



Candler Chronicle

A WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR
CANDLER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, EMORY UNIVERSITY

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What's Happening This Week?

- We hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break and that you're ready for the final push of the semester! There are many reasons to continue to count our blessings as we look forward to the Christmas season.
- Please take time this week to celebrate the advent season with the rest of the Candler Community through worship! There are lots of opportunities, so make sure to check the Chronicle for the worship schedule.

Advent Warm Morning...

Wednesday December 3, 8:30am-11:00am, CST 311

Enjoy cider and snacks with us as the semester ends and Advent begins. Come and go...stop by for a moment between classes or during a break in your schedule. Warm beverages and warm fellowship for all!



Meet the Candidates!

We invite you to meet the three candidates for a faculty position as Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling. Each candidate will give a lecture and take part in a small group "Meet and Greet". We encourage all MDiv, MTS and ThM students to attend. These last few weeks of school are hectic, but **student feedback is an important part of the selection process** so please come to these exciting events!

John Blevins – Wednesday December 3rd

Lecture & Discussion: - 8:00 - 9:20 AM - CST 411 "Possibilities and Pitfalls: Current Perspectives in Contemporary Pastoral Theology."

Small Group Meet & Greet: 11:00 - 11:50 AM - Formal Lounge (Cannon Chapel) Bagels and Coffee will be provided!

Amy Bentley Lamborn – Thursday December 4th and Friday December. 5th

Lecture & Discussion: 9:30 – 11:00 AM – Canon Chapel 106 (Thursday Dec. 4th)

Small Group Meet & Greet: 8:30 – 9:30 AM – Hospitality Suite CST 5th Floor (Friday Dec. 5th) Bagels and Coffee will be provided!

Gregory Ellison – Thursday December 11th

Lecture & Discussion: 9:30 – 11:00 AM – CST 411

Small Group Meet & Greet: 11:00 – 12:00 PM – Location TBA - Bagels and Coffee will be provided!

Take Good Care of Yourself...

More notes from Addressing the Stress

If you notice that you are unable to find humor within your life, are isolating yourself or feel as if your options are narrowing as the demands of life overwhelm you it is time to seek help. Help comes from a variety of sources yet going to counseling is a most beneficial method for

We are not meant to be nor is it possible to perfect at everything we do. It is important to give the best of yourself without becoming obsessive and setting unrealistic goals. We must learn the *Just Good Enough* method. We are immersed in a culture that requires perfection in everything that we do, and we have adopted this outlook. Yet we must question whether this is what God asks of us. The *just good enough* method acknowledges that we cannot do everything perfectly and still live balanced lives. We- as mind, body and spirit- are the instruments through which God works in this world. Therefore we must take care of ourselves.

Quick Tips for reducing stress:

Get 7-8 hour of sleep , eat healthy foods, and drink plenty of water.

Take 3-5 minute breaks while doing school work to walk to stretch, walk around and have allow your mind to be refreshed

Practice deep breathing daily to train your body to have the relaxation response

Experiment with different spiritual practices until you find one or two that enrich your life.

Coming to Candler Spring Semester...

1/14 Quiet Day Retreat

1/21 State of the School Address and Lunch

1/26-28 Benedictine Women of Madison

1/30-31 Take Good Care of Yourself Retreat (tentative)

2/24 Shrove Tuesday Breakfast

And much more!

Student Organization Meetings

Sacred Worth	Tue. Dec. 2	12:00pm	CST401
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Order of St. Luke	Wed. Dec. 3	12:00pm	CCI06
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Deadlines for International Study Applications

Don't miss out on the opportunity to study abroad by missing the application due dates!

Bahamas Methodist Church Summer Internship—December 2

Sweden: Uppsala University Theology School-Candler Exchange Program—December 2

For more information, visit the OSP blackboard site and check the Programs section.

When Shall I See Jesus? Southern Folk Advent!

Sat., Dec. 6, at 4:00pm The Old Church at Oxford College of Emory University, Oxford, GA

Come celebrate Advent in a folksy way. Don't miss this event featuring preacher Brooks Holifield, The Sonny Houston Band, The Meridian Chorale and Steven Darsey. Bring in the season of advent with sa-

Christ is Coming to Candler a Little Earlier...



