



Otey Notes



We're excited! Now what?

My first month at Otey has been full of blessings, joy, and excitement. I am very grateful for the exceedingly warm and personable welcome my family and I have received, both as arranged by the Welcoming Committee and spontaneously. We truly feel embraced by a loving Christian community. So many people have expressed being glad that I am here; you can be sure that I feel the same way.

Over time we will channel the energy of our excitement about a new beginning together toward what God is calling us to do as a church. In order to have a strong foundation for that work together over the years to come, our first task is to build and deepen relationships. Dinners for Eight and other small group offerings will be opportunities to do so, but please don't feel that you have to wait for something formal to get to know me better. We can set a time to meet in my office, or go for coffee or lunch. And relationships are not "set it and forget it," but take cultivation over time as each person grows and changes. I'll also be spending time on team building with the staff and learning how most effectively to apply their considerable gifts to the service of God through Otey Parish.

Given the time of year, our first major work together will be in the area of stewardship. I have never been in a church that was complacent about having enough money. Nor would I want Otey to feel that way, as I always want our vision to be bigger than our budget. That being said, healthy ministry over the long term requires two things: being open to growing in our generosity, and discerning what priorities in ministry God is calling us to at this particular time in a way that is financially responsible.

Your Stewardship Committee is focused primarily on the first of these two important matters, and your Vestry primarily on the second. I ask your prayers for both of these bodies in particular this fall as we continue our new beginning together. We are wonderfully blessed with the beautiful new Claiborne Parish House and St. Mark's Hall, and until they are paid off, will face a major challenge in our operating budget in the form of payments on the remaining debt.

Yet beautiful facilities exist to serve something even more beautiful—our life and ministry together as the Body of Christ. Worship in word, sacrament, song, and quiet. Godly Play, youth Christian education and adult formation. The Community Action Committee and other forms of care for those in need. Home Communion visits and meals for those in time of crisis or transition. Gracious hospitality for times of fellowship. Honoring newcomers to the parish with the warmest of welcomes and spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ with joy beyond our doors. Participating in the life of the Diocese of Tennessee and the wider church. Hosting 12-step meetings for those in recovery, and other meetings of various community groups. Providing a home for the Sewanee Children's Center. To do all of these things calls on a combination of time, talent, and treasure to which every one of us has gifts that are vital to contribute. Your Stewardship Committee will be saying more about how to put that into practice, and I invite you to respond prayerfully and generously.

Still feeling excited? I am!

TAKE NOTE

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SUNDAYS, 10 AM

Lectionary class each Sunday reviews that Sunday's Gospel lesson

- ✓ Oct. 4 Rector's Forum
- ✓ Oct. 11 "Constantine and the Imperial Church", Chris McDonough
- ✓ Oct. 18 "Abbess Hildegard, The Venerable Bede, and the Poet Caedmon", Alex Bruce
- ✓ Oct. 25 "I am a Christian": Perpetua, Martyrdom, and the Origin of the Cult of Saints", Susan Ridyard

MONTHLY EVENTS

- ✓ Oct 15 Vestry Meeting, Adult Education, 5:30pm
- ✓ Oct. 21 *Otey Notes* submissions due, 3pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ✓ Oct. 8&14 Get to Know the Rector Brown Bag Lunch, Adult Education Room, 12:15pm

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(The Rev.) Rob Lamborn

FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN, TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

HARMONY HOTLINE

October 4	No meeting
October 11	No meeting
October 18	Joint MS/HS meeting: photo scavenger hunt
October 25	Joint MS/HS event: Halloween Party @ Blue Monarch, 2-6 PM
November 1	No meeting
November 8	No meeting
November 15	MS/HS hike or leaf raking, time to be determined
November 21	Cookie baking at Brooks Hall, 1:30 to 4 PM
November 22	Cookie Delivery to Otey parishioners and community members, 2-5 PM
November 29	No meeting
December 6	No meeting
December 13	Caroling at Emerald Hodgson, time to be determined
December 20	No meeting
December 27	No meeting



After much anticipation we are pleased to announce that the choir will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM. This will allow everyone to still participate in other commitments later in the evening. On October 18th we will sing for the first time at the 11 AM service. We are still in need of more members, especially men to have a balanced group. Please consider being a part of the choir. The proposed schedule for this year is listed below.

