



Otey Notes



Lent

In the holy season of Lent we return to the basics—of Christian faith and of who we are as human beings. “Human” itself alludes to the dust or soil (humus) Ash Wednesday reminds us comprises our bodies and is their destination after death. Lent is a time to look our mortality square in the face, and to renew the spiritual practices that connect us with the God who gives us our very existence and draws us close in Jesus Christ.

- ◆ Regularly scheduled Morning Prayer (Mon-Fri at 7:30am) and Evening Prayer (Mon-Thur [and sometimes Fridays] at 4:30pm) are modest in duration, yet spiritually significant experiences for those who take part.
- ◆ The Centering Prayer group, facilitated by Jennifer Michael, continues at 7:00 pm on Mondays, in St. Paul’s on the Mountain Chapel.
- ◆ We will again hold the popular weekday celebration of Eucharist in the church on Thursdays, March 9—April 6 at 12:15pm. These services will feature a different guest preacher each week, and prayers for healing with those who wish to remain afterward.

Lenten Reflections Lenten Series: *Transformed Lives*

During Lent, Otey Memorial Parish will offer a dinner (and lunch) series based on Dr. Cynthia Crysdale's book *Transformed Lives*. Join us Wednesday nights beginning March 8 at 6 pm for a dinner hosted by various parish groups, or Thursdays beginning March 9 at 1pm, bringing your brown bag lunch, following a 12:15 Holy Eucharist.

You can purchase the book through Karen Meridith for \$10.00 or Amazon.

There are three ways to participate in the Lenten reflections:

- ◆ A brown bag lunch and discussion at 1pm Thursdays, March 9-April 6, (immediately after the 12:15pm service) in Brooks dining room.
- ◆ Soup and Reflection at 6pm Wednesdays, March 8-April 5 in St. Mark’s.
- ◆ Reading the book if you are unable to attend one of the sessions.

I look forward to walking with you through these forty days of prayerful discovery.

Rob Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson

ADULT FORUM SUNDAYS AT 10 AM

- ✓ Mar. 5 Rector’s Forum—Stephen Ministry
- ✓ Mar. 12 “Painting as an Act of Creation”—Diane Jones
- ✓ Mar. 19 “Poetry as the Voice of the Soul” - Regan Schutz
- ✓ Mar. 26 “Re-imagining the Sacred in a Secular World” - Amy Lamborn

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Mar. 15 Otey Notes submissions due, 3 pm
- ✓ Mar. 16 Vestry Meeting, 5 pm, Adult Ed.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Mar. 3-5 Youth Trip to Memphis
- ✓ Mar. 9 Cooking Class with Sandy Rice, 9am (reservations to be made through CAC).
- ✓ Mar. 31 Food with Friends Community Lunch, 12 noon; everyone invited

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

- ✓ Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm

March 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5

Soup, Supper and discussion of *Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today*, by School of Theology Professor Cynthia Crysdale—St. Mark’s

THURSDAYS

MARCH 9, 16, 23, 30 AND APRIL 6

12:15 Holy Eucharist

1:00 Brown Bag Lunch and discussion of *Transformed Lives: Making Sense of Atonement Today*, by School of Theology Professor Cynthia Crysdale—Brooks Dining Hall

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COOKING CLASSES

For the past couple of months, CAC, with the help of Sandy Rice, had been sponsoring a cooking class. The first month everyone learned how to make chicken enchiladas. This month they learned to make pies—savory like quiche and sweet like apple. Good times are had by all. The next class TBD.



Betty Carpenter

SEWANEE HEARTS AND GROCERY CARTS

Awesome gift baskets, food and music from a live band made Kappa Omega's fundraiser a huge success. This event raised money for the work of CAC and it is the third year that the sorority has worked to make this original event a fun experience for everyone. Thanks to the women of KO for a job well done!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MEMPHIS, MARCH 3-5

Teens, parents, and volunteers are invited to learn about civil rights and street life in Memphis, TN. Dr. Peter Gathje of Memphis Theological Seminary and the Rev. Joe Porter of Sewanee, will take us on a tour of civil rights sites and offer a program on the Christian response to homelessness. On Sunday morning we will prepare and serve breakfast to neighbors of St. Mary's Cathedral. We will leave at 6 pm Friday and return Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$90 per person, with scholarships available upon request.

Contact oteyformation@gmail.com.

*We are collecting deodorant and packs of men's socks as a gift to the ministry of St. Mary's. Please place these items in the collection box in St. Mark's Hall by March 3.



*Jeannie Babb,
Christian Formation Director
Acting Youth Director*

ECW MEETS MARCH 6; THE REV. DR. AMY LAMBORN, SPEAKER



What happens when we pray? That is the question to be explored by Dr. Amy Lamborn when she speaks at the first spring meeting of the Episcopal Church Women on March 6. The luncheon meeting will take place at noon in St. Mark's Hall of Otey Parish House.

