



# Otey Notes



## *From the Rector*

*“We are electing a leader to the free world.  
We’re not electing a Sunday school teacher.”*

These are words of former Trump campaign manager Corey Lewandowski defending the candidate last month when a 2005 recording surfaced of his now-infamous words from Access Hollywood. Others have similarly remarked that we are not electing a pastor or that we are not electing a pope. In my role as a parish priest I have refrained from endorsing political candidates and expect to continue to do so. Thus I am writing not about this presidential election but about the contrast drawn between behavioral expectations of a presidential candidate and those of Sunday school teachers and clergy.

First, Christianity does not have one set of ethical norms for clergy and church volunteers and another for everybody else. (An exception would be the requirement of priestly celibacy in the Roman Catholic Church.) Clergy are called to be examples to the flock—examples of Christian ethics, not of some special set of clergy ethics. Christian ethics, when fully lived out, are demanding enough!

Second, the Episcopal Church takes seriously its responsibility to prevent sexual misconduct on the part of clergy, church employees, and volunteers like Sunday school teachers. For over 20 years we have required training for people who fill these roles warning against sexual exploitation and abuse. We have established rules, such as making sure that an adult church worker is not alone with a minor, in order to remove even the opportunity for such abuse. Background checks are standard.

Third, despite the training and rules, a few clergy and laity have committed sexual misconduct. Since at least the early 1990s the practice in our denomination has been to report to civil authorities and to cooperate fully with any investigation. We continue to revise our training and procedures for the greatest effectiveness based on what has been learned. The Episcopal Church also has a disciplinary system that can suspend or remove clergy from their positions and from their ordained status for such offenses.

Fourth, even when criminal or civil statutes of limitations have passed, our denomination continues to investigate allegations of misconduct and take action if they are substantiated. Just this fall a retired priest was deposed (removed from ordained ministry) by his bishop after evidence emerged of sexual abuse decades ago. Victims from long ago have reported being heartened by this measure of justice, even though delayed.

Fifth, and most importantly, we extend to the victims of sexual misconduct full pastoral care and other help the church may provide. Respect and healing are our goals in how we treat anyone who has been harmed, even as we continue our efforts for education and prevention.

*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**

- ✓ Nov. 7 “Rector’s Forum”— Rector
- ✓ Nov. 13 “Whose Children Are These? Immigration at Home and Abroad” Abby Colbert
- ✓ Nov. 20 No Adult Forum, one 9:30 am Godly Play—Annual Meeting
- ✓ Nov. 27 No Adult Forum— Advent Wreaths

### **FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN**

- ✓ Nov. 13 Cookie Assembly—time TBD
- ✓ Nov. 27 Regular Meeting—4:30 pm Brooks

### **OFFICE CLOSURES**

- ✓ Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- ✓ Nov. 24, 25 Thanksgiving Holidays

### **MONTHLY EVENTS**

- ✓ Nov. 16 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3 pm
- ✓ Nov. 17 Vestry Meeting, 5 pm, Adult Ed.

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ✓ Nov 18 CAC Thanksgiving Luncheon, noon
- ✓ Nov 20 Annual Parish Meeting, 9:30 am

**ONLY 11 AM SERVICE ON THIS SUNDAY**

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

- ✓ Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Eucharist—10 am

**PILGRIMAGE TO PLAINS**

Seventeen souls joined our spiritual journey to and from Plains, Georgia. A crew of twelve carpooled from Otey Parish at 5 am on October 8: Sam Adamson, Jeannie Babb, Jo Ann and Larry Barker, Sally Hubbard, J.T. Jenkins, Luwin Lewis, Philip Luckey, Carolyn O'Connor, Cindy Potter, Pete Trenchi and Sharon Zachau. We would be joined later in Americus by five more pilgrims who had traveled some other way: Roger and Sandra Babb, Joe Porter, and Carol and Drew Sampson.

Carolyn says, "As I committed to the trip I had no idea what to expect. After all, I had never been on a pilgrimage. The concept was very foreign to me. I suppose I was anxious to remove myself from the bombardment of current political coverage, escape into a world of prayer and receive a message of love and hope. What I found was indeed all I had imagined."

