

I50TEY MEMORIAL PARISH

Becoming St. Mark & St. Paul in May

April 2021



Holy Week and Easter 2021 (Masks and distancing at all events)

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Holy Eucharist in St. Mark's Hall (no footwashing this year because of Covid)

Good Friday, April 2

12:00pm Solemn Liturgy in St. Mark's Hall

(no community Stations of the Cross or community service in All Saints' Chapel this year because of Covid)

5:00pm Solemn Liturgy in St. Mark's Hall

Easter Day, April 4

8:30am Holy Eucharist in the church *open to those who have completed the course of Covid vaccinations plus 2 weeks.*

You can register for the service by one of three ways:

1. You can respond to the Evite sent March 29.
2. Email Frieda at admin@oteyparish.org, or
3. Call Frieda at 598-5926.

10:15am Easter egg hunt (weather permitting)

11:00am Holy Eucharist outside *open to everyone who does not have Covid symptoms.*

In case of rain, the 11:00am service will be in the church with limited seating, and overflow seating will be in St. Mark's Hall. Everyone present will be able to receive Communion.

Rob Lamborn

Vestry and Staff

Your Vestry and staff sent the following letter of apology on March 27 to the men's lacrosse coach at Emmanuel College in response to the shouting of insults and racial slurs at members of their team during a recent game in Sewanee:

Dear members of the Emmanuel College men's lacrosse team, coaches, and staff,

We are deeply sorry for the inexcusable behavior you were subjected to when student spectators shouted insults and racial slurs at you during the lacrosse game here in Sewanee on March 14. You deserve respect from everyone in this community. You accepted the invitation to compete and travel here. You should have been welcomed here with nothing but warm hospitality.

The incident is a powerful reminder of how much work toward racial justice remains to be done in our community. As members of the governing body and staff of Sewanee's Episcopal parish church, we commit ourselves to continuing to do our part in this work.

Respectfully yours,
[names of vestry and staff members]

Music

A dolly has been purchased for the grand piano donated by Lane & Julian Price. Once the dolly arrives, we will be able to move the piano temporarily in order to extend the platform on which the upright piano sat so it can accommodate the organ console. Then the console will sit farther west so the piano will allow room for people to use the west side of the Communion rail. The piano will be able to be moved when desired (e.g. for concerts).



Staff News



Randy Rogers has assumed the role of sexton and began his job on March 29. Randy grew up in North Georgia and entered the United States Marine Corps after high school. After the Marines he entered into a lifelong career in Commercial Aviation as a licensed Aircraft Mechanic and then as an Aircraft Avionics Engineer. After working 22 years for Southwest Airlines in Dallas Randy retired. For 30 days. He then worked as a consulting Aircraft Engineer for Delta Airlines in Atlanta.

As COVID decimated the commercial airline industry he retired again, sold his home in Georgia, and retreated to Sewanee to continue a lifelong passion for repairing and improving homes and landscape. Please join us in welcoming Randy.

Renaming the Church - Changes

When our **change of name** to St. Mark & St. Paul becomes effective on the Bishop's Visitation May 2, a number of items will be updated.

On the **large stone sign** out front, stonemason David Hamby will smooth out and slightly enlarge the area that says "OTEY PARISH", and his colleague will carve "ST MARK & ST PAUL" in its place. Mr. Hamby will also straighten and secure the stone itself, which is leaning to one side.

Our **web domain** will change to stmarkstpaul.org around May 2. Oteyparish.org will forward to stmarkstpaul.org, and staff emails will move to the new domain.

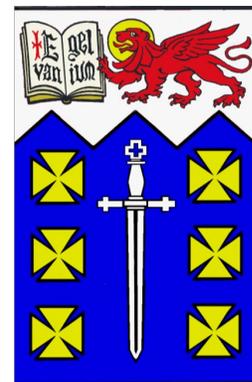


The resolution the Vestry and Diocesan Convention called for "a **well-crafted plaque** in a prominent place on the church building noting its completion in 1891 and dedication in memory of Bp. Otey." Your Vestry has approved this text, to be carved on the west side of the church on the (flattened & smoothed) wide stone to the right of the door two courses up from the doorknob.

