

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 12  
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
November 17, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, November 17

12:00 - 1:00 Fabulous Divinity School Choir Practice  
All Faith Chapel  
3:30 - 6:00 Camp Dogwood Colloquy  
Tillett Lounge (details below)  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. A.-J. Levine Relevant Religion Series  
Scarritt Bennett

TUESDAY, November 18

12:00 - 1:00 Office of Women's Concerns - Kathy Williams  
G-23 "Comedy in the New Testament"

WEDNESDAY, November 19

10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service - Nancy Neely, Guest  
United Methodist Tradition  
All Faith Chapel  
11:00 - 1:00 We Are Thankful Lunch  
Commons Room

THURSDAY, November 20

FRIDAY, November 21

10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour  
Commons Room

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**TIRED OF TALKING ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE?**

You are invited to do something about it.

Camp Dogwood Colloquy

A beautiful rolling 276 acre property under the direction of Rev. Thomas Henderson and the Bethlehem Centers of Nashville committed to developing people and communities through a sustainability movement right here in Nashville. Come learn how you and VDS can contribute to food security and sustainability for the poor in Middle Tennessee.

**When:** November 17th, 3:30-6:30 Food will be served! No Charge

**What:** An introduction and brainstorming session focusing on action.

**Where:** Vanderbilt Divinity School in Tillett Lounge Across from the Refectory.

**RSVP for Dinner: e-mail to [mark.reynolds@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:mark.reynolds@vanderbilt.edu)**

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RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES

Vanderbilt at Scarritt Bennett Center

November 3, 10 and 17

A.-J. Levine, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament "Interfaith Dialogue & Biblical Understanding: The Next Steps in Jewish-Christian Relations"

Information and Registration: [www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/divinity) 615 340-7543 or

[spiritus@scarrittbennett.org](mailto:spiritus@scarrittbennett.org)

Cost \$37.50 CEU's available

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Our very own Kathy Williams will be presenting a talk on "Comedy in the New Testament" focusing primarily on Acts, but also looking into other New Testament books. Kathy is almost finished with her PhD work in this area. Come glean from her knowledge and enjoy her radiant presentation.

When: Tuesday, November 18 from 12:15-1:00

Where: Divinity G-23

Who: Kathy Williams

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**Women and Faith, a Conversation**

**When:** Tuesday, November 18 @ 5:15 - 6:15pm

**What:** This interactive discussion led by Ginger Skaggs, Divinity Intern, will be about women and leadership roles in faith traditions.

**Who:** This event is free and open to both men and women in both the Vanderbilt and larger Nashville communities.

**Where:** Lobby of the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center

For more information, contact [gingerskaggs@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerskaggs@hotmail.com)

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An invitation from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Office at Vanderbilt University. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Wednesday November 19th, 7pm

MOVIE NIGHT and DISCUSSION at the GLBT House.

"The Journey"

Like a lot of his peers, Eric Saperston didn't know what path to take after graduating from college, so he accepted a challenge by his mentor to make life more meaningful. Eric and three others jumped into an old Volkswagen bus and headed out across America, seeking out wisdom from the powerful, the celebrated and the ordinary. ([www.thejourneyfilm.org](http://www.thejourneyfilm.org))

Join us for this fabulous documentary (with popcorn and soda) and those who would like, can stay after to discuss what they've heard and seen.

([www.vanderbilt.edu/glb](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/glb) for directions to GLBT House)

If you think you'll attend this event, an RSVP would be great!

To: [patricia.k.gardner@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:patricia.k.gardner@vanderbilt.edu))

## OTHER EVENTS

please see the website at [www.vanderbilt.edu/glb](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/glb) for more information about these events)

Nov. 21

5th Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance  
St. Ann's Church

Monday Dec. 1

WORLD AIDS DAY  
Worship, Vanderbilt University at Benton Chapel

December 4-7, 2003

Brothers United Winter Retreat VII  
Montgomery Bell State Park, Burns, TN  
Pick up registration forms at the GLBT office or contact [BrosUnited@aol.com](mailto:BrosUnited@aol.com)  
for more information.

