Inside: letter from your new editor, note from President Wardlaw, Words for Friends, announcements, Midwinters info, and reflections from students, spouses and faculty.
To the APTS Community:

I am thrilled to come on board as the new editor of Kairos. I believe that Kairos is a powerful venue of expression for our community and I’m honored to be a part of it. Kairos has been lucky to have a series of previous editors who were committed to making sure that Kairos is the true voice of the community—covering issues and events that are important to all of us.

My goal as editor is to continue growing Kairos’ reputation as a serious and intentional publication that serves as the “voice of the community.” I also recognize, though, that we are a community of many faces and many voices, and an effective Kairos is one that provides a platform of expression and exploration for our diversity of perspectives. To this end, I have been developing new plans and strategies to expand Kairos’ reach in terms of both readership and contributors.

I have created a group of student volunteers—the Kairos Think Tank—who will each keep an open ear to issues relevant to our community, help generate ideas, and seek out and encourage contributors who have their own voice to offer.

I am hopeful that Kairos will grow in its role as an integral part of community. I also hope that it will start and tap into conversations that will continue in other venues on and off campus. To this end, I am planning to institute a monthly, informal coffee hour to talk more about issues addressed in Kairos. I am also planning to have monthly themes with multiple issues for each theme—so that there is space and time for responses and deeper explorations of each important concept.

If you have ideas, I want to hear them. Talk to me or the Think Tank, or join us in our work. I look forward to hearing from you—so add your voice!

Layton Williams, Editor
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Meet the New Class!

From left to right: Dagne Balcha, Danita Nelson, Naomi Ortiz, Trevor Kennedy, Mario Ransan, Andrew Lemlyn
(not pictured: Amy Litzinger)
On Midwinters and Students: A Word From Your President

Ted Wardlaw, President
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

What you are about to read really happened a few years ago. It was at a MidWinters lecture series, and we had a dynamite line-up of three lecturers giving, each one of them, a series of lectures—the Currie lecturer, the Jones lecturer and the Westervelt lecturer. They were each addressing powerful issues before the church and the world in our time; and, as usual at MidWinters, the chapel was packed and the overflow room was uncomfortably full. Also, as usual, there were tons of grateful alums, locals, and other interested people...and very few students. Students often seem to think MidWinters is a bit like Christmas break, and so they leave town. There was one student who resolutely showed up—because she had to. She was managing the sound and recording from the balcony. She came up to me at the end of the three-day event: “Ted,” she said, “I listened to these lectures because I had to; and, the strangest thing! They were wonderful. They addressed me and various things I’ve been thinking about. Who would have thunk it?” I think of her now every year about this time. Can you believe students assume that MidWinters won’t be for them?! What’s that? You can? Well, you’re missing something! This year, a rising star amongst theologians, inspired by Occupy Wall Street, will be thinking out loud about faith and economics. A womanist New Testament professor is preparing to knock our socks off. A well-known church leader will address maybe the most serious issue of our time, the Doctrine of the Church. And a talented preacher will preach on money, and faith, and economics, and fairness, and baptism. I hope you’ll be there, for all of it.

MIDWINTERS INFORMATION:

Current students are invited to participate! Feb 4-6, 2013
Lecture topics include:

- Grace-filled Economy: The Way Around the Ethic of Scarcity Toward the Ethic of Enough by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty
- Sojourners’ Truths by Margaret Aymer
- The Last Shall be First: Ecclesiology as Initial Theological Problem by Joseph Small
- Preaching by Karl Travis

SCHEDULE:

Monday Feb. 4th
7:30 pm - Opening Worship in Shelton Chapel

Tuesday Feb. 5th
8:45 am - Gathering Music
9:00 am - Currie Lecture: Driving Forces Behind an Ethic of Scarcity
10:00 am - Coffee Fellowship
10:30 am - Westervelt Lecture: The Body Lies Bleeding
Noon - Faith and Public Life Luncheon with the Honorable David Peeples
1:30 pm - Jones Lecture: The New Testament as Migrant Writings
2:45 pm - Currie Lecture 2: Table Grace and an Ethic of Enough
3:30 pm - Coffee Fellowship
4:00 pm - Moderated Conversation
7:00 pm - Word and Sacrament

Wednesday Feb. 6th
8:15 am - Gathering Music
8:30 am - Westervelt Lecture 2: A Company of Criminals
9:30 am - Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am - Jones Lecture 2: Migrant Writings as Scripture
11:15 am - Currie Lecture 3: Theological Courage for an Economy of Sharing
12:30 - 2:00 pm - ASA Banquet
On Making The Grass Greener on Our Side:
A Baptist Student Talks The Green Seminary Initiative

According to Kermit, “It’s not easy being green” but for APTS it is because we already are. That is, we are members of the Green Seminary Initiative. Launched in November, 2007 at the annual AAR/SBL meeting our seminary answered the rallying cry along with other sister seminaries to take seriously the obligation to prepare religious leaders in meeting the looming ecological crisis. There are now over 45 seminaries involved.