Candler Advent Worship

Tuesday, December 2

11:00am: **Hanging of the Greens**

A service of readings, carols, and festive decorating of the chapel

Wednesday, December 3

11:00am: **Magnificat—My Soul Magnifies the Lord**

A service of gifts and talents by the Candler community

Thursday, December 4

11:00am: **Advent Lessons and Carols**

Readings and songs to prepare for Christ's coming

5:30pm: **A Service of Heartbreak and Hope**

Acknowledging the hurt of the past year and offering healing in the midst of it

Friday, December 5

11:00am: **Eucharist**

Commune with God and each other on the last day of classes

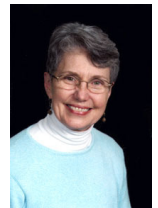
A Primer for the Season of Advent



While familiar to some, the season of Advent and its traditions are new to others. Here is a brief introduction to this liturgical season. Advent (from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming") is the season of the Church in which we expectantly wait and prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus. Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia* (meaning presence) commonly used in reference to the Second Coming. The season of Advent serves as a dual reminder of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah as well as the waiting that we endure awaiting the second coming of Christ. Advent is marked by a spirit of anticipation, preparation, and longing. There is a yearning for deliverance from the evils of the world, first expressed by Israelite slaves in Egypt as they cried out from their bitter oppression. It is the cry of those who have experienced the tyranny of injustice in a world under the curse of sin, and yet who have hope of deliverance by a God who heard the cries of oppressed slaves and brought deliverance! It is that hope that once anticipated, and now anticipates anew, the reign of an Anointed One, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world.

Advent starts on the 4th Sunday before December 25. Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is purple. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The third Sunday remains the Sunday of joy marked by pink or rose. However, most Protestant churches now use blue to distinguish the season of Advent from Lent. Royal blue is sometimes used as a symbol of royalty. Some churches use bright blue to symbolize the night sky, the anticipation of the impending announcement of the King's coming, Advent is a time of preparation that is marked by prayer.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore Celebration!



Tuesday, December 9, any time from 1:30-3pm in CST 102

Please stop by at any point during this celebration to honor Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore. We will celebrate her leadership and many contributions to Candler. Sponsored by WTM, OSP, and the Dean's Office.

Christmas Music with Paul Tate



Friday, December 12 at 8 pm in Cannon Chapel

Come hear Paul Tate, music director for Emory Catholic Center with a band and vocal group singing some seasonal favorites, praise and worship songs, and some of Paul's original music. This is a family-friendly night of music and praise of our Lord as we pray for His coming at Christmas

Spring Conferences and Future Opportunities

Religion Communicators Conference

It's that time of the year, time to find those aspiring religion communicators on our college and university campuses! We are seeking to find students who live in proximity to a local chapter so that they can establish mentoring relationships with those students. This year's convention will be held in Boston, MA from March 26-28, 2009. The scholarship includes: paid registration for the convention; paid hotel room (double occupancy) for four nights; up to \$400 for travel and meals; and paid membership to the RCC for 2009 and 2010. Students can find the scholarship application on our website, www.religioncommunicators.org on the "Convention" page. The application deadline is January 16, 2009. All materials must be received by the deadline. Please call or e-mail Shirley Struchen with any questions or inquiries at (212) 870-2402 or e-mail sstruchen@rcn.com.

Enough for All Creation: 2009 Ecumenical Advocacy Days

Registration is now open for the 2009 Ecumenical Advocacy Days gathering in Washington, D.C. March 13-16 (To register online, go to <http://www.advocacydays.org/>)

The 7th annual Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD) will explore ways to bring about a world with Enough for All Creation. Hundreds of people of faith from throughout the United States and representing a wide array of Christian communions will gather in Washington, D.C. March 13-16 for worship, fellowship and witness. Participants will also receive training in advocacy and will conclude with meetings on Capitol Hill with Congressional representatives or their staff. The registration fee is \$160. You can visit Advocacy Day's young adult page or email scholarships@advocacydays.org to learn about available student scholarships. A special hotel rate of \$109 plus tax daily is available approximately until early February.