COMPLETED IN 1891& DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF
JAMES HERVEY OTEY
1800 - 1863
FIRST BISHOP OF TENNESSEE
FIRST CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Paul Schutz has volunteered to help us develop a **new logo** and has gotten started on possibilities.

Waring McCrady has refreshed the design of our **parish banner** and is having one made for us at his expense. The heraldic description remains the same, and the current banner can be hung in Claiborne Parish House or what will become Kennerly Hall as part of our history display.



We are pursuing a **portrait of Gertrude & John Kennerly** to display in what will be Kennerly Hall.

Interior signs matching the current ones will be purchased for Kennerly Hall, the front door of Claiborne Parish House, and the parish nursery.

A second marker on the campus is to recall "Otey's remarkable leadership and service, his holding of slaves, the history of the parish's having been named for him for the 130 years from 1891 to 2021, and its reversion to the names of St. Mark and St. Paul to affirm the shared history of Black and White Episcopalians in Sewanee." Senior Warden Susan Holmes is pursuing a state historic marker, similar to the one across the street at Sewanee Elementary School. The state process takes months and cannot be completed in time for May 2, but it is hoped the marker could be dedicated around the time of our Nov 18 founding.

A display of pictures related to our history is in the works. It will begin near the office door in Claiborne Parish house with the portrait of Bp. Otey commissioned by John Bratton, and will proceed in chronological order down the hallway and around the corner toward St. Mark's (to be Kennerly) Hall. Bishops, rectors,

other significant personages, and photos of buildings to be included.

Reading Otey Notes in the Emailed Format

Some people have asked about reading *Otey Notes* in the format it is now being sent. They think there is a problem and that it has been truncated. To continue reading the full version, you may get a message like this: [Message clipped] [View entire message](#). If you get this, just click the View Entire Message and the full version will come to you.



The CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director [David Goodpaster](#) is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927 for assistance.

CAC Sunday

There are plenty of good things happening at CAC and this Sunday, **April 4th**, is our monthly **CAC Sunday** here at Otey. CAC Sunday is always the **first** Sunday of the month and provides parishioners the opportunity to get into a habit of contributing/donating to CAC in some way. Please consider this worthwhile exercise! Otey Parish (becoming St. Mark & St. Paul in May), St. James (Midway), All Saints Chapel, Sewanee Cumberland Presbyterian, and Monteagle Cumberland Presbyterian are all participating churches that contribute to CAC on these Sundays. Thanks in advance!

CAC will have a Community Meal on **Friday, April 9th**, from **noon to 1:00 pm**. Due to COVID-19, the meal will be take-out only. Meals are available to all and can be picked up in front of St. Mark's Hall. There is no need to call ahead.



New CAC Board Member

A warm welcome to Katie Goforth, CAC's newest board member! Katie was born in Tennessee and raised in



Colorado. As a child Katie spent most summers with her extended family in Grundy County, TN. After earning a B.A. from the University of Colorado with dual majors in Anthropology and Geography, she made Tennessee her permanent home. She worked in the field of K-12 education for over 20 years, along the way earning a Master's in Elementary Education (Tennessee State University) and an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership (Tennessee Technological University). She then transitioned into the field of nonprofit grant management. She served as director of the South Cumberland Health Network and as co-director of

grants for Volunteer Behavioral Health before joining the University of the South. Katie currently works in the University's Office of Civic Engagement as the program manager for the South Cumberland Plateau VISTA Project. Her work offers opportunities to use her professional experience in innovative ways to help the local community. Katie is active on numerous local and regional committees and boards in the fields of public health and education including the South Cumberland Health Network, Grundy County Health Council, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, Grundy Rotary Club and Grundy Safe Communities Coalition. Katie is a fantastic addition to the CAC board, and we are excited about the contributions she will make to the success of CAC's mission of service.

