



Otey Notes



From the Rector—Continuity and Change

Last month I had my first opportunity to play the Sewanee golf course since moving back. During my seminary days I played there a fair amount, particularly during my second summer in the late afternoons. My first round on what is now called the Course at Sewanee was among my most powerful “Rip van Winkle” experiences since returning here.

It had been about 20 years since I last played the course, yet memories were strong. Each of the holes was familiar, and I even remembered which club I used to hit on particular holes. Yet these memories were not completely useful in playing the course now. For one thing, the course has changed—the 2013 renovation made some holes longer and added a number of sand traps. Now that the fairways have irrigation sprinklers, the ground and grass are softer, meaning that the ball does not run as far. (Thankfully the two spectacular bluff views from the course have not changed!)

But the golf course is not all that has changed. I am now more than two decades older than the last time I played it regularly, and my golf game is different. I don’t hit the same clubs the same distance I used to (I have to admit I hit them shorter now), but I have gained in patience and wisdom.

The goal in golf is to play in as few strokes as possible. The shortest putt counts the same as the longest drive. The worst thing for my score would be to try to play nostalgia golf, hitting the same clubs on each hole that I did in the early 1990s. That would be to ignore both the altered landscape of the course and the changes that have taken place in my game. The best score—the goal of the game—is achieved through a relentless commitment to present reality.

I love the Episcopal Church’s traditions, and have always served in historic churches—most of them downtown. It’s my belief that being rooted in the past is best for flourishing in the present and future. A strong root system keeps a tree solidly connected to the soil from which come water and nutrients. Yet fresh growth from the daily energy of the sun is integral to the overall health of a tree, including its roots. Every living organism experiences change over the course of its life; to be alive is to change.

Otey’s rich history is both a beautiful witness of Christian faith, and an important resource for our Christian life in the here and now. We will continue to build such a history through a relentless commitment to present reality. Otey is blessed with new life as children are born, as seminarians and their families come and go, as people move here for work either at the University or elsewhere, and as retirees and weekenders come to enjoy the Mountain. While we have much to offer newcomers, they also have much to offer God through Otey as together we live into who we are called to become by the living God, both ancient of days and ever new.

Robert Lamborn

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday’s Gospel lesson

ADULT FORUM

- ✓ May 1 “A Post-Secular Faith for the Contemporary World”,
The Rev. Dr. Amy Lamborn
- ✓ May 8 Rector’s Forum-Bishop Otey Society

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ May 15 Pentecost Sunday: Teacher recognition during both services followed by Joint Pentecost Picnic—Otey and St. James, at St. James following second service

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ May 18 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3pm
- ✓ May 19 Vestry Meeting, 5:30pm, Adult Education Room

SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✓ May 5 Ascension Day Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm

OFFICE CLOSINGS

- ✓ May 30—Memorial Day

YOUTH SUNDAY

Otey was blessed to have parish youth take on additional roles in the 11am service on Sunday, April 17—a joy to all in attendance! Thank you Aubrey Black, Jenna Black, Wardie Cammack, Gus Croom, Mac Croom, Harrison Hartman, Sophia Hartman, Caroline Hiers, Alex Thurman, and particularly preacher Sophia Patterson, as well as youth director Neil Patterson, along with the parents who provided refreshments for coffee hour!

Rob Lamborn

Many have asked for a copy of Sophia Patterson's homily from Youth Sunday. Below is the transcript. You can also hear it at:

A few weekends ago, Fire on the Mountain (our youth group) went on a mission trip to Nashville. We volunteered at Second Harvest, Mission 615, and a feeding ministry at a Baptist Church. Over the course of this weekend, it became apparent to me that many of the people who we served had great faith and trust in God. I also became increasingly aware of my privilege and the privilege of my fellow group members. As we passed “tent cities” in parks, I could not even imagine how it must feel to be outside, in the cold with nowhere to go- I didn't even want to be outside for 15 minutes on a cold February evening, let alone for hours. And yet, despite how fortunate I am, I'm never as thankful as I could be. I take what I have for granted- we all do. As a chaperone on the trip pointed out during one of our discussions, I could have been born into a poor family (generational poverty) where a college education was a luxury I could never afford. I have done nothing that makes me deserve the life I have. And the people in poverty we saw on the mission trip have likely done nothing to deserve the lives they have either, whether they were born into them or not.