We made the first stop at St. Michael & All Angels in Anniston, Alabama, just in time for breakfast and Morning Prayer. We were greeted warmly in the parking lot by a group of parishioners who had been awake as long as we had to serve us a gourmet meal on white tablecloths. We enjoyed a tour of the artfully crafted buildings and grounds of St. Michael & All Angels, built in 1888 by Bavarian boat wrights. We filed into the old oak pews for an introspective Morning Prayer, led by the Rev. Chris Hartley (2014 graduate of the School of Theology). We prayed for the survivors of Hurricane Matthew, and for Robin Reed and Dave Spaulding whose drive up from their homes in Florida were both impeded by the storm.

Our second waypoint was Calvary Episcopal in Americus, Georgia. Calvary Episcopal is even older than St. Michael & All Angels, dating to 1864. The building, designed by Arthur Cram, stands in contrast to the Cram design we all know, All Saints' Chapel in Sewanee. With white walls and pale green glass, it differs from the church on our first stop, which included two windows made by Tiffany. The Rev. Jeff Wallace told us Cram felt that churches should never have cheap art. With no funding for many expensive stained glass windows, he recommended leaded glass. The plain yet elegant architecture draws attention to the carved reredos. At Calvary Episcopal, we gathered in the choir loft for a beautiful healing Eucharist with anointing oil. In lieu of a formal sermon, Father Jeff casually talked about his insights into Sunday's Gospel, seeking responses from the pilgrims.

Pete says being welcomed along the journey in this way enriched the trip, helping him to enter more fully into the experience.

After splitting up to tour Plains or take a nap in the rocking chairs on the wide Windsor Hotel balcony, all seventeen pilgrims came together for dinner at the Windsor. It was Jo Ann's birthday, so we surprised her with a cake, cards, and a cross from a local gift shop. The Rev. Joe Porter led us in Compline there in the formal dining room.

Sunday we were up early, most of our cars leaving the hotel for Plains before 6 am. At Maranatha Baptist Church, a man waved us into a parking space with his flashlight and gave each car a number. We shared a tailgate breakfast of grapes, granola bars, honey buns, and bottled water. By 7:30 the parking lot was full and we had made new friends among hundreds of other early pilgrims as we waited for the chance to see and hear the 39th President of the United States teach Sunday school. After moving single file through security, we squeezed into the church pews with 300 people from across the country and around the world. About 25 were members of the home church.

Carolyn says, "Standing in that line early Sunday morning gave me an opportunity to connect with strangers of the same heart and mind. We all seemed needy of being in the presence of someone truly honorable; truly trustworthy; a model in times past, in the present and certainly for the future."

President Carter, who recently turned 92, impressed us with his ability to speak off the cuff about any topic. "You're from Colombia?" he said to one attendee. "I'm very concerned about Colombia. Does anyone know what just happened there?"

"A bad vote," Joe Porter's voice boomed.

Carter agreed and proceeded to discuss the politics of Colombia and his friendship with Santos, just briefly, before turning to the topic of the day: Stewardship.

"This experience with President Carter was a confirmation that justice, peace, and love of our neighbor is worth our greatest efforts," Luwin says. "He also gave us the best message on stewardship. That is that we must consider giving all. Not a tithe, not part...but all that God has planted in our lives."

Carolyn continues, "The message for which I was searching was right there in Maranatha Baptist Church; the message President Carter was preaching and the message my fellow attendees were reflecting. We all want to strive to do our best for humanity. We always fall short but we're on the pilgrimage together--what an honorable journey!"

Carol says, "President Carter's stories were always concerned with the humanity achievements of others. He spoke about a medical scientist he knew personally, who went to Nairobi to give vaccines to the villagers for eradicating small pox. He spoke about meeting with Bill Gates and his wife in Plains just the day before, to talk about the money distribution for their charitable foundations. Most of all he showed humility, especially in admitting he did not have an answer for not always doing his best. But he emphasized that's what we are asked to give to God and others, our best gifts."