- Oct. 7, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Oct. 14, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Oct. 18, 2015 – Sing at 11 AM service (World Mission Sunday) –PS 91: 9 -16 (T.A.Walmisley) - pg 80-**
 - Oct. 21, 2015 -Rehearsal**
 - Oct. 28, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Nov. 1, 2015 – Sing at 11 AM service (All Saints) PS 24**
 - Nov. 11, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Nov. 18, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Nov. 22, 2015 – Sing at 11 AM Service (Thanksgiving/ Christ the King) – PS 93 – WB Hutto - pg 51**
 - No Rehearsal on Nov. 25th – Thanksgiving Eve**
 - Dec. 2, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Dec. 9, 2015 – Rehearsal**
 - Dec. 13, 2015 – Sing at 11 AM service (Advent II)**
- I hope to have a few singers who will sing on Christmas Eve. Let me know if you would be able to sing at that service.**

Thank you for sharing your talent with Otey Parish. We don't have choir robes for adults, so we don't vest. We just meet in the church at 10:30 for warmups on the days we sing.

Kathy and Gary Sturgis

SACRED HARP SINGING SCHOOL

Please join local Sacred Harp singers for a singing school taught by David Ivey from 5:30-7pm on Sunday, September 27, 2015, at St. Mark's Hall, Otey Parish, Sewanee, TN. *The Sacred Harp* is a 4-shape (fa, sol, la, mi) Christian song book that has been in continuous use since 1844, the most recent revision occurring in 1991. The songs are sung a cappella in four parts (tenor, treble, alto, bass) while seated in a square formation, following a leader who selects a song for the class to sing and directs from the hollow of the square. The shape note style was created to teach people to sing "from scratch," so no experience is needed! Free and open to people of any and all faith denominations. Loaner books will be available! Find out more about Sacred Harp singing at fasola.org.

ECW BEGINS FALL MEETINGS, OCTOBER 5



Janeway

The theme for the year is continuing last year's popular monologues on interesting women of the Bible.

Reservations to the Oct. 5 ECW luncheon can be made by calling Jane Janeway at (598-5065). Or e-mail her at jejaneway99@gmail.com. Reservations should be in by 6:00 p.m. Friday, Oct.2.

All interested women of the area are cordially invited to join in the spiritual inspiration and fellowship of ECW!

GOD IS LOVE LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM,...

“True community arises from the bonds of love, not law, of covenant, not command; that true community comes when we step forward to right some wrong, to heal some hurt, to give some service; that true community radiates a transcendent power not of its own making.”...

The Rev. Dr. Henry Lee Hobart Myers

This summer I had the honor of playing for the funeral of the Rev. Dr. “Hank” Myers. I was given a copy of Dr. Myers book, A CURMUDGEON'S NOTEBOOK. I have spent these last weeks reading the book. I soon found it to be a rich book, which required time to digest. So, I quickly changed and used it as a meditation, reading only a small section each day. It has proved to be a tremendous experience. The quote above struck a chord with me as I looked forward to the arrival of our new rector and reflections on what Otey Parish has been and what we envision for a parish mission as we move forward. I found the formation of a loving community to be the foundation for our mission here in Sewanee. When I read the quote I have cited, it was a clarification of what a Christian community should be.

In looking at hymns that talk about loving, I decided to cite the tune ABBOTT'S LEIGH (Old 100th). It appears in the Hymnal 1982 on pages 379, 511 and 523. The first two texts were written by Timothy Rees, and the last by John Newton. Of the three settings, the Rees settings are probably the most familiar. Love, Praise and the Holy Spirit are the themes used in each text. You can't do better than that.

Timothy Rees (1874 – 1939) was a true Welshman. In addition to that he was also an outstanding speaker, a member of the Community of the Resurrection monastery, a priest and later the Bishop of Llandaff. He was the first member of a religious community to be appointed an Anglican bishop for over three centuries. From 1914 – 1919 he served as a chaplain to the forces. In addition to “God is Love...”, he also wrote “Holy Spirit, ever living...”, “O crucified Redeemer”, and “Hymn for the Saints of Wales.” Bishop Rees remained Bishop of Llandaff until his death in 1939.

The tune ABBOTT'S LEIGH was written by Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907 – 1991) and was composed in 1941 for the BBC. The BBC had gotten complaints about the use of the tune AUSTRIA for the hymn “Glorious Things Of Thee are Spoken” (which was the Austrian national hymn) during the time of war. So, Taylor wrote the tune ABBOTT'S LEIGH for that text. Abbott's Leigh is a village in Bristol where Taylor wrote the tune. Bristol was the headquarters of the BBC during the war. It was published in 1950 in *Hymns, Ancient and Modern Revised* and then appears in most English hymnals since that time.