Kitchen2Table

K2T continues assembling meals two nights a week using unused portions from Sewanee Dining Services. The program is averaging 300 meals per week and feeding folks from throughout the area. Recipients include everyone from children at the Grace Center of Hope and BRIDGE program, to men in recovery at the Mosaic Recovery Center, to the elderly and families in Sherwood and throughout Grundy County.



CAC Spotlight

Sarah Edmonds is the Hunger Relief VISTA focusing on food insecurity for the South Cumberland Plateau. In January, Sarah moved to the Cumberland Plateau from Portsmouth, Virginia to begin her year of service with AmeriCorps. Currently, Sarah is working on several projects and



volunteering with community organizations. Her long-term projects include planning and operating the 2021 South Cumberland Summer Meal Program and developing a mobile meals operation to serve the Plateau community. In addition, she volunteers with the Morton Memorial United Methodist Feeding Ministry for their monthly distribution, and serves with CAC, helping with the Kitchen2Table program, the Feed Act initiative with The Blue Chair Café & Tavern, and the Johnvince Food distribution collaboration. CAC will

also be serving with Sarah as a pick-up site for the Summer Feeding Meal Program. Sarah has enjoyed meeting and working with several community members, and looks forward to building the capacity of food distribution systems across the South Cumberland Plateau. If you are interested in learning more about Sarah's work and her connections to CAC, feel free to contact her at hrlcvista@gmail.com.



Johnvince Food Delivery

On Wednesday, March 24th, CAC received the first of hopefully many more shipments from Johnvince Foods in Canada. Johnvince is the largest food distributor in Canada and through a connection with Michael Cline, a retiree of the food industry, Rotarian, and Sewanee resident, CAC has been given "inside" access to large quantities of food items. These items include multiple variations of granola, dried fruits, dried beans, and nuts. This first shipment was a pallet delivered by semitruck to the McClurg loading dock containing 60 cases of food. Staff from Sewanee Dining Services and members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity helped with getting the shipment unloaded.

Farm2Table

On Monday, March 22nd, Emily Heid of Rooted Here, David Goodpaster, and Rob Lamborn sat down to finalize plans for the Farm2Table (F2T) program, slated to begin Easter week. This program will begin with a variety of fresh produce from the Sewanee Farmers Market/Rooted Here being brought to St. Mark's Hall at Otey Parish once a week to be assembled into family-portion sized boxes. These boxes will complement the bags of dry goods/staple goods that go out from the CAC food pantry. This will nutritiously-enhance CAC offerings greatly. The long-term plan is for Farm2Table to evolve into a full-fledged Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. This CSA will offer "shares" to the community. These shares will consist of boxes of seasonal produce that interested consumers can purchase each week throughout the growing season. The opportunity for consumers to contribute toward those shares that go to CAC clients free of charge will also be made available. More to come on this exciting new program!

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Easter Sunday (April 4) on the lawn of Brooks Hall. There will be three age categories, with rolling start times:



- Up to age 3
- Age 3 through 1st grade
- 2nd-5th grade

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs at 9:30 a.m. If anyone has decorated eggs you would like to donate to the hunt, please bring them to the Brooks Hall sidewalk by 9:30.

Fire on the Mountain: Youth News

Fire on the Mountain meets 4-6 pm on Sundays. We have a great group of teens and tweens who love it when someone new walks in the door. We laugh a lot, play a lot, and we also engage in serious times of learning and contemplation.

In April, we will finish the confirmation material from My Faith, My Life: A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church, by Jenifer Gamber. Students who wish to be confirmed in May should join us for these sessions; those who are not ready for confirmation will also benefit.

We will continue our work on the banner, plan a canoe/swimming expedition and design our summer mission project. Social distance and masks are always used. In case of Covid-19 increase, meetings are moved to Zoom. If you are not on our text list, please text Jeannie at 423-255-6479 and ask to be added.



Young people play games at Fire on the Mountain, enjoying the milder weather.



Godly Play

Zoom, Sundays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

The Godly Play story for Easter will be presented on video, posted to the church's Youtube, Facebook, and website. After Easter, Godly Play continues each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom! The link is the same each week, and is provided to families via email in order to keep the space safe for children. If you are not receiving our weekly emails, please let Jeannie know at formation@oteyparish.org.

