

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 16
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
January 19, 2004

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, January 19
Martin Luther King Day (information below)
7:00 p.m. Relevant Religion Series – Dr. Forrest Harris
Scarritt-Bennett

TUESDAY, January 20
12:00 noon SGA Meeting -- PDR

WEDNESDAY, January 21
10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service – All Faith Chapel
Alice W. Hunt, Associate Dean
11:00 – 1:00 Community Meal – Common Room

THURSDAY, January 22

FRIDAY, January 23
10:00 - 11:00 Coffee Hour
Commons Room

RELEVANT RELIGION SERIES

Jan. 19, 26, and Feb 2, 9 at 7-8:30pm Forrest Harris will be speaking for the Relevant Religion series. His topic is "A Survey of Prophetic Responses to Racism." Please call 615-340-7543 or email spiritus@scarrittbennett.org to sign up. The cost is \$50; CEU's are available.

The Field Education department is planning a cross-cultural experience to Mexico in May. The course will be entitled, "The Church and Social Change in Mexico". Participation in the course earns 3 hours of credit and may satisfy the non-congregational requirement for Field Education. Please contact Viki Matson or Trudy Stringer in Field Education for more details.

Women and Faith

When: Wednesday, January 28th @ 6:00-7:00pm
What: Women and Faith is an informal conversation about women in sacred traditions and contexts. It is led by Ginger Skaggs, M.Div. candidate and Women's Center intern.

Who: This conversation is free and open to women and men of the Vanderbilt community as well as to the general public.

For more information or to RSVP contact gingerskaggs@hotmail.com

Artist reception

Eileen Wallach presents her exhibit Perceptions in Visual Healing

When: Thursday January 29 @ 4-6pm

What: The unique works of Eileen Wallach come to the Women's Center from January 12- February 29, with an opportunity to meet the artist at this reception. Come to the Women's Center for an experience of visual healing!

Who: Refreshments will be served at the reception for the exhibit on the 29th Free and open to the public. Call 322-4843 for more information.

MLK Week

Mon, Jan 19th March for Dr. King w/ NPJC, Islamic Center of Nashville, Friends Meeting, 1st UU, TCASK, Amnesty International, Peace Coalition and others...

MEET AT Greater Bethel AME Church, 13th & South Ave, 8:30 Service, 9:00 March

As members of the NPJC we struggle for justice 364 days a year.

The 19th will be a day to celebrate Dr. King's life and to reenergize for this next year of work. Join NPJC, the Islamic Center, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Friends Meeting, First Unitarian Universalist, Greater Bethel AME and many others as we march for peace in the name of Dr. King. May we celebrate his life through our daily work. The march is about 3 -- 4 miles, there will be a van or two for those who need to rest along the way. Don't miss this amazing march as you will see the numbers grow from 50 to 500 to over 5,000 as you walk.

Parking at TSU: If you would like to leave your car at TSU (final destination) and be driven to Greater Bethel, call or email members of the NPJC Program Committee to set up a meeting time. NPJC Cars will leave TSU for Greater Bethel at 8:15AM.

Contact: Lynne at lynn-e@comcast.net, or Saqi at smaleque@mmc.edu

Tues, Jan 20th Supporting Conscience and Non-violent Resistance- Don Beisswenger Send-Off. 7pm at the NPJC*.

In the tradition of Martin Luther King, Don joins a long history of ministers who have chosen to follow their conscience into court. As he prepares to go to Georgia for his trial for his act of civil disobedience, come out to show your support. Learn why he decided that civil disobedience was one answer to the injustices perpetuated by US-Latin American foreign policy as exhibited in the SOA/WHINSEC (School of the Americas). Contact Christina@nashvillepeacejustice.org for more information. Bring food or an appetite to this educational pot luck.

7:00pm-7:30pm Movie on the SOA and letter writing on behalf of Colombian villages in danger of massacre by paramilitary forces (partially funded and trained by the US).

7:30-8:00pm Don Beisswenger: "Why I have chosen civil disobedience."

8:00-9:00pm Supporting Conscience -- Brainstorming, planning, and fellowship.

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The Nashville Peace and Justice Center is a community based coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to creating a peaceful and just society.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

On Jan. 29, 7:30-8:30am Melissa Snarr will be speaking at our Community Breakfast. Her topic is "God is in the Details: Ethical Formation 101." Please call 615-343-3994 to make a reservation. The cost is \$10.

On Thursday, January 29 at 5:30 pm. at All Faith Chapel, there will be a special service of live healing music, readings from sacred text, and some remarks of remembrance of Michelle Jackson. You are invited. I hope you will make a special effort to be part of what we hope will be a magical experience.

Blessings,

Erie Chapman, MTS '02

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.