In today's Psalm, we read about how God cares for his people. He doesn't just provide for us and protect us- he gives us more than we need. The Psalmist says, “My cup is running over” not just that it is full. As a person who indeed has more than she needs, this psalm should be meaningful, but sometimes, I take what I have for granted, and I don't realize how lucky I am. While I can't imagine hearing this psalm as a homeless person, I feel like I wouldn't believe what the Psalm was saying. Yeah, sure God will provide for me-just not right now. However, as the faith of some of the people I encountered on the trip demonstrated, not everyone in poverty has this cynical view towards God. When we were at mission 615, there was a time during the service when members of the congregation could go to the front and pray with members of another volunteer group. Many people did go forward, and it was a huge demonstration of their faith. They trusted the people who they were praying with, but more importantly, they trusted God. When I imagine those people hearing Psalm 23, I imagine their faith. Despite the bad things going on in their lives, these people still trusted God enough to pray to him.

This situation made me wonder something- is it harder or easier to trust God when you are less fortunate? Theoretically, people with plenty should trust God, because they can see what he had done for them and given them. But sometimes we forget that everything we have is a gift from God. It's not just any gift either- it is an opportunity to help others. Like Tabitha in our first reading, we can do something good with this gift. We, with God's help, can act on our faith in concrete ways. [We can only build on the lives we have been given.] I think we can

learn something from Tabitha, a woman who made clothing for widows, the most forgotten and powerless people in her society. I'm sure there were many times when Tabitha would have preferred to do something other than making clothes, but she was committed. In the grand scheme of things, sewing wasn't a huge thing to do, but the story shows us that it was a huge thing in the lives of the widows. The women's obvious grief over Tabitha's death—and the fact that they beg Peter to come to Joppa to help Tabitha--shows how much they valued her work. But the story also shows that God needed Tabitha to care for the widows. God needed her as a servant, because she cared for those no one else did. So he resurrected her.

The work I did on the mission trip did more than teach me about poverty or make me feel good because I helped someone- it helped me to see people as God sees them. God sees the people I encountered as people with stories, families, and interests. Like one man I met at the feeding center who talked about how he loved riding roller coasters with his daughter when she was young. I do those kinds of things with my dad sometimes, so I could understand his joy in telling the story. And the mission trip helped me to see God working through people to help others. For example, at Mission 615, I was amazed by the number of volunteers- not only volunteers from out of town, but also people who came every Saturday to greet, cook, set up the clothes closet, and help clean up the rented facility. While working in the clothes closet, I was able to see the importance of a new shirt or pair of pants to people- an importance I never experience, despite my occasional feeling that I have “nothing to wear”. At mission 615, I didn't have to do much to help out- I just had to regulate the flow of people into the clothes closet. At the feeding ministry, I just had to sit with people and talk, even when the conversation was centered around sports-not my area of expertise. At second harvest, all I had to do was carry full boxes of food to the appropriate tables- something I actually enjoyed. Doing God's work doesn't have to be hard, and we don't have to be changing the world to be God's servants. In the process, though, we may find God in these simple tasks.

I think often the hugeness of problems like the poverty and homelessness I saw can be overwhelming. I think sometimes we Christians don't do anything for fear of not doing enough. How can I, or my family, or this church, possibly help when 15.8% of Americans are food insecure? How do we help the 15 million children in America that are facing hunger? I wonder if Tabitha ever felt overwhelmed. I wonder if she ever thought that making clothes was never really going to fix the big problems that the women faced. I'm imagine she did. Anyone who's tried to do God's work can feel this way. But we do what we can, and we don't underestimate the power of small things. And when it just seems too hard, we can remember that, like in psalm 23, the Lord is our shepherd. He guides us, even when it seems hopeless. We don't need to fear evil, or these seemingly unconquerable problems, because with God they are conquerable.

