participate at some level. From monetary contributions to a jar of peanut butter, everything helps. Thank you to all who remember to bring groceries on Pantry Sunday and if you forget you can always drop off at the little yellow house.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation classes are in full swing and sitting around the kitchen table of Brooks Hall does not seem to affect the enthusiasm of the participants. It was the last space left and is filled to capacity on Sunday mornings. We will have a full class of youth and several adults to present when the Bishop makes his visitation on April 7. If anyone is interested in confirmation it is not too late to join the class and we can arrange some catch up time. Contact Fr. Joe or Betty Carpenter to make arrangements.

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN SCHEDULE
 March 3- Meeting 4:15-5:30
 March 17-Meeting 4:15-5:30

UPCOMING EVENTS
 Sons and Daughters of Abraham Third Annual Youth Peace Summit
 April 12-13



Holy Week Services at Otey Parish



Palm Sunday, March 24:

Procession of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 8:50 and 11:00 am

Monday, March 25:

Morning Prayer, 7:30 am; Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, March 26:

Morning Prayer, 7:30 am; Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, March 27:

Morning Prayer, 7:30 am; Holy Eucharist, 5:00 pm

Maundy Thursday, March 28:

Morning Prayer, 7:30 am; Holy Eucharist / foot-washing,
5:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29:

Stations of the Cross, 12:00 noon, beginning at Otey parking lot, proceeding down University Avenue, ending at All Saints Chapel with 1:00 pm service. Otey Parish service at 5:00 pm.

Easter Sunday, March 31:

Celebration of the Resurrection and Holy Eucharist, 8:50 and 11:00 am.

Shrove Tuesday Festivities



*Fire dept. had to come because
of too much smoke in kitchen!*



A new program takes time! One of Otey Parish's newest is the Timebank.

Last fall, Folks at Home received a \$14,973 grant from the Community Fund of the South Cumberland Plateau to develop a Timebank.

"There is a core economy" (family, neighborhood, community, civil society, networks and informal support systems) that is analogous to a computer's operating system; many powerful specific programs (like monetary system) don't work if the core economy goes down." Edgar Cahn, founder of TimeBanks USA

The vision of the Timebank is to promote cohesive communities across the South Cumberland Plateau where people of different ages, backgrounds and abilities interact with each other on an equal footing and with mutual respect and understanding. Timebanks value people, their contributions, and encourage connections with communities and neighborhoods.

A Timebank is a community of members who share resources in exchange for an alternative currency called time dollars. Everyone has something to give. Every hour is equal. Everyone benefits from the inherent gifts of giving and receiving.

For every hour that a member spends providing a service to another member, they earn one time dollar. Then, that member can spend his or her time dollars on the services of any other Timebank member. It does not matter what your age, education or skill set is. Your hour is worth the same as another. Everyone's time is valued equally. This holds true whether a member is offering professional legal advice, repairing a kitchen sink or making home visits for companionship.

The Timebank will be made up of individual members, organizational affiliates and business partners. Everyone across the Plateau is invited to become a member. Membership fees are \$20 year for individuals, \$30 families, and \$50 for organizations. So that all community members may become Timebank members, fees may be worked in time dollar hours.

According to Timebanks USA, Timebanking has become an international social change movement, spanning 22 countries. Each Timebank is unique, reflecting the values and goals of its community of members.

Susan Holmes is the new Timebank coordinator. Holmes is a graduate of the University of the South (C'76). She also studied public administration at the University of Tennessee and has a master's degree in organizational leadership from Vanderbilt University. As the coordinator, Holmes will match Timebank members with services. Contact her at the Timebank office (931)598-0303 or her mobile (423)280-1480; email: susanbholmes54@gmail.com; or stop in and see her at 400 University Avenue (the little blue house).

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

Sue and Don Armentrout, Barbara Ball, Linda Bachand, Elvie Biddle, Rob Boatner, Christine Booth, Ann Brewster, Frankye Bright, Jonathan Burnett, Liz Camp, Willie Cocke, Michelle Cooper, Meta Crane, Sally and Jim Franklin, Kris Gosling, Ray Green, Allison Greene, John Green, Brooks Gunn, Amy Hanna, Dennis Hastings, RJ Hughes, Patrick Irwin, Richard Jones, Robert Jones, Howell Lynch, Mary Farris Lynch, Julie Marsman, Ruth Matlock, Patty Mayeux, Camille McClure, Sally McCrady, Ray Meeks, Sheila Naidu, Mary Bethany Neal, James Newton, Cheri Peters, Jennifer, Michelle, and Sara Roberts, Marion Rectenwald, Michael and Miranda Rectenwald, Alice Sholey, Barbara Springer, Sarah, Gavin, Ryan, and Jon Stewart, Kathy and Gary Sturgis, Dessie Taylor, Reid Ward, Lethia Watson, Tyler White, Jane Williams, Kathy Woods, Harry Yeatman and Peggy Young.

We pray for those serving in Afghanistan and for their families, especially Kevin Stewart and Chris Wilkerson.

Don't Forget!

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

Wednesday, March 20

Email submissions to:
spicergirls@nerdshack.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.



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