Specifically, the initiative encourages the education of seminarians and the “greening” of seminaries in five broad areas: Education, Worship, Building and Grounds, Community Life, and Public Ministry. Currently the Corpus Christi student group is developing our Green Seminary Profile to publicly share what we are doing in each of these areas. With this “snapshot” it allows us to celebrate where God has led us in our call as a spiritual community with an earth ethic. It also serves as a useful catalyst as we recognize and set goals for accomplishing new ways to live into this role.

Our Profile is still a work in progress but can be accessed though the website http://www.greenseminaries.org/. Take a look. See how “green” we already are and let us know if you are aware of ecological practices we are doing that have not been captured in our snapshot. Also as you see opportunities where we might continue to serve as a model of ecological responsibility let us know so we can discern the next steps to which we may be called.

Care of the earth is not an add-on to ministry. It is at the core of the ministry to which we are all called. Through Christ, God is at work in the redemption and restoration of all creation. While we are at this training ground called seminary may we prepare ourselves so that we can equip the saints in sharing this good news with all creatures here below.

On Boredom and Burnt Orange:
A Seminary Husband Talks Finding Unexpected Community

My expectations for happiness in Austin were very low when Michele and I decided last April we would be making the move. Our life in Tulsa was perfect. Then Michele explained to me she felt she was receiving a call. Since I of course consider myself a world class smart aleck I told her she should probably answer it. Little did I know she already had. After she explained to me that Louisville, Richmond or Austin seemed like the best options for her to receive the education she needed, my response was “Well, Austin’s out.” A lifelong Sooner I had never been to Austin before, I just knew it was where the Longhorns played football and the seminary campus was across the street, therefore it was a non-starter.

I knew I was in trouble when Michele returned from her Discovery weekend at APTS and said she would not be visiting the other schools. Then proof came that God has a sense of humor when my boss told me I could move to Austin and still keep my job. So that was it, we were moving to Austin. In my mind I was heading to the land of Burnt Orange and boredom, I would be trapped in a campus apartment all day with just my work and my dogs.

However, my foolishness came not in just pre-judging the town, but in my preconceived notions of APTS and the people on campus. It didn’t take long to learn that the word “community” is not just used here—it’s practiced every day. From sporting activities to orientation, even on-campus activities like Chapel and Manna, APTS is an open community that cares for one another. We love it here and have made great friends. Who knows what God has in store for us next? Well, Nebraska’s out.
Before coming to seminary, our CPM identified one of our goals as “stay married!” We thought they were joking, but we soon learned there was wisdom in this statement. So here it is -- the good, the bad, and the ugly of attending seminary with your spouse...

The Good: We spend a lot of time together. In our life before seminary, we were like ships passing in the night as we juggled busy work, volunteer, church, and social schedules. Jill complained that she wanted more quality time with David, while David longed to have more time away from work to spend with Jill. The solution: find a way to spend more time together. Seminary has definitely solved that problem! We now spend as many hours in a day together as we did apart before we made the move, and in most ways, this has been a blessing. We work well together and truly enjoy each other’s company, and as it turns out, we’re good study partners, too!

The Bad: We spend a lot of time together. At times it feels like we have little privacy or independence. We’re in class together. We have the same assignments. Our high stress times are the same. Oh, and the big house we lived in? That’s now a small apartment. This leads to comments like, “honey, I love you, but unless you’re having a heart attack or the building is on fire, please don’t bother me for the next two hours.”

The Ugly: We spend a lot of time together. It’s midnight, and there is a NT final in the morning. One wonders whether a particular argument of Paul’s is found in Galatians or Ephesians, and the other wonders who is Paul? Why am I awake at this hour? Is this really a true call? And about that quality time...

The Redeemed: Whether good, bad, or ugly, we have experienced the grace of Christ who redeems our time, our individual lives, and our marriage, and we are grateful for the opportunity to experience our seminary journeys together.

Last summer I attended a Cirque Du Soleil performance. As I watched a performer balance herself on a large stack of chairs all the while juggling a set of balls in the air, I facetiously thought to myself, “ohhh please…that’s nothing. Try being a United Methodist Licensed Local Pastor (then as the associate pastor of five churches in a cooperative ministry and now as the associate pastor of a new church plant), a M.Div. commuter student, a wife, mom, gammy and friend. Now that’s a balancing act!”

For me, attending seminary and being a pastor is the best of both worlds…talk about direct application! My seminary work helps me think bigger and broader while working in the church. All the concepts I have learned, my growing understanding of the Gospel, wrestling with scripture and beliefs directly benefit God’s Church and me. I have a new appreciation and desire to convey and teach about biblical relationships and community with others.

I will admit that there are times I feel that I can’t throw all my brainpower into ministry because I’m using it all up on reading, research and writing for my seminary studies. Then I find myself staying up late in order to meet a study deadline because a ministry need becomes apparent and that need must take priority over studies. I believe the largest challenge I currently face is to not become so overextended that I cannot find time to just be with God and listen. That is one of the blessings of being a commuter student. Driving between San Antonio and Austin gives me precious alone time with God.

