VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER November 2, 2009

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Announcement:

Get your new ID Card! Please go to Sarratt 327 through October 31st between 8:30am and 4:00pm to get your new Commodore Card (access privileges, printing and spending plans will expire on November 2nd so be sure to replace your card as soon as possible).

Don't forget to bring your old card to avoid paying a \$20 lost card fee.

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SUNDAY, November 1
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4:00 p.m. – "Mistakes Christians make about Judaism, and so, Jesus" Prof. Amy Jill Levine at St. Timothy's (details below)

MONDAY, November 2

Spring Registration (dates and hours below)

10:10 am – Monday Forum – Applying to Ph.D. Programs?

G-27 (details below)

12:00 noon – Dean's Brown Bag Faculty Lunch

Prof. Joe Pennel presenting

TUESDAY, November 3

WEDNESDAY, November 4

10:10 am - Weekly Worship Service - Religion and the Arts

All Faith Chapel

11:00 am - Academic Programs

Tillett Lounge

12:00 noon – Worship Committee Meeting

G-28

THURSDAY, November 5

FRIDAY, November 6

10:10 am - Coffee Hour - Reading Room

3:00 pm - Al's Pub

Reading Room

Spring 2010 Registration

Office of Victor Judge

Wednesday, October 28

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 29

7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Friday, October 30

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Monday, November 2

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, November 3

1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 4

2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 5

3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Friday, November 6

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Monday, November 9

7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Prof. Amy Jill Levine to offer fresh biblical perspective — Vanderbilt Divinity School New Testament scholar, historian and author will offer two upcoming presentations at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hendersonville: Nov. 1 on "Mistakes Christians make about Judaism, and so, Jesus," and Nov. 8 on "How Jews and Christians read Scripture differently." Her most recent book *The Misunderstood Jew*, which has been used in numerous interfaith dialogues, is based on her study of the complex connections and divisions between Christianity and Judaism.

The lectures, both at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary, lead off the second season of St. Timothy's Education and Arts (E&A) ecumenical faith series for the community. The programs are free, and the sanctuary is wheelchair accessible. A nursery for babies and toddlers will be available, and a reception will follow each presentation. Please call ahead at 615-824-6244, if possible, to indicate nursery needs or to request other assistance. The church is located at 650 E. Main St. across from the Holiday Inn Express. For details, also visit www.sttimothyonline.org.

Monday Forum

10:10-11:00AM, Room G-27

November 2- Applying to Graduate School hosted by Jimmy Byrd, Assistant Professor of American Religious History and Associate Dean for the Graduate Department of Religion

November 9-Prayers for Africa-Robin Porter will host the filmmaker and describe the project following the viewing of the film

Vanderbilt Divinity School

Community Events and Continuing Education Calendar
Fall 2009

Community Breakfast November 19, 2009 Vanderbilt Divinity School Refectory 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

M. Douglas Meeks The Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair in Wesleyan Studies and Theology

Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise: Worship in the Anglican and Wesleyan Tradition

In May 2009, as they have done every other year since 1999, Prof. Douglas Meeks and writer Blair Gilmer Meeks took Divinity School students to England to study Anglican and Methodist Worship and Spirituality. The students find gracious hospitality for their stay at Sarum College in the Close of Salisbury Cathedral. The immersion experience includes visitation of important historical sites in Bristol, Oxford, and London.

This breakfast presentation will introduce you to the historical settings and rich experiences of the trip. Four students will also talk about their experiences from their various viewpoints. Students come home with a new interest in the roots of our worship practices and a renewed sense of calling as pastors and worship leaders. The blending of time for spiritual reflection, opportunities for communal worship, and a connection to the rich history of worship (starting with the beginnings of modern Western liturgy in the twelfth century at Old Sarum) offers unique possibilities for growth. One student remarked, "My understanding of worship will never be the same; my life has changed."

