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MONDAY MORNING

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~ An Advent message from United ~

For the Darkness of waiting
of not knowing what is to come
of staying ready and quiet and attentive,
we praise you, O God.

For the Darkness of hoping
in a world which longs for you,
for the wrestling and laboring of all creation
for wholeness and justice and freedom,
we praise you, O God:
*For the darkness and the light
are both alike to you.*

-Janet Morley, adapted



SEMINARY NEWS

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities' Arts Practicum 2011 Student Show

Creative Commons: It Really Pulls the Room Together



"Burning Bush" by Eric Boehlke

Eric Boehlke, MART Program

Oil bars, paint on canvas

Existential Conversation

How does visual art begin a conversation between the audience, the work and other transcendent elements?

Jerilyn Dinsmoor, MATA Program

Mixed media

Embodiment Ambivalence

Do we view our body as an essential component of God's continuing self-disclosure?

Jackie Falk, MDIV Program

Book arts

The Ten Virgins

What new view of the Kingdom of God arises when Jesus' parable "pops up" from a book's pages?

Rich Kooyer, MDIV Program

Video

Monk and the Strawberry

How do dire forces of our past and future contend with the sweet moments of the now?

Lynda Lee, MDIV Program

Mixed media

Is This Not Your Smiling Face?

What can I learn about myself and my understanding of God through the healing energy of color?

Bigelow Chapel

7:00 PM

Friday December 9, 2011

Premier showing of Rich Kooyer's "The Monk and the Strawberry"

Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 12:00 noon

Steckel Learning Center

View the premier and a sneak preview of the works of the other artists, Eric Boehlke, Jerilyn Dinsmoor, Lynda Lee and Jackie Falk from the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities' Arts Practicum 2011 Student Show *Creative Commons: It Really Pulls the Room Together*

50-Year Anniversary Event: Theological Book Club

Tuesday, December 6

7:00-9:00 PM - Steve Newcom, facilitator/leader

God in Public: Four Ways American Christianity and Public Life Relate by Mark G. Toulouse

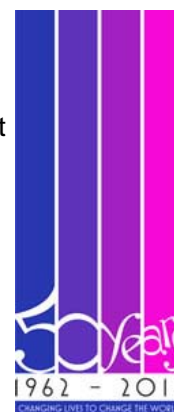
In celebration of United's 50-Year Anniversary, we will read books that treat themes that have been core to United's educational objectives and mission.

Cost: \$10 (per session - there will be 3 sessions)

Download [registration form](#) or contact [Renee Flesner](#) at 651.255.6138.

50-Year Anniversary Prayers

A prayer from Bishop Sally Dyck, Resident Bishop, Minnesota Annual Conference, United Methodist Church in honor of United Theological Seminary's 50th Anniversary Celebration:



O God, you have always shown great and steadfast love for us.
We pray for United Theological Seminary as it celebrates 50 years
Of ministry, preparing and guiding future and present leaders
Throughout all the branches of the church of Jesus Christ.

We pray for discernment to prepare leaders in this present age
When the church faces unique challenges.

Let "new occasions teach new duties" in its mission,
In its curriculum and its witness as new leaders for the church are shaped.

As our culture changes rapidly, we thank you for the grounding of faith
Through sound theology and commitment to ministry

That United Theological Seminary has provided to its students in the past
And also as it prepares students to be leaders in the church in the future.

For those who sowed seeds in the past in establishing UTS,

For those who have nurtured those seeds throughout the years,

And for those who continue to sow and harvest the fruit of UTS' ministry,

We give humble thanks to you for them.

Give discerning wisdom to UTS' leadership as we all face the challenges of change

And give us all courage for bold action to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with all.

Amen.

United is on Facebook



"Like us" to join our [Facebook](#) community and keep up-to-date with happenings in and around the seminary. Be sure to check [Facebook](#) each Friday for "50th Anniversary Fridays." We will be posting a fun fact, quote, or image related to the last 50 years at United. Join us in celebration and conversation!

So Says the Seminarian Blog

[Check it out.](#)

THIS WEEK AT UNITED

Monday - December 5

9:00 AM	Refresher in Pastoral Care for Clergy and Lay Caregivers	Strobel Room
10:00 AM	Self-Study Team Meeting	Hatch Room
12:00 PM	United Methodist Seminar	Small Dining Room

Tuesday - December 6

11:35 AM	Chapel	Bigelow Chapel
12:00 PM	UU Student Group	Small Dining Room

Wednesday - December 7

9:00 AM	Administrative Council	Strobel Room
9:00 AM	CPM Team Meeting	Campbell Room
10:30 AM	EP&E	Hatch Room
1:00 PM	Committee Advocating for Racial Justice	Shummon Room
1:15 PM	Student Direction	Campbell Room
1:30 PM	FAC	Hatch Room