At first, I referred to the psalm and its meaning to people in poverty, but it should mean something to those of us who are fortunate, and those of us who are trying to live like Jesus and Tabitha. God gives us the strength and courage to continue, even when things seem impossible and hopeless. And after a long day, God refreshes us and gives us the strength to try again.

Sophia Patterson

VESTRY NOTES, MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2016

- Elected Kathy Solomon as Treasurer (having reluctantly accepted the resignation of Beth Wiley, who was then elected Assistant Treasurer to assist with the transition)
- Agreed to the combining of two closets into an office so that there will be enough space to accommodate all staff members who need to be in Claiborne Hall in that building.
- Will begin meeting for conversation and brown bag lunch on the first Thursday of the month in addition to the regular business meeting the evening of the third Thursday of the month.

Rob Lamborn



Sunday, May 15 is Pentecost. Remember to wear red to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit with tongues like fire.

Also save the Following the second service, we will head to St. James Episcopal Church in Midway for cookout with mountain music, sports, and games!

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY GROUP

The Women's Spirituality Group will have its final reading, May 1, 3:30 - 5:00 in Thurmond Library. The book chosen to read is by Frederick Buechner, *The Hungering Dark*. Please call Carol Sampson if you have any questions (598-9576) and know that all women are welcomed.

Carol Sampson

FREE CPR, AED USE CLASS, MAY 23



Would you be prepared to assist a loved one, or even a stranger, in case of a heart attack? What about if your child stopped breathing after swallowing a small object? Come to Otey at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 23 for free video-based training on CPR, AED use, and treatment for choking victims. Bruce Baird will offer a program that is open to all and will last approximately 2 hours with manikins and Automated External Defibrillators available for practice. The class is not a certification class, no completion cards will be issued and it will not satisfy CPR requirements for employment. Statistics show that the more we all know about being a first responder (until professional medical help arrives) the more lives will be saved. The basics will be demonstrated and practiced.

Contact Bruce at 230cbbaird@gmail.com with questions or comments.

Bruce Baird

ECW LUNCHEON MAY 2, NOON



“Meditating on the women whom we have invited to lunch” is the program to be lead by co-presidents Susan Holmes and Marcia Mary Cook, at the May 2 meeting of the Episcopal Church Women . The luncheon-meeting will take place at noon in St. Marks Hall of Otey Claiborne Parish House.

The past two years, ECW programs have focused on interesting and influential women of the Bible. The program on May 2 will recall these remarkable women and attempt to help today's women understand how they, although quite varied in their talents and circumstances, have had a great impact on Christianity in the modern world.

Reservations for the \$10 catered lunch should be made by 6:00 p.m. Friday, April 29, by calling Claudia Porter at 598-9546 or e-mailing her at porter45@bellsouth.net.

A vegetarian meal will be provided if requested at the time the reservation is made.

All interested women of the area are invited to have lunch and revisit with these remarkable women on May 2.

Ruth Ramseur



Otey and CAC offices will be closed Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day. We will reopen at 9am, Tuesday May 31.

Otey Happenings in Pictures

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ABRAHAM

6th Annual Youth Peace Summit

The Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project is an interfaith movement and ministry based in Sewanee that is bringing together Christian, Muslim and Jewish youth to share their faiths, understand different faith traditions and increase awareness of the shared values of all of God's children. In the current climate where fear often overrides understanding, the Sons and Daughters of Abraham Project is educating leaders and youth by changing perceptions, raising levels of empathy, and expanding knowledge and understanding among those who share the Abrahamic faiths. We are planting seeds of understanding in an environment that is safe and affirming. When youth play, pray, and eat together the world can change. Recently in St. Mark's Hall a Youth Peace Summit took place. Youth from Nashville, Murfreesboro, Sewanee and Gadsden, Alabama came together, as they have for the past six years, to gain a deeper understanding of how much our faiths guide and influence our lives. Ultimately our vision for SADA is to be a channel of peace that will counteract intolerance in our communities and across the country.