Cyril Vincent Taylor was the son of an Anglican priest in Lancaster, England. Cyril was educated at Oxford, ordained at Bristol Cathedral, and served Salisbury Cathedral. He was a producer of religious broadcasting for the BBC during the war. ABBOTT'S LEIGH is regarded as the “Rule Britannia” of hymn tunes. When the Royal School of Church Music moved from Canterbury to Eddington Place, Cyril became its first Warden.

In writing for the newsletter I am privileged to read about people of great faith and commitment to God. So many hymn texts grow out of encounters with love and spirit that result in praise. When we love we MUST praise as an expression of the joy and love we feel. As we work to form a stronger faith community let's read the words of these great hymns of praise and know we first must love. Help us to love, O God. Amen.

Kathy Sturgis

Parish House Construction Loan

Have you been wondering how Otey is faring with her debt?

Thanks to continued Phase II pledge payments and gifts to our debt reduction fund, we are making good progress:

- \$682,088** – Loan Total—March 2014
- \$ 36,522 – Principal Paid in Monthly Payments to date
- \$ 50,000 – Principal Paid in May 2015
- \$ 50,000 – Principal Being Paid in September 2015
- \$545,566** – Remaining Loan Balance – October 2015

The debt service line in our operating budget is still one of our greatest expenses for the year - \$56,940. Due to these extra principal payments, next year's budgeted figure will be approximately – \$53,000

Let's keep this momentum going! Retiring this debt will allow us to concentrate financial resources on our programs and mission. If you would like to make a gift specifically to help retire this loan, just mark “debt reduction” in the memo line of your check, or let Diane Fielding know of your intentions – oteyfinance@gmail.com (598-5997.)

Beth Wiley, Treasurer

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE



During June, July and August there have been both areas of increased activity at the CAC and not surprisingly decreased activity. As one expects from the summer harvest in our neighbors' gardens and with consistent warm weather, our clients have come to

the CAC less frequently for both groceries and financial assistance.

On average, a total of 78 individuals came to the CAC each month including 31 volunteers who served an average of 48 bags of groceries. During the same time 16 families per month received utility assistance.

We are increasing human and service activity with eight Bonner Leaders from the University and one Community Engagement Fellow from the School of Theology. During the summer we also benefited from a visit from the youth group of St. John's Episcopal Church, Decatur, AL.

Continued generous support from individuals totaled \$3,155.00. The first donation from the Monteagle/Sewanee Rotary Club was received from their very successful Hunger Walk for \$4,000.00. Other grants totaled \$6,200.00 this summer. Total specific help to our clients during these three months totaled \$9,726.00.

Exciting things are coming to your CAC in the next quarter. Emergency food bags will be placed at Thanksgiving to provide care for those in need during snowy weather.

The CAC is (gratis) on the Art Tour to provide a venue for our talented client-artisans during the Lessons and Carols Weekend. Finally we are very excited to benefit from our long-time parish member Cindy Potter, who will be offering fresh green Christmas wreathes this year from your CAC, just in time to decorate your front door.

The Board and your friends at the CAC continue to marvel at your generous support and can only provide for those in need because of your help.

*Larry Barker
CAC, Vestry Liason*



CAC VOLUNTEERS—SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

At the heart of every organization are those who work behind the scenes to get things done. The ministry of CAC is no different, for behind the scenes are the many volunteers who make all the difference in what CAC can do. Our volunteers work to make things better for those who so need our help. We have a long-standing relationship with TKP Sorority and more recently KO sorority and Gamma fraternity have offered to hold fund-raisers and to volunteer for whatever the needs of CAC may be. One phone call or email and our driver is ready to haul tons of food, students magically show up to assist in unloading the truck and stocking the shelves and recycling the boxes. This year we have eight Bonner Leaders assigned to CAC which means that every day, Monday—Friday, we are covered from 9-11. By working at CAC these young adults broaden their view of the mountain and they are learning first hand what it takes to make a difference and what an impact they can have on those with whom they come in contact. Youthful enthusiasm and energy add a dimension and the gap between the generations gets a little smaller. We are truly blessed to have our long time volunteers working alongside students to make our community a better place to be.

Betty Carpenter, Director



SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



Gabby Valentine
C'17

Gabby is from Knoxville and the first Bonner Scholar to work at CAC. Gabby is organized and an outstanding photographer. Last

spring she volunteered to make Family Photos for the entire Sewanee Community. This year she heads up "Food with Friends" and will organize the CAC Community Meals. Gabby has a great ability to get more students involved in the work of CAC. Jobs well done, Gabby!