Thursday - December 8

10:00 AM	Technology Oversight Committee	Hatch Room
11:35 AM	Chapel	Bigelow Chapel
12:00 PM	Worship Committee	Small Dining Room
12:00 PM	UU Student Group	Campbell Room
12:15 PM	Practicum Art Lunch Discussion	Steckel Learning Center
12:15 PM	United Community Choir Rehearsal	Bigelow Chapel
1:00 PM	CARJ	Shummon Room
3:00 PM	UCC MN Conference Open and Affirming Task Force	Campbell Room

Friday - December 9

7:30 PM	Practicum Public Event	Bigelow Chapel
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CHAPEL SERVICES

Tues, Dec 6	Bonhoeffer Christmas	Paul Capetz
Thur, Dec 8	Kwanzaa	Pamela Cook
Tues, Dec 13	Welcome Darkness	
Thur, Dec 15	A Service of Lessons and Carols	The Worship Committee
Tues, Dec 20	Blue Christmas	

**Planning or printing bulletins for chapel services?**

Please make the bulletin accessible to all by preparing five copies in a large print sans serif font such as Arial, Verdana or Helvetica.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note change of date for Internship Placement Fair

The placement process for CS251/252 internships in congregational setting for the 2012-2013

academic year is underway. **Please note that the date of the Placement Fair has been changed from February 22 to February 8.**

All students who intend to (or might) register for CS251/252 should have completed an Intern Information Form and given it to Adam Pfuhl. Please do so right away if you have not done so. Intern Information Forms are available from Adam Pfuhl in the marked box on his desk and [on-line](#).

Students planning to register should also sign up for an interview with UTS Context Coordinator Trish Greeves in early December. A signup sheet is on her office door (228).

United Methodist Students!

You are invited to attend the United Methodist Seminar on Monday, Dec. 5 from noon until 1:15 PM. The topic of the conversation will be "Theological Integrity and the Ordination Process." Nancy Victorin-Vangerud will facilitate the conversation explaining the role of the Theology Committee at the Board of Ordained Ministry interviews. We will look at the questions for provisional members and the two criteria that are looked for in interviews—evidence of "life-long learner" and "loves God's world." Nancy will bring copies of what the Board uses as "A Guide to Submitting Written Work to the MN Conference of the Board of Ordained Ministry." In this guide, inclusive language is expected as well as articulating one's own position clearly and authentically, engaging with historical and contemporary theological resources." **Please bring your lunch and join colleagues in the small dining room for a lively discussion!** The UMC Class at Luther will be starting at 1:30 PM so that all UM students can attend this meeting.

Multicultural Students Alliance – Informal Lunch Discussion

Please join me for our second informal lunch discussion **Thursday, December 8** (after Kwanzaa Chapel) in the Context Café. Suggested topics include: Chapel Follow-up, MLK breakfast, etc. Thanks! *Margaree*

Celebrating a birth

M.Div student **Nate Melcher** is proud to announce his wife, Kelly, gave birth to their first child this fall. Gertrude "Gertie" Ruth Melcher was born at 3:24 PM on Sunday, September 4, 2011 weighing in at 6lbs. 8oz. and measuring 20 inches long. The delivery went very well, with a happy Mama Kelly and a proud Papa Nate. Gertie is now twelve weeks old with a hearty, loud cry, a beautiful smile, and lots of strawberry blonde hair. Nate and Kelly have appreciated all of the kind words, thoughts, and prayers from their UTS family with this new blessing in their lives. Nate is on leave of absence this fall and plans to return to campus in 2012.



Merit Scholarships for 2012/2013

The George D. Dayton Scholarship and The Presidential Scholarship are merit scholarships intended to assist outstanding students toward the completion of degree programs while attending United Theological Seminary. The criteria and process for selection is on pages 56-57 of the Masters Student Handbook. Please note the candidates for the merit scholarship must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). To schedule your exam go to www.gre.org. Test results must be submitted to the financial aid office from a recognized testing site not later than February 15, 2012. Please allow two to three weeks for test results to be processed and mailed. Interested students should contact [Michelle Turnau](#), 651.255.6117 for more information.

Changes to the Integrative Notebook policy

All M.A., M.A.R.L. and M.Div. degree program students should be aware of changes in the Integrative Notebook policy. The Integrative Notebook Review is no longer done on an annual basis. The change takes effect immediately and was approved by Faculty Council on Nov. 16, 2011. To read the policy, the review intervals for each degree program and the required contents of the

notebook please visit the revised [Masters Student Handbook](#). Students are strongly encouraged to complete after-course reflection papers as near to the end of each course as possible and to complete the annual reflection paper at the end of each academic year whether or not they are meeting with their faculty advisor in the coming year. **Please note: faculty are not available in July or August for Integrative Notebook Reviews.**

Change of name for Faculty Council

At their November 16, 2011 meeting, Faculty Council approved a recommendation to change the name of **Faculty Council** to **Academic Council**. The name change represents the Council's work beyond faculty and degree programs and includes non-faculty colleagues who direct academic programs.

