



Founded in 1870-71 as St. Paul's-on-the-Mountain

January 2021

From the Rector— Continuing to Adapt

It broke my heart to decide that rising COVID cases meant that our Christmas worship had to be virtual instead of in person. We have

enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality of All Saints' Chapel for in-person services through Advent. If you haven't seen our Christmas worship service featuring many different readers and musicians and produced by Mikey Whitman and Ted Clarkson, it is available on YouTube [here](#).

Similarly, we had hoped to be able to distance for the Christmas pageant in cavernous All Saints', but increasing cases did not allow. Instead, Mercedes Clements produced a wonderful video version that our kids were able to participate in safely. It really turned out well, and can be viewed [here](#).

We were blessed to hold joint online services together with All Saints' Chapel on the Sundays of Christmastide. It has been a pleasure to see seminarians the Rev. Ted Clarkson and the Rev. David Boyd function in ordained capacity. Starting with the new semester at the beginning of February, Meghan Mazur will be our seminarian for the coming year. Meghan has already been hugely helpful in several aspects of the parish's ministry ever since she and her family moved to Sewanee a year and a half ago.

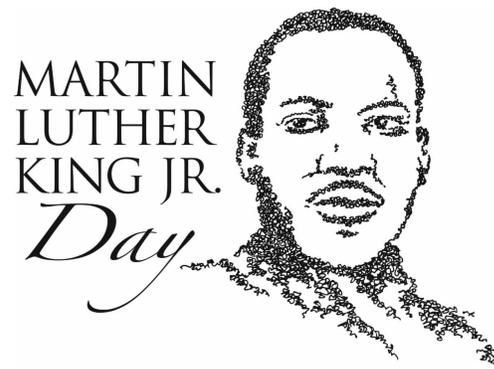
What does the future hold? I wish I could predict! Chaplain Peter Gray and I are in close touch evaluating COVID data to see if and when it would be prudent to return to in-person worship at All Saints' (available to us through January 24). For the foreseeable future, the 8:30 service will continue live on our Facebook page and available at 11am and afterward there and on our YouTube channel. When it gets warmer, I expect we will return to outdoor services as the weather permits. Our precautions among the staff and on parish property remain strong, and we continue to pray for everyone's well-being. What a joy it will be to be back together when we can all gather safely!

Rob Lamborn

Office Closure



Otey's office and the Community Action Committee will be closed January 18 in honor of MLK, Jr. Day.



Vestry Highlights - December 2020

Called Meeting of December 6

- Adopted the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on the Name of the Parish to request of Diocesan Convention on January 23 that our name be changed to the Episcopal Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul on the Mountain, that a plaque be installed on the church building noting its dedication in memory of Bp. Otey, and that a separate marker on the campus say more about his life and ministry and the history of the parish.
- Accepted with gratitude the gift of a beautiful parlor grand piano from Lane & Julian Price.
- Elected Lisa Howick, Karen Keele, and Karen Meridith as lay delegates, and Beth Wiley as alternate, to Diocesan Convention.

Regular meeting of December 17

- Adopted the 2021 operating budget.
- Approved clergy housing allowance resolutions for the Rev. Rob Lamborn and the Rev. David Goodpaster.

Called Meeting of December 31 (in person)

- Per diocesan requirement, ratified the actions taken in meetings via Zoom during the 4th quarter of 2020.

We thank David Burnett, Lisa Howick, Louise Irwin, Lee Stapleton, and Julie Elrod (Clerk) for their service on the Vestry and welcome new members Beth Chamberlain, Tom Phelps, Lynn Taylor, and Lauryl Tucker.

Annual Diocesan Convention - January 2021

The 189th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee will take place Saturday, January 23 at St. George's, Nashville. The format is shortened, and delegates will participate online-only, via Zoom. Lay delegates Lisa Howick, Karen Keele, and Karen Meridith will join Betty Carpenter and Rob Lamborn as Otey's delegation. We will participate in worship, elect people to diocesan commissions and offices, hear an address from Bp. John Bauerschmidt, consider the 2021 budget for adoption, hear reports, and consider resolutions.



Inclement Weather Policy

Otey Parish and CAC follow Franklin County Schools for closures and delays on account of snow or icy conditions. Sewanee Children's Center decides and publicizes its own closures.



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.