Betty Carpenter



Otey Happenings in Pictures, continued



Many thanks to the Parish Life Committee, musicians Noel Workman, Bob Burns, and Rob Lamborn, the parish youth who helped with serving, and all who helped with setup and cleanup at this joyous event on April 24. It was a delicious meal with great fun and fellowship . . . even if it was 2 ½ months late!

“FAT BRUNCHDAY”



NEW DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION



In the last issue of *Otey Notes*, I wrote about how pledging rose to a level that made it responsible to fill the vacant position of Director of Christian Formation. Otey has now been blessed to welcome Jeannie Babb into this quarter-time position. Jeannie brings strong experience to this work as volunteer teacher, organizer

of formation events, and member of the Christian Formation Committee. She holds the degrees Master of Arts and the Master of Sacred Theology from the School of Theology, and currently serves as Registrar for the Godly Play Foundation. Beyond these formal qualifications, Jeannie has excellent rapport with children along with outstanding communication and organizational skills. She has hit the ground running and is already making a positive difference. Of course parish staff exist not to replace the work of Christian volunteers but to empower it. The best way to support Jeannie and the ministry of Christian Formation at Otey is prayerfully to consider giving of your time when opportunities present themselves.

Rob Lamborn

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Happy Birthday to the God's Church

When our school-year programs finish in the red of Pentecost Sunday, we are not left owing. Rather, we celebrate our Church birthday by thanking God for our gifts, or charisms. Here are a few gifts, and gifted parishioners, for which we are thankful:

Godly Play explored the problem of the deep well, where the expected thought of reaching the water with rope and bucket, was expanded by the child who decided one could use the rope to climb into the well and drink directly. The philosophy of Godly Play recognizes the innate connection between child and the child's Creator, honoring each student and teacher as both gift and giver. Regular Godly play teachers this year are Anna Thomas, Sara Nally, Regan Schutz, Jeannie Babb, Rebecca Van De Van, Jim Goodman, Barbara Prunty, and Teresa Phares.

Fire on the Mountain has also been working to strengthen the gift of intergenerational connections. A large-scale study by the Barna group shows that a teen's relationships with adult parishioners are the number one factor determining whether they remain committed to the church. Youth director Neil Patterson sought to increase the investment of adult parishioners in Otey young people by inviting a team of adults to rotate teaching. Larry Barker, Marilyn Phelps, Amy Patterson, and Kathy Solomon participated. Other adults chaperoned mission trips, including Lesley Thomas, Kevin Hiers, Becky Spurlock, Shelley Cammack, Lisa Hartman, and Phoebe Kajubi. Neil says Peter Trenchi has served faithfully as a volunteer at nearly every Fire on the Mountain event.

The Adult Forum challenged us with weekly lessons on

diverse topics spanning several disciplines, but always circling back to the relevance of our own faith. This lecture series, organized by Brown Patterson, Jennifer Michael and Virginia Craighill, drew speakers from both clerical and academic connections, and fostered rich parish dialogue. Every the third Sunday, the Rector's Forum offers a platform to assimilate this new knowledge into our shared relationships, to grow in our connection with our rector, and better understand our mission.

In contrast to the Adult Forum topics and speakers, the Lectionary Class has served as a perennial constant no matter the occasion or season. A small group organized by Pete Trenchi gathers in a circle for coffee and conversation centered around the Gospel lesson appointed for the day. People bring their own thoughts, study, and experience for examination in light of the text, and honor the gift of shared connection week to week.

In addition to all these offerings, Carol Sampson and Shelley Cammack launched a new Women's Spirituality Group. After hearing Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber speak in Chattanooga and encountering Bolz-Weber's book *Patrix; The Cranky Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint*, they were inspired to organize the group to deepen friendships and faith by reading inspiring spiritual reflections together. The group meets in Thurmond Library from 3:30-5:00 on Sundays, with May 1 as the final meeting before summer break.