Seeking a new home

Bailey (female, spayed, 6 years old) and Cosmo (neutered 7 years old) are two wonderful cats (not declawed) are looking for a new home. They have been together since Bailey was a kitten. We no longer can have them due to family allergies to cats. We would like to keep them together if possible. They have litter boxes, toys and food that can go to their new home. If interested please contact Michelle Turnau by December 6 at 651.255.6117 or mturnau@unitedseminary.edu.



Huenemann House Apartments Available

We have two one bedroom apartments available for rent. The monthly rent is \$677.00 and includes utilities, basic cable T.V. and internet service. If interested please contact Michelle Turnau at 651.255.6117 or mturnau@unitedseminary.edu.

The Technology Oversight Committee recommends...

Check out new postings on United's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/UnitedTheological>.

SPENCER LIBRARY

Greetings all,

Well, just in time for Advent we bring you a huge selection of new books recently added to the Spencer Library collection. Follow [THIS LINK](#) and check out all the great new titles we have on hand to temp you away from holiday shopping, grading papers, and all those niggling tasks that your job here at United requires. You can check out the titles online, or come on over to the New Books Display and find that special book you cannot live without reading during this season of waiting and expectation.

Bibliographically Yours,

DALE

Assistant Director of the Library

Library Hours during term breaks and January term

December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 CLOSED	19 8:00 - 9:00	20 8:00 - 5:00	21 8:00 - 5:00	22 8:00 - 4:00	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED

25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED
January						
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SEC NEWS

Attention Students:

The SEC wants to hear your suggestions and concerns! Have you seen the suggestion box that hangs in the Context Cafe? The SEC checks the box regularly and takes your ideas very seriously. Your suggestions will be discussed and dealt with in a timely manner!

Did you know that all SEC meetings are open to the student body? If you have an idea or concern, why not join us for a meeting? We meet on the second Monday of the month from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Small Dining Room. Email sec_representatives@googlegroups.com to have your name officially added to our meeting agenda, or just stop in to chat with us!



ALUM NEWS

Herbert Perkins (MDiv '10) underwent a difficult surgery on December 1, 2011. Herb serves as adjunct faculty at United and represents the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ on the Local Church Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ. Notes and cards can be sent to 190 George St. W., St. Paul, MN 55107.

Sarah Campbell (MDiv '89) was honored by the National Council of Churches Circles of Names Campaign. Circles is designed to foster financial support for women's ministries through the 21st century by asking 1000 women and men to donate \$100 in the name of a woman who has inspired them in their faith journey. In support of this goal, gatherings have taken place across the United States where a small and select group of women leaders have been specially recognized. To learn more visit www.circlesofnames.org.

INSTITUTE FOR THE SUPPORT OF PASTORAL MINISTRIES

New Consultation Groups forming in January 2012

- Social Justice Ministries, facilitated by Steve Newcom
- Church Leadership and Administration, facilitated by Clyde Steckel

Deadline to register: December 15

Find more about The Institute at www.unitedseminary.edu/Institute/index.asp

FACULTY CITINGS

"Burning Center, Porous Borders - The Church In a Globalized World"

Announcing the publication of a new book written by Eleazar S. Fernandez, United's Professor of Constructive Theology. *Burning Center, Porous Borders* articulates what the church is and is called to be about in the world, a world now globalized to the point that the local is lived globally and the global is lived locally. The church must respond creatively and prophetically to the challenges - economic disparity, war and terrorism, diaspora, ecological threat, health crisis, religious diversity, and so on - posed by our highly globalized world... In *Burning Center, Porous Borders* congregational vitality and progressive praxis kiss and embrace!



The book is available for purchase at United's Cokesbury Bookstore.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Blessings by KIMYIBO

a special exhibition by United student KimyiBo

December 1 through January 20 at St. Paul Student Center, Larson Art Gallery

For more information in KimyiBo visit her blog: simmeringart.wordpress.com.

[Read more about the exhibition](#)

Willie James Jennings at Luther Seminary

Thursday, December 8, 7:00 PM

Willie James Jennings is the author of the book "The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race" which just won the 2011 AAR Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion. He's on the faculty at Duke Divinity school, and will be at Luther Seminary helping people think about the pedagogical implications of his book. The Thursday evening event is free and open to all who care about dismantling racism.

Neal and Leandra Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 11, 7:00 PM

St. Joan of Arc

Neal Hagberg, who led chapel on Oct. 6 and performed on Nov. 11 in Bigelow, and his music/life partner, Leandra Peak (blessed with in incredible voice) will perform together. Tickets (\$20) can be purchased by phone 612.823.8205), at SJA's website, www.stjoan.com, or by following the links form their own website, www.nealandleandra.com/

COKESBURY BOOKSTORE



Hours are 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Phone: 651.638.1960

www.cokesbury.com

We will soon have the information for where, when and how to sell back used textbooks (an online service)—watch this space!

Meredythe, Justin, and Cara

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the [Job Opportunities](#) page for listings of full-time, part-time, and interim positions.

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