



# Otey Notes



## From the Rector

Now that telephone service has been transferred, the move of offices is complete! The offices of the Rector, Parish Administrator, and Financial Administrative Assistant are now located in Claiborne Hall, while the office of the Parish Organist is in Brooks Hall. This change will in general make our offices more convenient to the location of parish programs, will provide greater privacy for pastoral conversations, will free almost all of the first floor of Brooks Hall for meetings, gatherings, and receptions, and will result in greater energy efficiency.

**To enter the parish offices, please use the second door on the right in Claiborne.** The financial office is at the end of the hall near CAC. Kathy Sturgis's office is reached through the left-hand parlor in Brooks Hall. Many thanks to Drew Sampson, Mickey Suarez, Joe Porter, Bob Burns, Jim Jackson, Barbara Prunty, Diane Jones, Louie Messina, Mark Garcia, Bill Mauzy, and Frieda Gipson.

In our budgeting process for 2016, the Vestry was faced with some difficult choices in order to achieve the balanced budget required by the terms of the loan for the construction of Claiborne Hall. The two most significant cuts the Vestry made were not to fund the vacant position of Director of Christian Formation, and to continue paying the same level of diocesan assessment as in 2015, a little more than 70% of the total assessed. None of the cuts—large or small—felt good to make, and the Vestry resolved to restore the funding as finances permitted.

Now there is progress to report! Additional pledges have brought the total above the amount budgeted. Your continued Phase II capital campaign and debt reduction payments have allowed another payment of \$50,000 toward the principal of our loan on Claiborne Hall, reducing the amount of interest due monthly (the monthly payment toward principal remains unchanged).

The combination of these two pieces of positive news has allowed the Vestry to restore funding for the Director of Christian Formation for the nine months remaining in 2016. The Christian Formation Committee, chaired by Alex Bruce in 2015 and Shelley Cammack so far in 2016, has done excellent work to maintain momentum since the departure of Robin Reed last spring. With the reinstatement of the director's position, I am excited about the long-term future of our all-ages program.

Thank you for your commitment through giving that has made it possible to restore the Director of Christian Formation to the parish staff. Regular pledging is the financial lifeblood of our ministries, while debt reduction payments allow us to apply more present and future pledge payments directly to those ministries. Both are greatly appreciated.

*Robert Lamborn*

## TAKE NOTE

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson

### ADULT FORUM

✓ April 3 Rector's Forum

**On Sunday, April 10—Adult Forum and Lectionary Class will be at 9 am. All other Sundays will be at 10 am**

✓ April 10 "A Post-Secular Faith: Richard Kearney and the God after (the Death of) God" - Amy Bentley Lamborn

✓ April 17 "Dietrich Bonhoeffer as Theologian and Martyr" (1) Patrick Kelley

✓ April 24 "Dietrich Bonhoeffer as Theologian and Martyr" (2) Patrick Kelley

### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ April 10 Bishop Bauerschmidt Visits—10 AM service only with reception to follow

✓ April 24 Fat Tuesday in April brunch - noon

### MONTHLY EVENTS

✓ April 20 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3pm

✓ April 21 Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Education Room

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**VESTRY NOTES**

--Held its annual retreat Saturday, February 27, at the home of Ken & Lynn Taylor. The Rev. Tom Ward led the Vestry in reflecting on the spiritual basis for its work, and the value of prayerful silence and consensus building.

At its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 16:

--Modified the operating budget to increase the line for pledge income, decrease the line for debt service, and restore funding for the position of Director of Christian Formation.

--Expressed deep appreciation to Parish Treasurer Beth Wiley, who is nearing the end of her service as she becomes a weekender in Sewanee because of her new position as Assistant Vice President for Advancement Services at East Tennessee State University.

*Rob Lamborn*

**Holy Week and Easter Thanks**

*The gratitude of the parish goes to all who helped with the services of Holy Week and Easter—Altar Guild, Flower Arrangers, Ushers, Servers, Torchbearers, Lectors, Intercessors, and Chalice Bearers.*

**BISHOP JOHN BAUERSCHMIDT VISITATION**



On Sunday, April 10, there will be a combined service at 10:00am on the occasion of Bp. Bauerschmidt's visitation to Otey. Godly Play will not meet that day. The adult forum and lectionary group will meet at 9:00am. The 10:00am service will include the confirmation of parish youth Aubrey Black, Wardie Cammack, Zolon Knoll, and Tim Nelson. A festive reception will follow. The undesignated offering on this Sunday will be for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP**

The Women's Spirituality Group meet starting Sunday April 3rd, 3:30 - 5:00 in Thurmond Library. The next book chosen to read is by Frederick Buechner, *"The Hungering Dark"*, a beautifully written short book about doubt, faith, and discovering the hidden face of God. Each chapter begins with Biblical scripture and prayer followed by Buechner's reflections. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons through April and including Sunday May 1st. Please call Carol Sampson if you have any questions 598-9576 and know that all women are welcomed.