Summer Gifts

What better way to kick off an outside-the-walls summer experience than to launch the season with a Pentecost celebration. In both May 15 services, we will honor the teachers and organizers who have provided us with these rich formation experiences. Following the second service, we will head to St. James Episcopal Church in Midway for cookout with mountain music, sports, and games!

During the summer months, the nursery will continue to provide care for children up to 3 years of age during Sunday services. Sheila Layne, Ginger Poe, Trinity Sweeton and Stephanie Faxon are ready to welcome the smallest Otey parishioners for playtime in the nursery while parents worship and fellowship. Feel free to enjoy some time on the playground with your older children between services, or join the Lectionary Class while your tot takes a little break. After all, training parents is hard work!

Vacation Bible School is going to be very different this year! To join the planning effort, please email Jeannie Babb at oteyformation@gmail.com.

Jeannie Babb



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APRIL 10, 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

LETTER TO THE CHURCH ON RECONCILIATION

The leaders of the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops and House of Deputies issued the following letter to both houses and all Episcopalians regarding the church's commitment to racial justice and reconciliation on March 12.

At General Convention this summer, our church made the strongest commitment in a generation to racial justice and reconciliation. As the leaders of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, we were tasked by Resolution C019 to lead in this holy work, and thus to enable every diocese, ministry, and baptized person in our church to live and bear witness to the teaching of Jesus to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40), by respecting the dignity of every human being, and working to transform the unjust structures of society.

To honor that call, we gathered on February 3 and 4 in Austin, Texas, to share our own gifts and stories, to learn some of the church's historic and current activities, and to begin to discern a way forward. Rather than proceed with quick fixes or instant program, we adopted two essential practices: deep listening to stories and patient commitment to mutual transformation over the long haul.

Today, we write to welcome sisters and brothers in both Houses and ultimately all Episcopalians to join us in this ministry. The pain of racial injustice and division has wracked our church and the many communities where we both proclaim and embody the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our collective prayer and action can begin to heal what is broken and nurture the Beloved Community that is God's dream for all.

At this stage, we look forward to convening one or more church-wide gatherings where many voices can share about racial justice and reconciliation, including the myriad racial, ethnic and cultural realities that play out across Latin America, Europe, Asia and deep into indigenous communities on this continent. We have also asked the Presiding Bishop's staff to research options for the following:

- A gathering for listening with Anglican partners in the Global South, with particular attention to colonial and neocolonial patterns of relationship
- Vehicles for sharing stories, developing relationships, and listening to the Other
- Age-appropriate formation and education opportunities for dismantling racism
- A summary of the church's current ministries and gifts for racial justice and reconciliation
- A census or audit to gain a clearer understanding of the church's demographic make-up and its historic and current participation in systems of racial injustice

Please join us in spending the remainder of this holy season of Lent in prayer, asking God to prepare our hearts to share and to receive the stories and truths that challenge each of us most. Join us in looking to transformation well beyond a single triennium or even the nine years of a primate's term, beyond the United States alone, beyond new statements and policies. We share the longing of our Lord Jesus Christ for metanoia — to turn, to be reborn as a Church engaged in behaviors, commitments and relationships that reflect the love of the One who called us to be one.

In the deep love of Christ,

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings
House of Bishops Vice President Mary Gray-Reeves
House of Deputies Vice President Byron Rushing
House of Bishops Vice President Dean Wolfe
House of Deputies Secretary Michael Barlowe

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CAC BOARD REPORT

MARCH 2016

One of the foundations of Community Action Committee is trust. We trust that donors will be generous and that grants will see fit to fund us for another year. We trust that the volunteer pool will run deep and monthly requests for specific items will show up in plenteous supply on Pantry Sundays. Those who seek our help trust that we will be available to meet their needs with the availability of nutritious food and adequate funding to provide assistance with utility, housing, medical, dental and housing needs.... mutual trust on both ends. It is my prayer that sometime somewhere those who give and those who receive will find themselves in a place where their lives intersect and their mutual trust can be celebrated.