Preaching Conference Scholarship

If you discern such preaching to be a central part of your vocation, we invite you to apply for participation in a conference to be held **February 6-9, 2009** in Washington DC for seminarian and professional members of The Beatitudes Society. The conference will focus on a collegial listening of one another into graceful prophetic speech. Apply at http://www.beatitudessociety.org/preaching_conference_application

To attend *Shaping Sermons to Nurture Justice: A Conference on Prophetic Preaching*.

Participants will be limited to 12, selected on the basis of two *submitted sermons* and a *brief application*.

The Deadline December 1, 2008. Learn more at

<http://www.beatitudessociety.org/calendar/preaching_conference> The theme will be "Preach the Gospel by all means; and if necessary, use words."

CPE Information

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is required for many Candler students seeking ordination and is recommended for those students called to chaplaincy ministries. Students can obtain academic credit for CPE (one-half CPE unit = 3 Candler credits, while one full CPE unit = 6 Candler credits).

For a full description of the program and the process of applying and receiving credit, go to the Candler CPE web site: www.candler.emory.edu/ACADEMIC/ConEd/CPE.cfm. Feel free to contact Carmen Thompson or Dr. David Jenkins in the Con Ed Office (CST 433B) with additional questions.

Spring Break in El Salvador

If you are interested in spending your spring break in service, Candler students are invited to join with United Methodist Volunteers in Mission for a trip to El Salvador. For more details, visit umvim.org/candler.

What: Build a Methodist Habitat House

When: March 7-14, 2009

Where: Ahuachapan, El Salvador

Contact: Rev. Matt Lacey at UMVIM, SEJ 404.377.7424 | matt_lacey@umvim.org

Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform Video Competition

Justice for Immigrants: video competition the National Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform and The Jesuit Conference have launched a video competition, "*Migration, My Home, My Story*," calling on Christians to reflect on how the reality of immigration today as it relates to their families and friends. The deadline to enter the contest is January 5, 2009. Packets containing hard copies of additional information are available upon request. To request a packet please contact 1st year M.Div. student Matthew Cobb-Collins at mcobbco@emroy.edu.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant Opportunity

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which is a domestic anti-poverty campaign of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, is soliciting grant applications (up to \$4,000) from local North Georgia non-profit, non-partisan community organizations. Projects eligible for funding should focus on systemic initiatives to eradicate poverty and right social injustices while helping low-income people to participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, empowering them through institutional change and leadership development models. The application deadline is January 5th, 2009. For more information please feel free to contact 1st year MDiv student Matthew Cobb-Collins at mcobbco@emory.edu, or visit the Catholic Charities website at <http://www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/programs/cchdatl.htm>

The Beatitudes Society Summer Fellowships Program

Deadline February 8, 2009

Students enrolled in seminary/divinity school in Fall 2009 are invited to apply for fellowships that will expand their experience in ministry, engage them in praxis and reflection with peers, develop their community organizing skills, serve God in the world, and equip them to change the world. Fellowship sites for Summer 2009 (June 8th –August 3) are located in Washington, DC, The San Francisco Bay area, and Chicago, IL. Students may apply for a fellowship at one or more of the following organizations: Sojourners, Bread for the World, Faith in Public Life, Children's Defense Fund, Interfaith Worker Justice, and others. Students who are selected will receive a \$3,000 stipend to cover costs. Applications are available now at www.BeatitudesSociety.org/fellowships. Contact anne@BeatitudesSociety.org with any questions.

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Female Discussion Facilitators Needed

Looking for facilitation experience that can help you be a better teacher, mentor, organizer, and leader? In order to empower racial, ethnic, and sexual minority women at Emory and to build interracial, international, and multi-sexual sisterhood. The Center for Women is looking for volunteer co-facilitators for 3 new student discussion groups: **Women of Color Group, International Women's Group, and the Queer Women's Group**. Facilitators do not need to be "experts," but should have a strong interest in the group's focus, demonstrate the ability to be a good listener and facilitator, have an open mind, and be able to commit to a facilitator position for one semester. Facilitators are expected to attend a few training sessions, plan and facilitate bi-weekly group meetings, and meet with Center for Women staff at least twice per semester. Positions are unpaid. Graduate student women from any discipline are encouraged to apply. **The application deadline is Saturday, December 13th.** Please contact chominah@yahoo.com for an application.