**PILGRIMAGE TO PLAINS , OCTOBER 8-9**



After Sunday school and the church service, we lined up to have our pictures made with Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter. Roger was delighted when he saw Rosalyn afterward in the hall, and she spoke with him and shook his hand. We had dinner at the Plains Cafeteria – fried chicken, ham, dressing collard greens, squash casserole, corn bread, sweet tea and cake or banana pudding for under \$7 per person.

The pilgrims had different timeframes for the return trip, so we were down to one carload when we made our final stop at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Christen Erskine, a Godly Play Foundation colleague, greeted the group and restored for the journey with chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches. St. Bart’s, a modern church with spare decoration that offers space to the local Jewish community, provided contrast to the two 19th century buildings where we had worshiped during the weekend.

Sharon says, “I enjoyed the entire pilgrimage and the variety of opportunities it offered us to worship, from Morning Prayer, to a healing Eucharist, to Compline, to the Sunday school class, and the Baptist church Sunday worship service. The trip opened my eyes to the wide variety of ways of celebrating God and all his people and issuing invitations for interventions in our lives. I especially learned from attending a Baptist worship service, something I had not done before and something that was very different from what I would have predicted it to be.”

Pete says his favorite part was the joy of his fellow pilgrims. The most important aspect was the shared experience.

“Now the concept of a pilgrimage is less foreign to me,” Sharon says. “I may have to sign up for another!”

Luwin adds, “Please consider this type of communion among us all again.”



*Jeannie Babb*

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**



**The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, November 20, at 9:30am, followed by a combined service at 11:00am.** The nominating committee consists of offgoing Vestry members Larry Barker and Laura Willis, and former Warden Doug Seiters, and welcomes your nominations for the three 3-year terms to be filled for the Vestry by election at the meeting. Vestry candidates must be confirmed members of the Episcopal Church at least 18 years old who are pledging members

in good standing of Otey Parish, and who understand the duties and responsibilities of vestry members and are willing to serve. If you would like to make a nomination, please make sure the person is willing, then contact a member of the nominating committee by November 6. All committees need to have their annual report to Frieda by 3:00 pm, November 13.

**On this Sunday there will be one Godly Play class from 9:30 to 11 am.**

*Rob Lamborn*



**VIELEN DANK!**

Many thanks to the Parish Life Committee for another wonderful Oktoberfest celebration. The food and drink were great, the music spirited, and the dancing joyous. Thanks to all who joined in this marking of the change of season.



***Otey Offices will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veterans’ Day, and Thursday-Friday, November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving Holidays.***

Otey in Pictures

Oktoberfest



Beautifully decorated pumpkins



Not everyone was having a good time!



Everyone loves the chicken dance.



More Oktoberfest



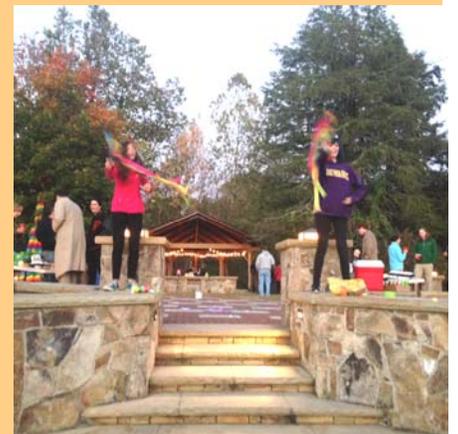
Chicken and Chillin"



"Fund raiser sponsored by Kappa Omega had not only great fried chicken but also bouncy house fun



Orlando Memorial



**SEWANEE CHILDREN'S CENTER**

This month all of the school was getting ready for our first Art & Crafts Fair fundraising event. The Center's children, ages two to five, had the opportunity to work with their hands, express themselves through color and design, and apply math skills by making art.

I am sure you realize that it was quieter for a few days! We had the chance to attend the annual Conference of the Tennessee Association for the Education of Young Children. It's a real opportunity to continue to educate ourselves in order to serve better the needs of our children.

