

**E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 05
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2006**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, October 2

10:10 Divinity Choir Practice (Chris Warren)
All Faith Chapel
7:00-8:30 p.m. p.m. Relevant Religion Series
Scarritt Bennett (details below)

TUESDAY, October 3

11:13 - noon UMSA Worship Service with Darius Butler
All Faith Chapel
12:30 Ecumenical mid-day prayer
Benton Chapel

WEDNESDAY, October 4

9:00 a.m. Academic Planning Meeting
Tillett Lounge
10:10 a.m. Weekly Worship Service with Ted Smith
All Faith Chapel

THURSDAY, October 5

7:00 p.m. Discussion Series on "Spiritual Progressives"
Information below

FRIDAY, October 6

10:10 a.m. Coffee Hour
Common Room
11:30 a.m. P&P Meeting
Tillett Lounge

SATURDAY, October 7

All Faith Chapel Hours Update from the University Chaplain

Because of the number of requests we have had for All Faith Chapel to be open for personal meditation, we are going to have it open between 8:15 in the morning until approximately 8 pm at night. The decision to lock it was made originally because of groups using the chapel without reserving it, leaving the chairs rearranged, leaving food and trash in the room and doing damage to the floors and carpet. **THIS ARRANGEMENT IS ON A TRIAL BASIS ONLY.** If the chapel is cared for and the regulations are respected, we can leave it open. If not, it will be re-locked.

Please remember that ANY GROUP (recognized student organization) using the chapel must reserve it through the Office of Schedules and Reservations in Sarratt. Reservations for faculty or staff-sponsored also go through that office, and must also have the approval of the Office of Religious Life.

Gay Welch
University Chaplain

Relevant Religion Series
September 25, October 2, 9 16
Victor Judge, Registrar and Editor of *The Spire*
The Relevant Religious Questions in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson

Information and registration
www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity/rel_religion.html
www.scarrittbennett.org/programs/calendar.aspx
936-8453

Religion, Gender, and Sexuality: Magdalene Perspectives

Wednesday, October 11, 2006
12:00 pm- 1:00 pm Tillett Lounge
Pizza Lunch Provided
RSVP: emily.r.einstein@vanderbilt.edu by Monday October 9th.

Magdalene is a non-profit organization that rehabilitates women with histories of addictions, prison time, and prostitution. Some of these women are coming to the Divinity School to join us for lunch and to share their stories.

*Sponsored by the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

On four Thursday nights in October there will be a series of discussions for "spiritual progressives," based on God's Politics by Jim Wallis and The Left Hand of God by Michael Lerner. The theme is "Doing Justly: Integrating Our Deepest Spiritual Beliefs Into Our Professional and Public Lives."

Discussion will be facilitated by Rabbi Rami Shapiro of Scarritt-Bennett Center, Rev. Judi Hoffman of Edgehill United Methodist Church, Rev. Victor Singletary of Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Rev. Charles Strobel of the Campus for Human Development, and Rev. James Lawson, Civil Rights Pioneer.

Sessions are as follows:

October 5, 7-9, The Temple, 5015 Harding Road. "From Prophets to Principles: Is There a Progressive Spiritual Politics and What Does It Look Like?"

October 12, 7-9, Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church, 2708 Jefferson Street. "From Principles to Policies, I."

October 19, 7-9, Cathedral of the Incarnation, 2015 West End Avenue. "From Principles to Policies, II."

October 26, 7-9, Vine Street Christian Church, 4101 Harding Pike. "From Policies to Politics: Enacting Our Agenda."

For more information and to register, go to www.tennesseeallianceforprogress.org and link to the registration page. Or call 888-903-9576

Eco-Concerns Empowerment Lunches are scheduled for October 11 and November 29. The lunch meetings will be held in room 139 at noon. Contact Megan Severns at megan.severns@gmail.com for more details.

October 4-8 Doctors Without Borders – a model of a Darfur refugee camp
Centennial Park 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
www.doctorswithoutborders.org

Baptist Students interested in starting a conversation about forming a Baptist Student Association should talk to Lillian Hallstrand
lillian.j.hallstrand@Vanderbilt.Edu

Recycle Reminder – please do not use containers marked recycle for trash.

Discerning the Call: Ordination and Mutual Forbearance

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians is sponsoring a conference to celebrate 50 years of women's ordination in the PC(USA) and to work for the full participation of LGBTQ Christians in the life and ministries of the church. An exciting line-up of speakers, preachers, and workshop leaders will address both of these struggles for inclusion -- and the connections between them. While the conference is centered in the PC(USA), it will be of interest to anyone who cares about these issues. The conference will be November 9-11 in Columbus, Ohio. Registration is free for divinity students. Scholarships are available to help with expenses. For more details: go to <http://www.covenantnetwork.org/conf06.html> or see Ted Smith.

WHAT: Nashville, Tennessee screening of *Iraq for Sale*

WHEN: Monday, October 09 2006 07:00 PM

TICKET PRICE: \$7, RSVP required below

After the film, there will be a panel discussion from Nashvillians who have a personal connection with the Iraq occupation, including veterans, Iraqi nationals, and other local experts.

We are asking people to RSVP at the Democracy for America website:
<http://www.dfalink.com/event.php?id=11820>

HOSTED BY: Democracy for America/Nashville.

WHERE: Watkins Film School
2298 Metrocenter Blvd.
Nashville, Tennessee 37228

SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A TICKET

<http://iraqforsale.bravenewtheaters.com/screening/show/5856-nashville>

29th Annal

Vanderbilt University

Holocaust Lecture Series

Against Cultural Genocide

October - November 2006

For more information, call 322-2457 or visit www.vanderbilt.edu/holocaust

The Vote No on 1 campaign needs you! We are in need of volunteers everyday during the week and we are just around the corner on Church Street. This is a project to ensure that a state amendment doesn't get passed that would define marriage as between one man and one woman. We canvass every Saturday at 9:30AM and we need great people to go door to door with us! Please be a part of this great campaign and important time in Tennessee history! Contact Anne Gregory-Cole at 615.321.8467 or annemgregory-cole@hotmail.com and go to our campaign website at www.voteno1tn.com.

If you have information/announcements to be included in the E-Communicator please email the information to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu All information must be received by noon on Thursday for the following week's E-Communicator.