Voyages: the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database

Conference Friday December 5th and Saturday December 6th Jones Room, Woodruff Library

The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database is a significant achievement for Emory faculty and the General Libraries research staff. The upcoming conference introduces librarians, educators, and community members to the database's features. Anyone interested in being familiar with, or using this database is encouraged to attend. For additional information please contact:

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Fall 2008 Diversity Dialogue

Friday, December 5, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Room 130 – Auditorium, Goizueta Business School

President-elect Barack Obama's journey and election to the highest office in the land on November 4th began before he was even born. He traveled a path that was made possible by generations of courageous people who fought for equality for ALL Americans. Come join us to reflect and discuss this important point in history. Please RSVP to RSVP@bus.emory.edu Sponsored by Goizueta's Office of Diversity and Community Initiatives and the Goizueta Diversity Committee.

A Festival of Faiths to Celebrate Religious / Spiritual Diversity

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Asbury Circle

Follow the world's faith traditions to their core and the similarity of their basic message is unmistakable: Treat others as you would want to be treated yourself. The more we can learn from other religions and beliefs, the more we can see the human spirit we all have in common, and the greater chance there will be for world peace. In the spirit of encouraging and supporting respect among all religions and spiritual paths, faith communities will set up booths, and attendees will be given the opportunity to wander from one booth to the next and experience the richness of different spiritual beliefs, from Catholicism to Islam, from Buddhism to Shamanism.

World AIDS Day

Monday, December 1, Emory Quad

Stop by the Emory Quad for speakers (including fashion designer and), AIDS awareness events, and an exhibit of 800 panels from the World AIDS quilt.

Community Events

Singing Our History for BiRacial Legacy Markers in Candler Park: Musical Narratives of Hope and Change

A benefit concert, "Musical Narratives of Hope & Change," for our African American Legacy Markers in Candler Park Initiative is on the calendar for Thursday, Dec. 4 from 7 to 10pm at The Old Stone Church/ First Existentialist Congregation at 470 Candler Park Dr. NE, Atlanta 30307. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. Please share the attached flyer with your Social Justice Lists and community allies who may enjoy this event. Please call The History Project office at 404-222-0801 with any questions you may have.

60 years of Progress, 10 Days of Recognition

December 1-10, Atlanta honors the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

On December 1-10, 2008 Atlanta's cultural, religious and educational institutions will join forces for *60 Years of Progress... 10 Days of Recognition*, a series of free celebratory events organized by the Center for Civil and Human Rights to honor the 60th anniversary of the declaration. This 10-day series of events is intended to educate, inform and engage Atlanta's diverse population in past and current civil and human rights issues and will be held in locations across the Metro Atlanta area, including The Carter Center, Emory University, Spelman College and more. Additionally, event organizers are excited to welcome the Mayor of Nuremberg and his delegation to Atlanta and look forward to their participation in the opening event. The event showcases everything from a film festival, evening of spoken word and music, panel discussion, and art exhibit. At each event and throughout the city during the 10-day series, there will be opportunities for individuals to sign prominently displayed, enlarged copies of the Declaration. By participating in the signing, an individual will commit to live by the ideals set forth within the Declaration's 30 articles, and each person will receive a small replica of the UDHR. Please visit www.cchrpartnership.org for more information.

Faiths & Feminisms Interfaith Book Circle.

Meeting on the first Monday of each month, this open book group seeks to deepen the dialogue between different understandings of, and commitments to, living a life in which faiths and feminisms intersect and inform our work for justice and wholeness. Facilitators are group participants of many faiths who are committed to increasing mutual enrichment and understanding. All faiths and all definitions of feminism welcome! Join us this month as we continue our discussion of "Weaving the Visions: New Patterns in Feminist Spirituality," by Carol P. Christ & Judith Plaskow. **For more information please call 404-524-0304, Charis Books & More**