*Carol Sampson*

**ECW LUNCHEON APRIL 4, NOON**



**DR. CHRISTOPHER BRYAN TO ADDRESS ECW ON APRIL 4, NOON, ST. MARK'S HALL.**

Reverend Dr. Christopher Bryan, retired professor of New Testament at the School of Theology will speak on "Women Witnesses of the Resurrection. Born and educated in England, he is renowned here and abroad for his writings, teaching, and service in the priesthood. Now in semi-retirement, he continues to serve, as well as actively participates in the Sewanee community. He especially enjoys playing classic roles in the university theater department's productions.

Reservations for the \$10 catered lunch should be made by 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, by calling Claudia Porter at 598-9546 or [porter45@bellsouth.net](mailto:porter45@bellsouth.net). An alternate vegetarian plate will be provided if requested at the time the reservation is made. All interested persons of the area are invited to join in this opportunity for fellowship and spiritual development.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**



The chapter of the Daughters of the King, Mary's Heart, Martha's Hands meets at St. James, Midway on the second Tuesday of each month except in January and February. The time is 5:30-6:30 pm. We are looking forward to a new year of fellowship, learning and the ongoing dedication of spreading Christ's love through Prayer, Service and Evangelism. Contact number: 598-5869

**FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN**

January

A meeting of the Youth Ministry committee resulted in a schedule for the rest of the year (page 4). The big event of this spring was the mission trip to Nashville. The trip was organized by the organization Center for Student Missions (CSM). We had two preparatory meetings (on January 31 and February 7), largely to discuss our goals for the trip and to touch on the social justice issues of poverty and racism.

**February 12-14. Mission Trip**

We (4 women, 2 men, and 8 youth (two boys, 6 girls) left at 3:40 on Friday February 12 for Nashville, arriving at Eastland Baptist Church in East Nashville around 5:40 PM. We had an orientation for leaders, then went to eat Indian food. Following this we had an orientation meeting with our “host” where we talked about rules, expectations and what we wanted out of the trip. We made sack lunches for Saturday. Lights out at 10:30.

Saturday started with devotions, then we spent the morning at 2nd Harvest Food bank where we sorted approximately 5600 pounds of food. We then went to Mission 615, a ministry which rents space at Park Avenue Baptist Church in Nashville. We greeted people, worshipped with them, served them lunch, helped them find clothes in a clothes closet, and got to meet and talk with many people. There were two large groups of volunteer workers other than FOTM, one from Memphis and the other from Camden, TN. The group from Camden had brought a whole bus and trailer full of firewood to distribute to homeless people in encampments around the city.

Buses had gone out earlier in the day to places where the homeless live to let them know that the busses would return in the early afternoon to pick them up if they wanted to come to Mission 615. Upon arrival they were given two tickets, one for a meal and the other for a trip through the clothes closet. Each of us signed up to help with something: (greeting/taking tickets, cooking/serving, clothes closet, playing with kids (babies on up). Relatively early it became obvious that very few homeless children had come, so those of us who had signed up for that went back to the worship service. It was of the evangelical ilk and included preaching, singing, and a time where people could come up and ask to pray with/be prayed for by volunteers (from the Memphis and Camden groups). One member of our group heard of a couple with a baby who had been evicted and no longer had a stroller (it had been removed/sold from their apartment), so she went and bought them a stroller. Amen. The meal was served, people talked, and then we all helped clean up the gym and kitchen area and put away the substantial amount of stuff (chairs, tables, stage, lighting, boxes of clothes, etc). Dinner was Thai. The evening consisted of a “prayer tour” which was an historical/educational drive through neighborhoods in Nashville where we stopped and prayed for people, organizations, and institutions. We finished the night with a short devotion.

Sunday started with devotions, then we went to Belmont Baptist Church, where they were having their International Missions Sunday. Most of the ministerial team who spoke/prayed/preached were women. Several sponsored missionaries were present and some spoke about the work they are doing abroad. Their yearly budget for international missions is \$400,000 and at that service they were sowing the seeds of hope and encouragement for their campaign. They were asking people to put dollar amounts on pieces of paper, but to not put their names. Wow!

