



Otey Notes



Speaking the Language

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4

Recently on Pentecost we celebrated how the Holy Spirit empowered 120 or so followers of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem to proclaim God's deeds of power to people from many different regions and nations. The good news they had to share was burning within them so strongly that they did whatever it took to make it understandable to people of many different native languages. When you do the math with the numbers provided in Acts, you see around a 2500 per cent increase in the number of followers that day!

Since that day close to 2000 years ago, the church has sought in different ways to make the Good News of God understandable to people of different native languages. At times this has taken the form of reforming liturgy into the vernacular, or translating the Bible into languages where there was no translation (or into more contemporary versions). Nor should "language" be restricted to speech and print. New music is another example, as is the decoupling of the Christian message from the cultures of the colonial powers that spread it to certain parts of the world.

Here at Otey this summer we are working on ways to make God's Good News understandable both on and off our campus. Selection of an appropriate amplification system for St. Mark's Hall is nearing completion, and installation will take place soon. We are also looking at ways to improve St. Mark's acoustics for the spoken word, while still being a beautiful place to sing. I am exploring options to improve audibility in the church for those who have hearing loss, and hope to have at least one system available for evaluation.

On our campus, but with a reach extending beyond, will be our re-casting of Vacation Bible School as V-B-U's, an intergenerational evening program June 27-30. Christian Formation Director Jeannie Babb has more to say elsewhere in this issue about this exciting new initiative to which parishioners and non-parishioners alike are warmly invited

A "language" the church has not been the quickest to adopt is that of the Internet and social media. Otey does have a Facebook page (have you "liked" it?) and audio of each Sunday sermon is posted on our website, yet there is considerably more we can do. To me, venturing more into the cyber realm will never substitute for face-to-face worship, fellowship, and reflection, but it can and should do at least two things. First, it gives the church a meaningful presence in a "place" people are spending a large and increasing amount of their time each week. And second, a robust online ministry is a welcoming "front door" leading into the flesh-and-blood community of caring and service that we are constantly building at Otey--a treasure increasingly rare in our society, and an expression of the love of God in Christ.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson

ADULT FORUM

✓ SPECIAL EVENT

- ✓ June 12, 5:00 pm Family Eucharist followed by BBQ (sponsored by the Vestry and the Stewardship Committee)
- ✓ June 27—30 VB-US, Intergenerational Bible School (see page 2 for details)

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ June 15, 3:00 pm *Otey Notes* submissions due,
- ✓ June 16, 5:30 pm Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Education Room

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the

July 2016 issue of

Otey Notes is:

3pm Wednesday,

June 15

Email submissions to:

oteyparish@gmail.com



Otey VB-Us
June 27-30, 2016
Dinner at 5:15
Program 6-8pm

VB-Us at Otey is an intergenerational learning series taking place across four evenings. Together we'll consider the prophet Micah's call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Come any night you can. We hope you're able to attend all week for the full experience.

Each evening we will serve dinner at 5:15pm. At 6pm, the program will begin and the nursery will receive infants and young children (or they may remain with parents). Participants may select activities by interest rather than age. We will explore how to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God through a variety of mediums including contemplative art, historical lecture and video, stories, songs, creation, even a drum circle. On the final night, we will explore together how we can be more effective, personally and corporately, at answering this call. The series will end with a closing Eucharist at the outdoor altar behind Brooks Hall.

There is no charge for the dinner or the program. You may pre-order a t-shirt with the logo at

Would you like to volunteer one night or more? Please contact Jeannie Babb oteyformation@gmail.com. Your talents and ideas are wanted.

Jeannie Babb

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS, MAY 2016 MEETING

- ◆ Had as a guest Jeannie Babb, new Director of Christian Formation, who discussed her work so far, and the plans for intergenerational Vacation Bible School the evenings of June 27-30.
- ◆ Reviewed the progress of work in Claiborne Hall by parish volunteers to provide additional office space.
- ◆ Received the first report from new Parish Treasurer Kathy Solomon, including arrangements for the annual audit and plans to reconstitute the Finance Committee.

Next Vestry meeting is 5:30 pm June 16 in the Adult Conference Room. All are welcome.

Rob Lamborn

Our first Summer Family Eucharist will be on June 12. The Eucharist will begin at 5:00 pm. Immediately following the service, the Stewardship Committee and Vestry will be having a BBQ. Join us for this special event.



Summer Worship

Our next Summer Family Eucharist will be at 5pm July 10, followed by dinner. Then again on August 14.