Rooted Here, the South Cumberland Farmers Market and Food Hub, is giving patrons the opportunity to donate any amount in addition to their market purchases to go towards a local food bank of their choice. If you are a patron of this farmer's market, please consider a donation to

CAC. This gift will be given directly to CAC, as a credit, to use to buy local products from Rooted Here's Market, for inclusion in the food pantry and for folks in need of food assistance. Rooted Here will also provide CAC the name and address, and the amount donated so that this can be credited as a tax-deductible donation to CAC directly. With your support, we can continue making a positive impact on supporting our community with nutritious, locally grown food this holiday season and beyond.

You can donate when you place an order on the South Cumberland Farmer's Market website, <http://sewanee.locallygrown.net> when the market opens at 9pm on Friday, Venmo us (Rooted-Here), or send a check to the South Cumberland Food Hub at 974 Old Sewanee Rd, Sewanee, 37375.

Rooted Here and CAC appreciate your support!

Fire on the Mountain: Youth News

Fire on the Mountain continues to meet 4-6pm Sunday afternoons. When possible, we meet outdoors on the lawn of Brooks Hall. If we need to be indoors, we open the windows. 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.

Christmas 2020

Our annual Christmas Pageant was a virtual success! Children recorded the pageant, along with carols for the season. Mercedes Clements assembled the video footage into something truly magical. If you missed it, [click here](#) to watch this wondrous telling of the Christmas story.

Many thanks to all those who participated in making our Christmas services so joyful and beautiful, including those who decorated Otey and All Saints', the musicians and readers, and the tech-savvy who let us experience it all online!



Godly Play Through Epiphany Zoom, Sundays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Godly Play continues on Zoom for children as young as 3 and through 5th grade. Parents are welcome to stay for the story as well. Meghan Mazur is our storyteller for the for the month of January, and Cheryl Lankhaar is our new doorkeeper!

Reflection Bags will continue to be available for pickup on the back porch of Claiborne Parish House and St. Mark's Hall, near the CAC door. Please take one bag per child.

January 10 – Parable of the Good Samaritan

January 17 – Parable of the Great Pearl

January 24 – Parable of the Sower

January 31 – Parable of the Leaven

Children might not use all the supplies in each bag. We want them to be creative! They can also use materials that you have at your house. Scissors and

glue and needed for most projects. There is also a Parents' Page for each week. This will help families talk about the story we heard during Godly Play.

How to participate:

Email formation@oteyparish.org for the link, and to be added to the mailing list.

Many thanks to all the children, parents, and teachers who make our Godly Play program successful, even during a pandemic.

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



Reflection crafts from Advent 4: The Magi

The nursery at Otey Memorial Parish will remain closed while we are not having indoor services. Nursery Coordinator Annika Derham and Nursery Caregiver Cara Kitzrow remain committed to the ministry, and are eager to stay connected with our little ones and their families. Please contact us if we can minister to you and your smallest children during this time.

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

Otey's Ministry & Witness: Past, Present, & Future

The forum continues to meet on Zoom. We have had some wonderful discussions that are giving context to our current ministries and helping us to grow as a church. We hope you'll come join us. It's easy, just click on the link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81949212720?pwd=dE5rbGhWdGk3Z1YxRjVOVGpSMnNldz09>

Meeting ID: 819 4921 2720

Passcode: 980868

January schedule:

10 Discussion: Why Otey?

17 The Highlander School: Presentation by Franklin Lowe

24 Bishop Otey Sunday

31 Panel: Theological Education at Otey

Episcopal 101: Sundays at 2:30

Are you new to the Episcopal Church? Are you interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of faith? Would you like to know why we practice Christianity in the ways we do? Are you a longtime member who would like a refresher? Do you need something to do with your Sunday afternoons? Episcopal 101 online may be for you!

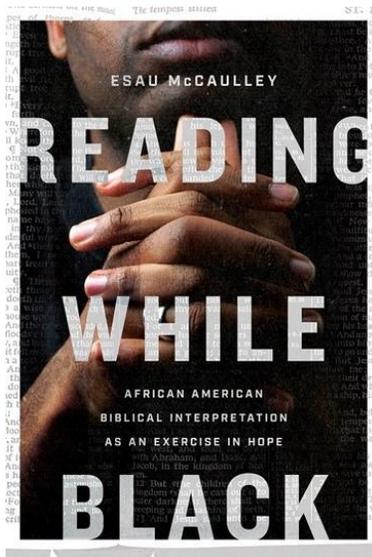
We will meet via Zoom Sunday afternoons at 2:30 starting January 17, with the topics announced each week.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510369847?pwd=endqdR0NjZZS3dkbGtjTWZDSjEvQT09>

or dial on your telephone: +1 312 626 6799 US
Meeting ID: 815 1036 9847; Passcode: 281380

Lent 2021

Ash Wednesday is February 17 this year. Services normally take place at 12:15 and 7:00pm, but watch for information about when and how we will worship on this holy fast day based on COVID conditions.