Core Functions

- Families Served-32
- Individuals Who Came To CAC-133
- Grocery Bags Distributed-68
- Medical/Dental-1
- Utility Assistance-18
- Home Visits-1

Betty Carpenter

SUMMER FAMILY EUCHARIST

These relaxed celebrations will return for another summer at 5:00pm on the second Sunday of the month (June 12, July 10, and August 14). Mark your calendars now for these occasions of informal worship, each of which will be followed by a meal (details forthcoming).



Summer Worship Picnics

Rob Lamborn

In one of the recent Bishop's Blast emails from the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee, there was an explanation of Holy Oils. So what are they?

"There are three types of oils used in liturgy and pastoral ministries in the Episcopal Church. Dating back to at least the second century AD, Chrism (olive oil mixed with fragrant balsam) is used in anointing the foreheads of the newly baptized while the Oil of Catechumens (pure olive oil) is used for adult baptisms. Oil for the Sick (pure olive oil), is used in the rite of anointing the sick, or the laying on of hands "by which God's grace is given for the healing of spirit, mind and body", according to the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer (p.861)."

On another topic, recently the leaders of the Episcopal Church's House of Bishops and House of Deputies issued a letter to both houses and all Episcopalians regarding the church's commitment to racial justice and reconciliation on March 12. What did it say?

Resolved, the House of Bishops concurring, that the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church confesses that, despite repeated efforts at anti-racism training as well as racial justice and racial reconciliation initiatives including the passage of more than 30 General Convention resolutions dating back to 1952, the abomination and sin of racism continue to plague our society and our Church at great cost to human life and human dignity; we formally acknowledge our historic and contemporary participation in this evil and repent of it; and be it further

Resolved, That in the wake of the brutal, overtly racist murders of nine of our Christian brothers and sisters of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church on June 17, 2015; numerous inexcusable deaths of unarmed black men and youth at the hands of law enforcement personnel; and the moral atrocity of mass incarceration in which a hugely disproportionate number of persons of color have been unfairly caught in the net of an unjust criminal justice system, the 78th General Convention affirms as a top priority of The Episcopal Church in the upcoming triennium the challenging and difficult work of racial reconciliation through prayer, teaching, engagement, and action; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church understands and affirms that the call to pray and act for racial reconciliation is integral to our witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ and to our living into the demands of our Baptismal Covenant; and be it further

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop, President of the House of Deputies, Vice President of the House of Bishops, and Vice President of the House of Deputies be charged to lead, direct, and be present to assure and account for the Church's work of racial justice and reconciliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention request that the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$1.2 million for the Triennium for the implementation of this resolution.

Dorothy Gates

.HALLELUJAH WE SING, TO OUR FATHER AND KING

One of my favorite Easter hymns is hymn 213, Middlebury. The text was written by Charles Wesley, frequently called the “Bard of Methodism”, although he was a life long Anglican. If you look at the quantity and quality of the hymns he wrote, he might be the most prolific hymn writer in history. He is said to have written 5000 hymns. He was the 18th child of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, born in the Epworth rectory on December 18, 1707. His father was a clergyman. Charles was educated at Westminster and later completed an M. A. from Christ Church, Oxford in 1735. Also in 1735 he took holy orders and then joined his brother, John, as a missionary in Georgia. He was secretary to General Oglethorpe until he returned to England in 1736.

Charles Wesley wrote thirty poetic works, in addition to the 5000 hymns. The Methodist hymnal contains 770 hymns and 623 of them were written by Charles Wesley. His only collaboration was done with his brother, John. He married Sarah Gwynne in 1749 and was happily married until his death in 1788. He had a large family. His wife, three sons and a daughter outlived him. Since he died at age 81, his brother cared for his family. Charles was an itinerant preacher until 1756. His wife accompanied him on most of these trips and they were a very close couple. He then ministered to the prisoners in Newgate. A devout Anglican, he and his brother, John, disagreed on many of the principles John considered important. Those differences inspired the start of the Methodist Church. Charles’ feelings on everything important to him were expressed in a hymn. He exercised his divine gift until his death.