We left the service early to assist with a feeding ministry across the street from the church. It is a feeding ministry of the church, but, as was noted, no church members were there working. This was largely an interpersonal ministry, where we got to talk to the homeless people who came for the meal. Back at Eastland Baptist Church we talked about the day, cleaned up, prayed for safe travels and then drove home.

**FOTM Movie Meeting**

Sunday, February 21, three adults and 6 youth watched “He Named Me Malala” in Brooks Hall. Dinner was provided by Louise Irwin.

**Intergenerational Game Night**

Friday, February 26, 5 adults and 12 youth were present for an intergenerational game night. We ate pizza, wings, and snacks, drank soda, and played games (Telestrations, Uno, Aggravation, and Life), with players rotating every 12 minutes to a new game (leaving their “hand” and resuming the hand of the person whose place they took). Lots of fun! Carol and Drew are awesome game players and even better sports!

**Prep/Host Coffee Hour**

Saturday, March 5 we met at Brooks Hall to prepare some of the food for coffee hour on March 6. On March 6, even more food arrived, making it a very festive coffee hour. Many parishioners partook of the goodies and good conversation and the youth did a great job with hosting and cleaning up.

**Sunday School**

Larry Barker started his new series on Christmas, Epiphany, and beyond. His knowledge is impeccable, his energy boundless, and his patience unsurpassed. It is hard to leave one of Larry’s lessons without learning something new or without thinking more deeply or in a different way about what we (The Church) do and why we do it.

**Mission Trip**

Please pray for a good outcome as I attempt to solidify mission trip options for early this summer (some time between May 31 and June 8).



We will need an adult female chaperone for this trip (without a female chaperone we can’t do an overnight mission trip). If you are interested, please let me know.

**PEACE SUMMIT 2016**

April 9, 2016 | St. Mark’s Hall | Sewanee, TN

Ages: 6th—12th grades

Time: 9:30am to 4pm

Fee: \$25, Lunch and t-shirt included

Register by April 2 at:

<http://ow.ly/TN3ew>



sons and daughters 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 [sabinazm@charter.net](mailto:sabinazm@charter.net) or Betty Carpenter at [campcc2@msn.com](mailto:campcc2@msn.com)

*Pictures of mission trip on page 5*

*Peace, Neil Patterson*

CAC



Often the question arises.....what does CAC need? The always quick answer is peanut butter or tuna fish or paper products. These items go quickly and there is always a demand. The not so quick answer but probably the most important need of CAC is for your prayers. Please pray for the ministry of CAC, for those who need our help, for the volunteers who keep the wheels turning, for university students who share their idealism and creativity and for whatever the future of CAC might be. For over forty-one years CAC has been the main outreach ministry of Otey Parish and a place for those in need to go for food and assistance. Generosity and grants from various sources enable us to continue this important outreach ministry. Your prayers enable us to do what sometimes seems impossible. Thank you to everyone who gives, who prays and who thinks CAC .

**Volunteer Spotlight**

CAC is pleased to have two new volunteers Larry Sims and Robin Gottfried are the newest and we are grateful that they are sharing their gifts with us. Thanks guys!

*Betty Carpenter*



**Free Family Photo Day**

free 10-15 minute outdoor sessions

**Friday, April 7  
9am - 5pm**

Located at CAC  
behind Otey Parish



**"FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN APRIL SCHEDULE**

Apr 3	regular	Growing in Grace, 5:45 to 7:30 PM Meet at Otey for a quick meal, walk to All Saints' Chapel for Growing in Grace, pick up at All Saint's by parents
Apr 10	FUN	Prep for Youth Sunday 10 to 10:45 AM (during Sunday School) AND 4 to 5:30 PM (during FOTM meeting))
Apr 17	regular	Youth Sunday
Fri to Sat April 29-30	Fun	Lock-in, Brooks Hall

**FOOD WITH FRIENDS**

What is it? It is a university student-led organization that provides a monthly meal at designated sites, St Mark's Hall being one of the sites.

Why do they do it? The purpose is to engage in conversation around a meal and to learn about the community. That means all of us, seminarians, faculty, parishioners, community members and families served by CAC.

How does it work? The students decide on a menu, shop, cook, set-up and clean-up.

Who can come? The doors are open to all and it is free!

Why come? Any time students work that hard it is good to be supportive of their efforts. It is intentional that we include CAC friends, and the recipes are made up from ingredients found in a CAC bag of groceries. The food is always good and the atmosphere is joyous.

