

E-COMMUNICATOR NO. 6
VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
September 29, 2003

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:00 - 1:00 Fabulous Divinity School Choir Practice
All Faith Chapel
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Relevant Religion Series -- Scarritt Bennett
Dr. Douglas Meeks (information below)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, October 1

10:00 - 11:00 Worship Service, All Faith Chapel
Tom Albin, From the Upper Room
Healing Service
Noon to 1:00 p.m. LAVENDER LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION
Private Dining Room

THURSDAY, October 2

12:10-1:00 OWC presents
G-23 Joe Blosser "The De-flowering of Hawai'i"
1:10 - 2:30 First Year Colloquy
G-23

FRIDAY, October 3

10:10 Community Coffee - Common Room
6:00 p.m. First Friday Service
Christ Church Cathedral

Sunday, September 28, 2003, 5:30 p.m.

GABLE will host a pizza supper in the Common Room followed by the critically acclaimed film (1 hour running time), DADDY AND PAPA, in room G23. The film is a documentary about gay men who have adopted children. Please RSVP via email to Kelly Ayer or Paul Noreika, GABLE Co-Chairs, so we know how much pizza to order.

Wednesday, October 1, 2003

Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Private Dining Room

LAVENDER LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION

Please bring your lunch and come to the Private Dining Room to have conversation about gay and lesbian parenting. Presenters will be Attorney Abby Rubenfeld, Rubenfeld and Associates; Debra Alberts, University School of Nashville; and Ben Papa, Director of Religious Education at First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville and first year MDiv student. We have asked panelists to consider 3 questions:

1. Why did you choose to become parents?
2. What are some of the social and legal questions you have had to address in becoming lesbian and gay parents?
3. What are your ongoing relationships with your families of origin?

Abby and Debra are parents to two daughters and Ben and his partner, Brad, will be having twins in January.

GABLE members will provide beverages and dessert. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday, October 1.

Please join us for our monthly First Friday service at Christ Church Cathedral on October 3 at 6:00 pm. The theme of the service is "All Creatures of Our God: A Celebration of Saint Francis." In addition to the Gallery Musicians and the Epiphany Dancers, we are especially excited about the participation of GYANE-KWAME AHIMA and the Asante Talking Drums of Ghana. If you've never experienced a worship service accompanied by African drummers, here's your chance! The Cathedral is located at 9th and Broadway in downtown Nashville. Phone #255-7729. Reception following the service. Childcare provided. Hope to see you there! Alice Nichols

12:10-1:00 Thursday, October 2

G-23 Joe Blosser "The De-flowering of Hawai'i"

In "The Deflowering of Hawai'i," Joe will share some of the story of the takeover of the island people. He worked with the women there last summer and will discuss the poverty and oppression that the patriarchal society creates. He will also discuss the spirit of Aloha and the redemption therein.

September 29-30, 2003 The Interfaith Alliance of Middle Tennessee announces the Nashville visit of Rev. Dr. C. Welton Gaddy President The Interfaith Alliance, Washington D.C.

For further information, call Dan Rosemergy, IAMT Chair at (615) 333-0462
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SAVE THE DATE!

Cole Lecture Series with Kathryn Tanner

Thursday October 9 @ 7:00 p.m. and Friday October 10 @ 10:10

Benton Chapel

A Workshop for the Religious Community on Domestic Violence
It Begins At Home...

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003 -- 8am-12:30pm

Location: Scarritt Bennett Center

Guest Speaker: Mark Wynn

Look for upcoming registration materials, go to www.save.faithsite.com , or for more information contact Beth Lowry at 615-202-5252

If you are a clergy, chaplain, youth director, church counselor, parish nurse, lay leader or other religious professional, you won't want to miss this seminar!

A collaborative effort between S.A.V.E. (Survivors Against Violent Environments) and the Nashville Coalition Against Domestic Violence

Take Back the Night

When: Monday, Oct. 27 7:00 PM

Where: From Olin Field across from the VU baseball field to the covered shelter in Centennial Park

Who: All members of the Vanderbilt and larger communities

What: Take Back the Night is a night of healing - a community rally and march against domestic and sexual violence. We will begin at Olin field with stories

from survivors of violence. After marching to Centennial Park, we will have an open mike for anyone who cares to share their story of healing.

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.