Stories for April:

April 4 (Easter Sunday) – The Mystery of Easter (on video)

April 11 (Second Sunday of Easter) – Jesus & The Twelve

April 18 (Third Sunday of Easter) – Parable of the Good Shepherd

April 25 (Fourth Sunday of Easter) – The Good Shepherd & World Communion

A reflection bag is provided for each child containing art supplies or other reflection materials, and a small snack to keep the feast. After the story, we log off for reflection time and the feast. The reflection bags are placed on the CAC porch at the back of St. Mark's Hall, Claiborne Parish House, on Friday afternoons so parents can swing by after school. If you don't know the spot, just ask.

Ms. Julia is the storyteller for April. Many thanks to our wonderful storytellers and doorkeepers, who have helped the Godly Play ministry grow and thrive this year: Jeannie Babb, Julia Bates, Ted Clarkson, Aaron Elrod, Peter Gray, Cheryl Lankhaar, Meghan Mazur, and Barbara Prunty. Thanks also to Annika Derham, our Nursery Coordinator, for making the reflection bags each week.

Godly Play by Appointment

Recognizing that Zoom is not for everyone, we are also offering families a Godly Play story once per month by appointment. There is no age maximum for this ministry; we tell stories to everyone who wants to hear them! If there are children present, at least one parent must remain with them. We can meet in the Godly Play room at Otey or we can bring the story to your porch or yard. Email formation@oteyparish.org

Godly Play Wishlist

To donate materials, you may leave them on the CAC porch marked "Godly Play."

- Individually packaged snacks (Goldfish, Animal Crackers, etc.)
- Small boxes of crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Pipe cleaners
- Large beads and string
- Play-doh
- Glue sticks
- Acrylic paint kits
- Raffia
- Colored tissue paper
- Tiny plastic bags (for glitter, etc.)
- Felt
- Water color paper or cards





Children respond to the Godly Play story using materials from the reflection bag.



Nursery

The nursery remains closed for the season. Nursery Coordinator Annika Derham and Christian Formation Director Jeannie Babb remain available to assist with the spiritual needs of our tiniest parishioners and their families. We miss you and would love to connect for a chat, see how your little ones are growing, or help you share their photos with other members of the Otey community. Please reach out to us any time.

Sunday Forum, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of this parish, we are exploring the history, mission, and vision of the church from various perspectives. We are blessed to have within easy distance many historians and teachers who have agreed to help us with these topics. Our pursuit is spiritual rather than only academic, and we will approach the topics prayerfully, trusting that the Spirit will lead us to explore our past, present, and future with the sincerity and conviction appropriate to such a venture.

We invite the whole community to come together weekly to share stories of, ask questions about, and learn from Otey's ministry and witness. The Sunday Forum thus is part of the Sesquicentennial project to build an archive of oral histories, information, photographs, and other memorabilia to tell the story of Otey Parish's 150 years of loving outreach and service to this community. Please join us on Zoom as we explore who we are, where we are, and how the Holy Spirit is moving among us!

Zoom info: [GhWdGk3Z1YxRjVOVGpSMnNldz09](https://us02zoom.us/j/980868)

Meeting ID: 819 4921 2720

Passcode: 980868

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May

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The Christian Formation Committee is currently planning the theme for our Christian education program in the 2021-2022 academic year.

VB-U's, June 14-17, 2021

On Monday to Thursday evenings, June 14-17, the church will offer its fifth summer of Vacation Bible School that flips the concept on its head. Rather than a daytime VBS program put on for children, this dinner and learning series appeals to all ages and brings families together. The theme for this year will be announced soon.



The series takes place four evenings with camp-style singing, a theatre program, and a choice of activities. Each night, the church will offer art projects, discussion groups, and kinesthetic activities. People of all ages can choose where to spend their time based on interest.

Volunteers are needed for all phases of the program, including planning. Please contact Jeannie Babb at formation@oteyparish.org to volunteer.