In her talk, entitled "Sighs Too Deep for Words: Prayer and the Unconscious", she asks "What moves in and beneath the words we use to pray, in wordless longing and sighing? Our unconscious lives--that

which we do not know about or do not want to know about ourselves--presses to be included in our relationship with God. Indeed, the Unknown is teeming with life and energy, and is itself a route to God that we cannot ultimately do without. Attending to this Unknown ushers us into what Jesus called Life Abundant."

A native of west Tennessee, Dr. Lamborn received a Master of Divinity degree at the University of the South School of Theology and a PHD in psychiatry and religion at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. She is currently vicar of the Southeast Episcopal Ministry (STEM), a cluster of five Episcopal churches on and around the Cumberland Plateau.

Reservations for the luncheon meeting, catered by Jennifer Janeway (\$10), must be made by 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 3, by calling Connie Gibson at 598-5583 or e-mailing her at lgibson@sewanee.edu. A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time the reservation is made.

All interested persons of the area are invited to join in the inspirational opportunity and fellowship of this and all ECW meetings.

Ruth Ramseur

Contemplation and Care for Creation

If you would enjoy exploring, in company with others, the "ecology" of the interaction of Christian faith and spirituality with environmental consciousness, consider participating in the Center for Religion and Environment's (CRE) one-year non-credit certificate program, "Contemplation and Care for Creation." This highly unusual program, which begins in Sewanee with a retreat May 27-June 3, offers participants an exposure to the theology and the spirituality of creation care as well as its social implications. If you are interested in creation care, contemplation of nature, environmental activism, or Christian education and formation with an environmental focus, this program should be of interest to you. For more information visit www.sewanee.edu/resources/cre/what-we-do, or contact Robin Gottfried at 598-1243 or rgottfri@sewanee.edu.

Robin Gottfried

On March 12



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- Barbara Prunty, '18, Senior Warden**
- Gary Sturgis, '19, CAC**
- Rachel Suarez, '18, Stewardship**
- Ken Taylor, '17, Pastoral Care**
- Kathy Solomon, Treasurer**
- Ann Aitken, Clerk**
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PRAYER LIST

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Kenny Alexander, Sr., Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, Suzanne Bekurs, Kenneth Bentley, Stephen Carter, Linda Cheadle, Nancy Chase, Bill Dick, Doris Ann Edwards, Sally Franklin, Phebe Hethcock, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Mike Jones, Bob Keele, Elinor and Bob Lamborn, Howell Lynch, Flaget and Larry Nally, Doug Seiters, Virginia Sloan, Sam Williamson, Cal Winton, Liz Workman, George, Karen,

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the April 2017 issue of *Otey Notes* is:
3pm Wednesday, March 15.

Email submissions to:
oteyparish@gmail.com



FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION, FEBRUARY 28



Bring on your beads and your fleur de lis for a New Orleans themed celebration in St. Mark's Hall of Claiborne Parish house! Tuesday February 28th at 5pm, you won't want to miss the Fat Tuesday festivities and feast hosted by the Otey Parish Crewe! Everyone and every age is welcome, so invite all your friends and neighbors!

Master Chef Gary Sturgis will return to his throne as Otey's chef extraordinaire. The menu will delight your taste buds with delectables such as Cajun gumbo, vegetarian red beans and rice, and Ginny's famous King Cakes! And what will the kids take – sausage and pancakes with all of the fixings!

Lemonade and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own beverage of choice. Entertainment will include musical debuts by several pillars of the community! Costumes of all kinds are strongly encouraged but not required.

Tickets prices are \$6.00 per adult and \$2 per child (0-5y.o.) with no family paying more than \$20. RSVP per evite or by calling Frieda Hawkins Gipson at 598-5926.

MARCH



1-Mar	Carolyn Wofford	15-Mar	Emily Puckette
1-Mar	Knowles Harper	17-Mar	Zeke Adamson
1-Mar	Ian Prunty	18-Mar	Janet Graham
2-Mar	Dorothy Gates	19-Mar	Bill Hethcock
2-Mar	Esme Hopwood-Meyer	22-Mar	Peggy Bonds
5-Mar	Tom Adamson	23-Mar	Ann Seiters
6-Mar	Tom Howick	26-Mar	John Hamer
7-Mar	Bess Jenkins	27-Mar	Chris Asmussen
7-Mar	Mary Blount	29-Mar	Alex Knoll
7-Mar	Elliott Benson	29-Mar	Ren Elrod
8-Mar	Rachel Alvarez	30-Mar	Frieda Hawkins-Gipson
9-Mar	Morgan Westling	30-Mar	Christian Taylor
13-Mar	Paul Wiley	31-Mar	Anne Boykin
14-Mar	Bran Potter	31-Mar	Doug Seiters
14-Mar	Tom Macfie	31-Mar	Thomas Phelps