Some of the workshops were Reggio inspired, and it felt really good when you can say at the end of a session, "That's what we do!" As director, teacher, and parent, I am proud to say that SCC is doing right!



**Clergy Appreciation Month**

We also want to use the opportunity of the Clergy Appreciation Month to thank Father Lamborn for his kindness and generosity.

**For all OTEY Parish members:**

Some people have kindness in their minds, others have kindness in their hearts. Some people think about being kind, others talk about being kind. But very few people like you actually do kind deeds. Thank you, the impact of your kindness in SCC's life is nothing short of godliness.

*Sandy Glacet, Director*

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN MEET ON NOV. 7**

Marcia Mary Cook will present an audience-included devotional on saints of the Christian Faith at the Nov. 7 meeting of ECW. The luncheon meeting will take place at noon in St. Marks Hall of Otey Parish House.

Reservations for the \$10 luncheon, catered by Jennifer Janeway, must be made by 6:00 p.m.. Friday, Nov. 4. Please call Connie Gibson at 598-5583 or e-mail her at lgibson@sewanee.edu.



All interested women of the area are invited to join in the fellowship and opportunity for spiritual inspiration of ECW meetings. Let's mark together this beautiful season of anticipation!

*Ruth Ramseur*



**COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE**

Medication or house payment? What would you do? You need to work to pay the note but you have 3 ruptured discs, therefore you need the meds to block the pain so you can work. This month there is not enough money for both. Those who live in poverty face this situation on a daily basis and this is just one story out of many that pass across my desk. CAC provides a safety net for this community with a 43 year history of outreach. The names and faces change but unfortunately poverty does not. Please continue to pray for the ministry of CAC, and in the season of Thanksgiving thank you all for the gifts of food, time and treasure given so that our work.....yours and mine, will continue.



*Betty Carpenter*

**CAC THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Mcclurg's Chef Rick Wright each year has generously provided a Thanksgiving Feast for our CAC friends and families. We would like to invite the whole Sewanee Community to come and share with us. We also continue the tradition of distributing 25 pound turkeys from Kroger after the meal. We want to make sure everyone who is in need will have a good and plenteous holiday. This year we will celebrate at noon on November 18 in St. Mark's Hall.

**ADVENT WREATHS**

Sunday, November 27, the parish will gather in St. Mark's Hall during the Sunday school hour to make Advent wreaths. Taylor's Mercantile will provide fresh greenery. The wreath form, clips, and candles will be on sale at a nominal cost if you do not have your own. Bring the whole family or a group of friends, and enjoy hot cider and refreshments while you work. We will have Advent calendars to take



*Jeannie Babb*

**WHY CHANT THE PSALMS**

Many people wonder why we not only say the psalms, but sing them as well. I could say that when our hearts soar beyond our ability to speak, we turn to song. So, it only makes sense that King David, the psalmist extraordinary, not only wrote psalms, but sung them. The psalms are songs of praise, lament, rejoicing or despair. They definitely show our human side.

We are blessed to have some remarkable psalmists from the seminary this year. I hope they will inspire some others to try it. If you notice, they chant the verses mostly on a single pitch with a different ending for the end of the phrase. They don't rush and they sing through the words as they sing. When we join the cantor with the antiphon, it is like a reinforcement of the text just chanted. Sometimes chants are sung by the entire congregation, as with most canticles. Another great way to sing a psalm is to alternate group singing by verse. One side is called decanti (mostly higher voices) and the other side is called the cantoris (mostly lower voices). But you can just have left and right sides alternate as well.

The first recorded cantor was Miriam (Exodus 15: 19 - 21), followed by King David. Cantors were appointed by David (1 Chronicles 15: 15 - 17) from the Alleluia to sing in the Temple of Jerusalem. Sadly, when the second temple was destroyed in 70 CE, music and singing were banned. The chants of the Jews during their Babylonian exile kept the chant alive in worship. Today most of the Jewish Liturgy is chanted with traditional melody. These can be quite challenging. As a professional singer, I remember singing High Holy Days in a large temple. The music was so difficult they would hire professional singers to do the singing on that day.