The beauty of his poetry and use of language were unmatched in his time. Each hymn seemed good in every respect. Charles died in London, March 29, 1788 and is buried in Marylebone, his parish church. It is speculated that Wesley actually wrote some 6500 hymns, but only 5000 can be authenticated. John Julian in 1907 compiled and published an annotated book, the Dictionary of Hymnology in 1907 which included 1000 of John and Charles Wesley’s hymns.

Hymn 213, Come Away to The Skies, is rich in symbolism. The original text had eight verses. The Episcopal Hymnal uses verses, 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7. It was written on the anniversary of the birth of Charles Wesley’s wife. It was first published in his HYMNS FOR FAMILIES in 1767. It was first included in the Methodist Hymn Book in 1780 and has been included in every volumes since. The text was popularized to three different tunes, but Middlebury has been the one retained.

The Southern Harmony is a shaped note hymnal compiled by William Walker and first published in 1835. The Sacred Harp is the best known shaped note hymnal in the United States. It remained popular among Southern Baptist circles long after it fell from use in other regions. In 1801, THE EASY INSTRUCTOR by Walker and Smith, was used to teach solfege singing. Each shape denotes a syllable. The triangle is “fa”, the circle is “sol”, the square it “la”, and the rhombus is “mi”.

Each shape was assigned two notes of the musical scale. The book was originally printed in Philadelphia. The volume used today is a facsimile of the 1854 edition. Seventy-five percent of the selections are in three part harmony. William Walker died in 1887.

Groups still enjoy meeting and singing with the Sacred Harp books. It offers a challenge and a particular harmony. Sewanee has a group that meets in St. Mark’s Hall from time to time. The harmony used in our hymnal was done by Jack W. Burnam in 1946.

I encourage you to read hymn texts as meditation. They are rich in meaning. The Wesley hymns are particularly enjoyable. We have been focusing on poetry from great Christians this winter and spring in the Adult Education Class. Poetry can take us deeper into the meaning of a text. I challenge you to enjoy reading some of these timeless texts.

Kathleen Sturgis

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Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the June 2016 issue of Otey Notes is: 3pm Wednesday, May 18

Email submissions to: oteyparish@gmail.com

OUR 2016 CONFIRMANDS



Congratulations to [in order L to R] Wardie Cammack, Zolon Knoll, Tim Nelson, and Aubrey Black (pictured with the Rev. Rob Lamborn and the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt) following the Confirmation service on Sunday, April 10.

May



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| 2-May | Betty Carpenter | 18-May | Bill Mauzy |
| 3-May | Donald Rung (Don) | 19-May | Paul Lambert |
| 4-May | Reinhard Zachau | 19-May | Randy Peterson |
| 6-May | William Gilchrist | 21-May | Linda Lankewicz |
| 8-May | Theresa Shackelford | 23-May | Martha Keeble |
| 8-May | Pixie Dozier | 24-May | Bill Harper |
| 8-May | Millie Roberts | 26-May | Richard O'Connor |
| 9-May | Kelly Kietzke | 26-May | Peggy Lines |
| 9-May | Robert Maynard | 28-May | April Alvarez |
| 10-May | Lee Howick | 28-May | Connie Gibson |
| 10-May | Phoebe Osborne | 28-May | Carly Westling |
| 11-May | Carolyn Bruce | 28-May | Aaron Willis |
| 12-May | Mary Smalley | 29-May | Lizzie Duncan |
| 14-May | Steven Blount | 30-May | Julie Elrod |
| 15-May | Hunter Craighill | 31-May | Christine Asmussen |
| 6-May | Stephanie Hiers | 31-May | Ed Hawkins |
| 16-May | Bob Keele | 31-May | Jessica Grammer |
| 16-May | Lisa Rung | | |