Job Opportunities

First Christian Church, Bowling Green, KY is beginning a search for a person to provide leadership for our youth ministry. The position would require approximately 8-10 hours a week, and usually one trip to Bowling Green per week on Sundays. We have sponsors who work with our youth programming but need someone to help give direction to the ministry and give us new ideas on how we can establish meaningful relationships with youth who do not participate in traditional youth programming.

Pay and reimbursement for mileage would be competitive and would be based in part on the experience of the student.

We are a downtown Disciples of Christ congregation, established in 1845. Our average attendance is 230 in worship, with two services. We have an active social ministry and encourage spiritual formation in the lives of our members which includes worship, spiritual growth and service.

More can be learned about our congregation at www.firstchristianbg.org John Wesley is the senior minister. He is in his 12th year as lead minister. Bowling Green is approximately 60 miles north of Nashville on I-65. It is a community of about 100,000 people. Western Kentucky University is located up the hill from the church. Inquiries should be directed to John Wesley at 270-843-3191or johnwesley@firstchristianbg.org

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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PAID INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Job Title: Research Assistant Intern

Reports to: Director of Research and Data Management

Status/Schedule: Part-time; Hourly Pay; Offers flexibility with work schedule within a

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., workweek

Internship

Duration: One year – Internship to begin in 2010

Responsibilities: Obtain practical research experience in an applied setting. The research

office conducts institutional, denominational, and social scientific research providing empirical evidence for decision making, program design, and

assessment.

The research assistant will conduct secondary data analysis and reporting on a variety of projects as well as assist in primary research design, data collection, analysis and reporting. Issue knowledge relevant to the ordained ministry of The United Methodist Church and/or private, church-related higher education is a plus.

This position is writing intensive. Ability to write clearly and concisely to multiple audiences both academic and non-academic is required.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, survey administration, data coding (including syntax), data entry, data cleaning, spreadsheet and database development, correspondence, literature reviews, instrument development, report writing, and interview scheduling.

Minimum Bachelor's degree with relevant research methodology coursework required;

knowledge

Qualifications: and understanding of research methods a must; familiarity with SPSS

essential; interest in applied research in religion a plus; previous research experience preferred; strong critical thinking skills; proficiency with Word, Excel, and Access a must; strong oral and written communication skills;

good organizational skills; strong attention to detail.

Apply To: GBHEM Human Resources

P.O. Box 340007

Nashville, TN 37203-0007

Fax: 615/340-7048 Email: hr@gbhem.org

In addition to your CV or resume, provide a writing sample that illustrates your ability to present research findings.

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LOOKING FOR EMPLOYEES TO BE A PART OF OUR TEAM!!!

Childcare is a significant ministry of Calvary United Methodist Church. Not only are our nursery and childcare rooms the introduction to the overall ministry of Calvary for many visiting guests of our congregation, but they are also THE introduction for young disciples of Jesus Christ to the Christian faith claimed by the people called Calvary United Methodist Church. Because we are seriously committed to a healthy faith growth in every child that comes into our midst, we have a great respect of and high expectations for our childcare ministry.

Calvary United Methodist Church is now hiring Child Care Workers to work with our infants and children. Various shifts available throughout the week. Starting pay \$10 per hour.

Interested persons are to contact: The Rev. Stephanie B. Dunn, Children's Pastor, at 297-7562 or stephanie@calvaryumc.com

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Friday, December 11

Reading Day

Saturday, December 12

Sunday, December 13

No academic obligations

Monday morning, December 14

Formation of the Christian Tradition

10:00 until noon

Mr. Burns

Tuesday morning, December 15

Hebrew Bible

10:00 until noon

Mr. Knight

Wednesday morning, December 16

Jewish and Christian Relations

10:00 until noon

Ms. Levine and Mr. Smith

Thursday morning, December 17

Pastoral Care and Theology

10:00 until 1:00

Ms. McClure

Friday morning, December 18

Biblical Hebrew Ms. McMurtry

Koine Greek Ms. Redman

10:00 until noon

Please send information to be included in the weekly E-Communicator to sherry.willis@vanderbilt.edu by Thursday afternoon of each week.