FROM GROUNDS COMMITTEE

*St Fiacre Guild would like to thank Jimmy Blythe, Bob Burns, Joe and Claudia Porter, and Mickey Suarez for all their hard work resetting the stones around the shrubbery bed on the street side of the church. It looks lovely and the guild is very grateful!

Betty Barton Blythe

*The St Fiacre Guild is made up of volunteers who, one day a month, tend the shrubbery and beds around the church, Parish House, and Brooks Hall. Anyone who would like to help keep our campus looking as beautiful and well tended as possible please contact Betty Barton Blythe at bbblythe43@gmail.com or [423-837-4515](tel:423-837-4515).

Otey's and CAC's offices will be closed on October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

OKTOBERFEST SUNDAY THE 18TH AT 4PM



"Fall" into good spirits and great company with Otey Parish's first Oktoberfest. This celebration is not one to miss as it will be bursting

with food, beer, music and dancing, costume contests and pumpkin decorating! The menu for this feast includes German brats steamed in beer on a hoagie bun, warm German potato salad, sauerkraut with caraway, mouth watering salted soft pretzels and some sweet treats to tantalize any taste bud. Beer, soft drinks and a fun Fall cider will compliment. Rake in all the fun listening to a Polka Band complete with Polka lessons! Please feel free to dress to impress in your best Fall/Halloween getup as there will be a prize for the best costume. Bring your kids and their friends too for fun with music, dancing and some pumpkin decorating for all ages!

Volunteers are always appreciated: if you would like to help plan/set-up this event please contact Lynn Stubblefield at 423.838.8201, or email. Again the event is October 18th at 4pm.

Reservations required, please RSVP to Frieda Hawkins Gipson no later than October 13. Telephone 931.598.5926, email: oteyparish@gmail.com.

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- Dorothy Gates, '17, Diocesan Liaison
- Ken Taylor, '17, Parish Life
- Beth Wiley, Treasurer
- Ann Aitken, Clerk

Check out our website for recordings of Sunday sermons—www.oteyparish.org. Select the sermon tab.

PRAYER LIST

Gay Alvarez, Elvie Biddle, Robby Capel, Stuart Cook, Cathy Davis, Jackie Faircloth, Linda Hutton, Patrick Irwin, Bob Keele, Howell Lynch, Ellon Meeke, Adil Mohyuddin, Kathleen O' Connor, Mary Sears, Chris Singer, Clifford Tomes, Reid Ward, Suzanne

THE PRAYER LIST WILL BE UPDATED ON OCTOBER 31. Names will need to be submitted/resubmitted to Frieda Gipson before then to remain on the list.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION SCHEDULE OCTOBER

- ◆ Oct. 11—Chris McDonough: "Constantine and the Imperial Church"
- ◆ Oct. 18—Alex Bruce: "Abbess Hildegard, The Venerable Bede, and the Poet Caedmon: You Too Can Speak Old English!"
- ◆ Oct. 25—Susan Ridyard: "I am a Christian': Perpetua, Martyrdom, and the Origin of the Cult of Saints."

Don't Forget!

The deadline for submissions for the November 2015 issue of

***Otey Notes* is:**

3pm Wednesday,

October 21

Email submissions to:

oteyparish@gmail.com

Please include "Otey Notes" in the subject.

October



1-Oct	Rowan Jones	14-Oct	Sam Howick
3-Oct	John Goodson	15-Oct	Marion Kearley
5-Oct	Aaron Elrod	15-Oct	Donny Rung
5-Oct	Phebe Hethcock	17-Oct	Sam Frazier
6-Oct	Sharon Zachau	19-Oct	Suzanne Cahoon
6-Oct	Will Evans	20-Oct	Larry Prince
6-Oct	Julia Cammack	20-Oct	Beth Pride Ford
7-Oct	Rebecca Van de Ven	22-Oct	Jackson Frazier
7-Oct	Zachary Blount	24-Oct	Stephen Carter
8-Oct	JoAnn Barker	26-Oct	Kathryn Bruce
8-Oct	Mason Goodson	26-Oct	Henry Fisher
8-Oct	Jenna Black	28-Oct	Iris Love
9-Oct	Jim Pappas	29-Oct	Peggy Solomon
9-Oct	Aden Rung	29-Oct	Douglas Cameron
14-Oct	Barbara White		