Rob Lamborn

CAC RECEIVES CHECK FROM ROTARY

CAC received a check from the Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary for \$2500. The award represented a matching fund from Rotary International for the successful 2015 Hunger Walk.

Another Hunger Walk is scheduled for September 4. This event is to raise awareness of the food insecurity which exists in our community. CAC is grateful for the support from Rotarians here and abroad.

Please mark your calendars for September 4 and watch for details for HUNGER WALK 2016



Congratulations Betty!

CAC NEWS



Summer time in Sewanee is a time of transition. Lots of folks are moving out and many more are moving in. This is a good time to introduce CAC to those who are new to our community.

Community Action Committee (CAC) is an outward and visible sign committed to active outreach ministry in the Sewanee community and beyond. CAC has a deep and longstanding commitment to the work which is continued on a daily basis. We take our responsibility to seek God's grace and offer it to all people seriously. CAC doors are open to all through the ministry that takes place in St. Mark's Hall-Otey Parish. It is our prayer that the work of CAC will be a sacramental act that binds us together as we seek to live out our shared ministries now and into the future.

There are always opportunities and ways to be involved.

For more information check us on FaceBook and on our website : <http://www.cacsewanee.wordpress.com>

Betty Carpenter

CAC'S SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

Meet Larry Sims one of CAC's newest volunteers. A transplant from Vermont, Larry most recently just moved upstairs from acting Director of Sewanee Children's Center.

You can come help Larry on Tuesday mornings.



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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
- Kathy Solomon, Treasurer
- Beth Wiley, Assistant Treasure
- Ann Aitken, Clerk

PRAYER LIST

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED OUR PRAYERS: Kenny Alexander, Sr., Thad Andras, Caroline Myers Baird, Stephen Carter, Linda Cheadle, Nancy Chase, Sally Franklin, Phebe Hethcock, Patrick Irwin, Mike Jones, Bob Keele, Luwin Lewis, Howell Lynch, Mainuddin Ahmed, Flaget and Larry Nally, Henry Schneider, Mary Sears, Liz Workman, Karen, Sam Williamson

CAC'S SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

It is not too late to register for any of the four sessions and some scholarship money is available (see flyer below).

There are also a few "full scholarships" left for "Mini-Maxon" which is for rising 1st through 3rd graders with a parent, which starts next week. Please contact David Ramsey at daid@duboseconferencecenter.org or 931-924-2353 for more info.



Camp Gailor-Maxon
at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN

An Episcopal community of faith where young people worship together as they experience God's love and explore God's creation.

2016 Session Dates

- Pre-camp Mini Maxon (1st-3rd with Parent)
Wednesday, June 1 - Sat, June 4
- Camp I (rising 10th-12th) and GAP year program (Class of 2016)
Sunday, June 5 - Sat, June 11
- Camp II (rising 7th-9th)
Sunday, June 12 - Sat, June 18
- Camp III (rising 4th-6th)
Sunday, June 19 - Sat, June 25

The Episcopal Youth Camp in Tennessee

Registration for all sessions due **May 15, 2016**.
For more information and registration forms visit www.duboseconferencecenter.org/campgailormaxon

June

1-Jun	Lee Stapleton	16-Jun	Martin Knoll
1-Jun	Rich Westling	17-Jun	John McCardell
2-Jun	Beth Charlton	17-Jun	Brynn Harris
3-Jun	Virginia Craighill	18-Aug	Margaret Donohue
3-Jun	Melissa Goodson	18-Jun	Helen Wilson
3-Jun	Evan Jones	9-Jun	Zolon Knoll
4-Jun	Pierce Myers	21-Jun	Nonie Allen
4-Jun	Laticia Harris	21-Jun	Sally Franklin
6-Jun	Thomas Camp	22-Jun	Chip Craighill
7-Jun	John Willis	22-Jun	Paul Cahoon
8-Jun	Diane Fielding	24-Jun	Cecilia Schutz
10-Jun	Kami Spaulding	24-Jun	Alex Thurman
10-Jun	Joan Hurst	26-Jun	Alex Hoole
11-Jun	Elaine Taylor	27-Jun	Steve Ford
12-Jun	Julian Elrod	29-Jun	Irene Hamer
13-Jun	Margot Burns	30-Jun	Joan Carter
14-Jun	Joan Baird	30-Jun	Jerry White
14-Jun	Alec Moseley	30-Jun	Hilina Thomas