Help tell the story of Otey, St. Mark's, and St. Paul's!

For our upcoming celebration of Otey's sesquicentennial founding as St Paul's-on-the-Mountain in 1870 - 71, we are planning to add to our archives with memorabilia, create a digital scrapbook, and perhaps a bound hardcover book, to look back on 150 years of Otey's ministries, celebrations, and families. During this quiet time of staying at home, many parishioners have remarked that they are going through boxes of collectibles. This is a great opportunity to look through your scrapbooks and memorabilia to unearth your treasures that might tell part of Otey's story. Please be in touch about items you have that you would be willing for the church to scan and return to you, or that you'd like the church to have. We may ask you if the church can borrow some items to put on display this coming year, but certainly we want your prized possessions to come back to you.

We are looking for photos, pamphlets or flyers, programs, artwork, costumes, quilts, and the like. We also want to record your stories, spoken aloud to a video recorder or written in your hand. So please take these summer months to do a bit of research on the ways that Otey was instrumental in your life through the years.

For questions or to report what you've found, contact Lisa Howick at lisa.m.howick@gmail.com; Greg Maynard at coachmaynard@gmail.com; or the Church Office at admin@oteyparish.org.

*If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.*
Ps. 139:11-12

Christians are not exempt from feeling the effects of isolation, loneliness, and fear, especially during these months of social distancing and quarantine. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on mental health. While taking care to prevent physical complications of the disease, many neglect to safeguard their mental well-being in the process.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, there is help available! You can call **855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471)** to speak with the State Crisis Line, or **text HOME to 741741**. Just need someone to talk to? Call the Church Office at **931-598-5926** and let us know. We will be happy to lend a listening ear, pray with you, and help connect you with any additional services you might need.

Giving to Otey Memorial Parish

Bill Pay from Your Bank Website

Use the Bill Pay service provided by your bank. If your bank offers online bill pay services, follow their setup directions to add the church as a payee, and add recurring automatic payments. Use the name and address below for the payee:

Otey Memorial Parish Church
P.O. Box 267
Sewanee, TN 37375
(931) 598-5926

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Let's be the church... together.



Our church management software has expanded capabilities to help

parishioners get connected and stay that way. You can easily update your personal information, see the status of your giving, and set up online one-time or recurring electronic giving. As always, we are still able to receive gifts by check.

Interested or have questions?
Call the Church Office at 931-598-5926.

Prayer List: Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Sandra Babb, Marjorie Burnett, Corky Carlisle, Carolyn Davis, Barb Ford, Catherine Garcia, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts.

April Birthdays

Beth Chamberlain 4 / 1 ; Christianna Taylor 4 / 1 ; Rod Smith 4 / 1 ;
Paul Mazur 4 / 1 ; Eleanor Smith 4 / 2 ; Brown Patterson 4 / 8 ;
Jack Howick 4 / 8 ; Curt Williams 4 / 9 ; Larson Heitzenrater 4 / 10 ;
Andrew Thompson 4 / 10 ; Farris Ralston 4 / 11 ; Doris Carlisle 4 / 12 ;
Alex Neubauer 4 / 13 ; Adam Tucker 4 / 13 ; Hubert Cook 4 / 13 ;
Ian Tucker 4 / 16 ; Joseph Gray 4 / 16 ; Anne Griffin 4 / 17 ;
Carolyn O'Connor 4 / 19 ; Pamela Macfie 4 / 19 ; Gary Sturgis 4 / 19 ;
Jeff Frazier 4 / 19 ; Andrew Hudgins 4 / 22 ; Amy Patterson 4 / 24 ;
Rachel Suarez 4 / 27 ; Latham Davis 4 / 28 ; Allison Bruce 4 / 28 ;
John Solomon 4 / 28 ; Mikey Whitman 4 / 30 ;



The deadline for submissions for the May 2021 issue of *Otey Notes* is: 3pm Wednesday, April 21. Please note on your calendar. Email submissions to: admin@oteyparish.org

The mission of Otey Parish is to worship God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve the world for which Christ died, to educate and nurture our community, and welcome all.

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