Cantors in Biblical times garnered much respect and prestige. Some large parishes have paid cantors on their staff, as do Jewish temples. It was a profession in former days. Today lay people can perform the cantor's role. Canting is also a part of the Islamic worship tradition.

Singing the psalms is like learning anything - it takes practice. It is our hope that if you are new to singing the psalms, you will be open to a new way to speak to God and enhance our worship. Don't be too surprised if you go home with the psalm of the day singing in your head. We are singing to the Lord a new song with very old roots. We sing the psalms because it is a part of our rich Christian heritage that we want to preserve and enjoy. So, sing out everyone!

*Kathleen Sturgis*

**VESTRY NOTES OCTOBER 20 REGULAR MEETING**

At the October 20 regular meeting--initiated the nomination process for Vestry for the November 20 Annual Parish Meeting

--expressed the desire for the congregation to learn more about the Friends of Canon Gideon Foundation, which will occur via a Rector's Forum

--approved funding for urgent and necessary tree removal on the property

*Rob Lamborn*

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**PRAYER LIST**

**PRAYERS REQUESTED:** Kenny Alexander, Sr., Thad Andras, Caroline Baird, Stephen Carter, Linda Cheadle, Nancy Chase, Sally Franklin, Hunter Hawkins, Phebe Hethcock, Linda Hutton, Patrick Irwin, Sylvia James, Ariel Jones, Mike Jones, David Kearley, Bob Keele, Rob Keele, Luwin Lewis, Howell Lynch, Brenda Matthews, Flaget and Larry Nally, Julia Ramsey-Tharp, Doug Seiters, Virginia and Scott Sloan, Sam Williamson, Liz Workman, George, Karen.

**ADULT FORUM—2016**

OTEY ADULT FORUM— 2016  
CULTURE AND SOCIETY IN THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Nov. 6	Rector’s Forum, Rector
Nov.13	“Whose Children Are These? Immigration at Home and Abroad” Abby Colbert
Nov. 20	No Adult Forum (Parish Meeting)
Nov. 27	No Adult Forum (Advent Wreaths)
Dec. 4	Rector’s Forum, Rector
Dec. 11	“Climate Change: How to Meet the Challenge” Deborah McGrath
Dec. 18	“Practicing Law to Create a More Just Society” Steven Blount
Dec. 25	No Adult Forum
Jan. 1	No Adult Forum
Jan. 8	Racism in the United States—John Willis
Jan. 15	Celebration of Martin Luther King Day
Jan.22	Practicing Medicine as a Healing Ministry—Lee Stapleton
Jan. 29	Bishop Otey Society

**Don't Forget!**

**The deadline for  
submissions for the  
November 2016 issue of  
Otey Notes is:  
3pm Wednesday,  
October 19.**

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

*Don't forget to fall back on  
November 6.*



**November**



2-Nov	Daniel Shaver	18-Nov	Emily Blount
2-Nov	Katie Craighill	19-Nov	Jim Goodmann
3-Nov	Chris Zachau	19-Nov	Caroline Neubauer
4-Nov	Madeline Sumpter	20-Nov	Don Shannonhouse
4-Nov	Rowan Osborne	20-Nov	Elizabeth Wilson
5-Nov	Pamela Byerly	20-Nov	Porter Neubauer
5-Nov	Freddy Tucker	20-Nov	Diana Rung
5-Nov	Toby Van de Ven	21-Nov	Genevieve Schutz
5-Nov	Jane Roberts	26-Nov	Jamie Pappas
7-Nov	Laura Willis	26-Nov	Judy Wofford
8-Nov	Jake Wiley	27-Nov	Marie Woods
9-Nov	Ethan Burns	28-Nov	Phil White
9-Nov	Seth Burns	28-Nov	Blythe Ford
9-Nov	Isabel Patterson	28-Nov	Julia Sumpter
13-Nov	Meg Beasley	29-Nov	Jennifer Michael
14-Nov	Nora Jane Elrod	29-Nov	Betty Barton Blythe
15-Nov	Iska Hoole	30-Nov	Sophia Hartman
15-Nov	Wardie Cammack		