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bellarmino University in Louisville, KY has a tenure-track full-time faculty position opening fall semester of 2004. "The ideal candidate will be a Catholic (or someone familiar with and appreciative of the Catholic tradition) with a doctorate in Systematic Theology or Biblical Theology, and competence in Feminist Theology and Spirituality." More details are posted on the board.

Cokesbury, The United Methodist Publishing House is a publisher, distributor, wholesaler, and retailer of products and services to The United Methodist Church and the broader Christian Market. We are seeking professional candidates for the positions of Children's Resource Consultants.

**MAJOR DUTIES:** Communicates, establishes and develops meaningful relationships through strategic partnerships with church professional and functional positions of non-buying congregations as they relate to the Children's ministry in designated congregations. As these relationships are strengthened, each Children's Resource Consultant will understand the vision and goals of the church and recommend the appropriate Children's resources to assist specific congregations in fulfilling their goals. Develops a consistent customer contact, reflecting a reliable level of customer care, and communicating a thorough knowledge of curriculum resources and expertise that will assist Cokesbury in achieving the corporate sales goals.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Minimum of two years of proven and effective sales experience, as well as: (1) bachelor's degree in theology, Christian education, religious studies, or

closely related field OR (2) three or more years of active church curriculum/teaching experience and a high school diploma (or equivalent). Strong customer service background, preferably with call center experience. Strong written and verbal communications and solid organizational skills. Working knowledge of the Christian Church market with a preferred working knowledge and emphasis on the United Methodist Church. Ability to problem-solve and analyze customer data. Demonstrated leadership ability among peers along with solid interpersonal skills. Working knowledge of PC software including Excel and Microsoft Word with a general knowledge of Windows software applications.

We offer an excellent benefit package, including career advancement, professional training and development opportunities, tax-deferred annuity plan, pension plan, free-parking, on-site fitness center and aerobics room, cafeteria, and credit union.

Interested persons should submit resume, along with salary requirements to [employment@umpublishing.org](mailto:employment@umpublishing.org) or fax to (615) 749-6704. AA/EOE employer.

Application deadline: November 25, 2003

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"Lies, Liars, and Parody"

A speech by Al Franken, Author and Political Satirist

Monday, November 17th

7:30 p.m., Langford Auditorium

Al Franken, political satirist and author of the New York Times #1 Best Selling Book, Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right, will continue Project Dialogue's yearlong exploration of its theme "Ideas, Images, Internet: Who Owns What?" on Monday, November 17th at 7:30 p.m. in Langford Auditorium.

Tickets are free for students with Vanderbilt ID, and are available now at Sarratt Student Center front desk. Starting Wednesday, October 29th, remaining tickets will go on sale for the public, and are \$5 for Vanderbilt faculty and staff, and \$10 for the general public.

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Nashville Chapter Americans United for Separation of Church and State is trying to hold public meetings every other month in order to act in its educational capacity and let the public know what is happening in our nation. On Saturday, November 22, we will hold such a meeting at the

Green Hills Library, 3701 Benham Avenue in Nashville. We have ordered a copy of the Public Broadcasting System's recent program -- NOW with Bill Moyers -- exposing how the Bush administration did an end-run around a reluctant and skeptical Congress to implement its faith-based initiative. It indicates which religious groups are -- and which are not -- receiving faith-based grants from the administration.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a brief introduction and will be followed by a discussion. We must leave the meeting room by noon. Those interested in continuing discussion will gather at a nearby restaurant for lunch. Wild Oats has been suggested, but someone may wish to suggest some other place where we would have a good chance for seating together or could reserve a room or tables.

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#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Union Baptist Church of Baltimore, MD is looking for an assistant pastor. Details on the board!

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