Sometimes we even have live music.

Next Food with Friends – April 1.

See you there!

*Betty Carpenter*



**FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN MISSION TRIP PICTURES**



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**VESTRY**

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- Timothy Graham, ‘16, Finance
- Barbara Prunty, ‘18, Pastoral Care
- Rachel Suarez, ‘18, Stewardship
- Ken Taylor, ‘17, Parish Life
- Laura Willis, ‘16, Senior Warden
- Beth Wiley, Treasurer
- Ann Aitken, Clerk

**FAT TUESDAY RESCHEDULED TO “FAT BRUNCHDAY”, APRIL 24**

**DID YOU MISS LETTING THE GOOD TIMES ROLL WITH OTEY’S FAT TUESDAY FEAST WEATHER CANCELLATION? Well we did too** and want to make it up to you! Please join us for a Spring brunch sure to pack a punch on **April 24th, after the 11:00 service**. Your taste buds will be tantalized by egg casseroles, quiches, breads by the barrel, ham biscuits, bacon and the most requested item-pancakes! And there will be desserts sure to make the ending of the meal memorable. Drinks will also be served including coffee and lemonade. Tickets for adults \$7, children \$2, with a max of \$20 per family. Pre-purchased tickets from the Fat Tuesday Feast will be honored!



**PRAYER LIST**

Pray for the sick and suffering and those who have asked our prayers: Kenny Alexander, Sr., Caroline Myers Baird, Nancy Chase, Phebe Hethcock, Patrick Irwin, Mike Jones, Bob Keele, Luwin Lewis, Howell Lynch, Henry Schneider, Mary Sears, Liz Workman, Karen.

Those in military service, those experiencing religious persecution, and those others we name.

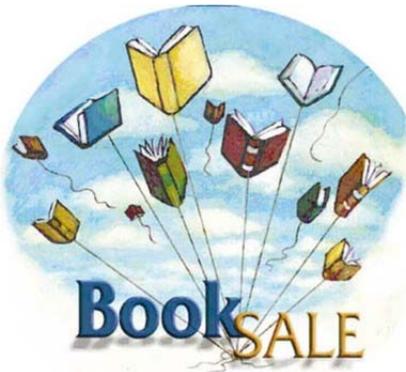
**THURMOND LIBRARY BOOK SALE APRIL 1, 2, 3**

The Thurmond Memorial Library will hold its next sale, **Fools for Books** the weekend of April 1,2,3. Hours will be 8-5. If you would like to volunteer for a two-hour block, please contact: Trudy Cunningham

@ [tcunning@sewanee.edu](mailto:tcunning@sewanee.edu) or call 636-4637

We will also need help setting up Thursday, March 31 from 1-4 and breaking down Sunday from 5-7.

Volunteers should be warned that it is hard not to buy books, even if you have no room on the shelf!



*Trudy Cunningham*



**Don't Forget!**

**The deadline for submissions for the May 2016 issue of Otey Notes is: 3pm Wednesday, April 20**

Email submissions to: [oteparish@gmail.com](mailto:oteparish@gmail.com)

**April**



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| 1-Apr  | Christianna Taylor  | 19-Apr | Gary Sturgis       |
| 2-Apr  | Sam Adamson         | 19-Apr | Carolyn O'Connor   |
| 5-Apr  | Sam Williams        | 19-Apr | Pamela Macfie      |
| 5-Apr  | Lucy Howick         | 19-Apr | Jeff Frazier       |
| 8-Apr  | Brown Patterson     | 22-Apr | Rick Duncan        |
| 8-Apr  | Jack Howick         | 22-Apr | Kim Heitzenrater   |
| 9-Apr  | Regan Schutz        | 22-Apr | Edie Paterson      |
| 10-Apr | Anna Thomas         | 22-Apr | McKee Paterson     |
| 10-Apr | Larson Heitzenrater | 22-Apr | Allison Spaulding  |
| 11-Apr | Drew Sampson        | 24-Apr | Amy Patterson      |
| 12-Apr | Doris Carlisle      | 26-Apr | Slater Goodson     |
| 13-Apr | Alex Neubauer       | 27-Apr | Rachel Suarez      |
| 14-Apr | Sarah Grace Burns   | 28-Apr | John Solomon       |
| 15-Apr | John Bordley        | 28-Apr | E. Lawrence Gibson |
| 16-Apr | Peter Keeble        | 28-Apr | Latham Davis       |
| 17-Apr | Anne Griffin        | 28-Apr | Allison Bruce      |