Lenten Book Study

For our Lenten Book Study this year, we will be studying *Reading While Black*, an exploration of Black Biblical interpretation. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm February 24 - March 24 on Zoom for discussions about how reading the Bible through a lens very different than our own may enrich our experience and understanding of Scripture.

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.

Sewanee Mask Directive

Beginning Saturday, July 3, Vice Chancellor and Mayor Reuben E. Brigety, II instituted a mandatory mask directive that is in effect for all persons on



the Sewanee Domain. This directive applies to all residents, visitors, students, faculty, and staff, and will remain in force until further notice.

All residents of, and visitors to, Sewanee are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when in public or inside buildings other

than private residences, with five exceptions:

- When they are alone
- When they are asleep (such as in a residence hall room or hotel room)
- When they are eating or drinking
- When they are maintaining a social distance of six feet or more from any other person, and
- If they have a documented medical condition that precludes their wearing a face covering.

In situations that may be ambiguous with regard to the above exceptions, individuals are asked to exercise their best judgment with regard to their likelihood of spreading the virus to others. If in doubt, individuals should wear a mask. Everyone is asked to have a mask on their person at all times so that they may don it when circumstances require it as outlined above. The Vice Chancellor expresses his gratitude for your cooperation in helping to keep our community safe during this unprecedented health crisis.

A Prayer for Putting on a Mask By the Rev. Richard Bott

Creator God as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing a mask. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbor, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled help me to speak clearly, not only with my words but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner and may each breath that it holds be filled with your love. In Your name and in that love I pray. Amen

Mental Health Resources

*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

By Mail

Mail us a check, or place cash or check in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are giving toward a pledge, please write "Pledge" on the memo or envelope. If mailing, send to us at the above address.

Online Giving

Convenient and secure -- You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift. Choose credit, debit or bank account payments. If you already have a login for our Realm software, you can either [Give Now](#) or text "Otey\$75" (or any amount) to 73256. Follow the prompts and manage your account. **More information regarding Realm below.**

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Our new 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 Updates

Beginning January 17, the prayer list will be reset for the new year. If you would like someone to be added, removed, or to stay on the list, please contact admin@oteyparish.org by Thursday, January 14.

Prayer List: Stewart Abercrombie, Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Bonnie Babb, Jeannie Babb, Phoebe Bates, David Burnett, Leigh Ann Campbell, Corky Carlisle, Matthew Collins, Stephanie Faxon, Barb Ford, Catherine Garcia, Linda Hutton, Peter Hutton, Ariel Jones, Houston King, Jennifer Lewis, Mary Lynch, Jeff Mazur, Raymond McCoy, Waring McCrady, Jane McKenna, Mary Matlock Newman, Elizabeth Noland, Allen Peek, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts, Glenn Smith, Russell Stubblefield, Elizabeth Taylor, Van Tucker, Peggy Ward, Scott, and those others we name.

January Birthdays

Christopher Van de Ven 1/2; John Bratton 1/4; Karen Keele 1/7; Lisa Howick 1/9; Joe Porter 1/9; Joel Cunningham 1/11; Waring McCrady 1/13; Mary Priestley 1/16; Noel Workman 1/17; Mickey Suarez 1/18; Cullen Thompson 1/19; Annie Beaumont 1/19; Lucy Beaumont 1/19; Myers Gorrell 1/22; Aubrey Black 1/23; Kathy Sturgis 1/25; Margaret Wilson 1/27; Katie Finn Hurst 1/27; Louise Irwin 1/28; Luciana Mollica 1/29; Cabell Thompson 1/31



The deadline for submissions for the February 2021 issue of *Otey Notes* is: 3pm Wednesday, January 20. Please note on your calendar. Email submissions to: admin@oteyparish.org

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