I also have to remind myself that being busy is often more about what I expect of myself than what my church and seminary expects. I recharge my spiritual, emotional and physical batteries by trying to maintain a regularly scheduled day for Sabbath as well as keeping Sunday a day to spend in worship and with family. Many times I have people say to me, “I don’t know how you do it.” My answer is, “the only way I can be a pastor, student, wife, mom, gammy and friend is that God is first and foremost in the equation.”
The Word of the Day is: MOSAIC

mosaic |ˈmōzə-ik| noun
1 a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small colored pieces of hard material, such as stone, tile, or glass: the mosaic shows the baptism of Christ | the walls and vaults are decorated by marble and mosaic | [ as modifier ]: a mosaic floor.
• a combination of diverse elements forming a more or less coherent whole

I recently returned from a travel seminar in Turkey. We saw many gorgeous landscapes and incredible ruins, but some of the most stunning sights were intricate mosaics. Turkey is known for its beautiful tile work, and the iconic turquoise art is plastered on everything from sacred mosques to kitschy souvenirs. The first definition of the word seems like the obvious answer; oh, of course that’s what a mosaic is. But I like the second definition a little bit better—mosaic as metaphor.

In Corinthians, Paul gives us the image of the Body of Christ. This is a familiar concept—one body, many parts. Everybody has different gifts and plays different roles. This is the stuff youth Sundays are made of. Paul’s missionary journeys took him to many places, but he spent much of his time in Turkey. I wonder if his exposure to so many beautiful mosaics, like the ones we saw, influenced his vision of the Body of Christ. A combination of diverse elements forming a more or less coherent whole—this certainly seems like what it means to be the Church. For centuries, people have come together to proclaim and celebrate this one that we call Savior. They have written it on parchment, etched it in marble, and tiled it on walls.

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Nathaniel “Ryder” Marchbanks was born to APTS student Hilary and her husband Ryan at 4:06 PM on December 26, 2012. He was 22 1/4 inches long and weighed 10 lbs 3 oz. The entire Marchbanks family—including proud big brother Ridley—are doing well.

WORDS FOR FRIENDS:
A Column By Molly McGinnis

Molly is a middler, M.Div student from the Presbytery of Arkansas in the PCUSA

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On Religion, Violence, and Stupidity:
A World Religions Expert Talks The History of Religion and Violence, And Why People Get It Wrong

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Is this a safe place? Can I abandon academic sobriety and footnotes, use Wikipedia, and tell you what I really think? I think people who claim that religion is the cause of violence in the world are stupid. Do these claimants have a mote of historical consciousness? Let us survey the past century. Was WWI (16 million dead) a religious war? Nope. WWII (60 million, 2.5% of the world’s population)? Nope. Stalin’s millions? Nope. Korean and Vietnam wars? Cambodia? Chinese civil war? Nope, Nope, Nope.

Ahh, they say, but how about Ireland!! Good point. Look at Ireland. Protestants against Catholics. Case closed. Not so fast. Were there any specifically religious issues involved? Or are “Protestant” and “Catholic” really communal or political descriptors here? Mary Elizabeth Prentice-Hyers (APTS alum, 2011) spent months in Ireland and regularly heard “Well, I’m Protestant but I’m not Christian.” Other Irish friends have confirmed the sentiment. So, Nope.

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But, (gleam in eye) what about the Wars of Religion?! Over 150 years of Protestant vs. Catholic violence. William Cavanaugh has examined these wars and found that Protestants and Catholics fought side by side as well as opposed. He argues that, though religion was involved, the primary issue was the breakup of empires and the invention of the modern concept of a nation defined by fixed borders rather than sovereign control or ethnicity. Treaty of Westphalia, 1648.

So the next time some idiot suggests that we get rid of religion to bring the world to peace, suggest that we get rid of economics instead. Both can cause war, but only religion can bring peace. Take that and (legally) smoke it.

On A New (And Old) Vision Of The Church:
Graduating MATS Student, Jessica, Talks Koinonia As Ecclesia

As small children, most of us are taught that a church is a building with a steeple, and that the building itself contains an inherent holiness. As we grow, however, we discover that what makes sacred space has more to do with spirit than with structure. This is not to say that we don’t feel the majesty of perfectly-built cathedrals, or appreciate the angelic voices of church choirs. God’s omnipresence makes it possible for every space to have potentialities of the sacred. I used to work for an organization called the Trinity Center, which assisted people experiencing homelessness. Trinity center is located on the lower level of Saint David’s Episcopal Church and, on any given day, flocks of people could be seen lining up to receive breakfast, financial assistance, and much-needed friendly conversation. Before each breakfast, one of the volunteer would lead the group in a short devotional, which would afterward be avidly discussed. Out of these discussions, the need for a Bible study emerged, and a volunteer began leading Bible studies for women in the mornings. There is also an opportunity for people who wish to attend a worship service on Sundays, called Trinity Streets. In this case, the church created by people at the Trinity Center, who expressed their spiritual needs, did not resemble a traditional church. It grew out of the questions and everyday struggles of people in impossible situations. More than once, I found myself thinking of the early church, comprised largely of people who struggled with poverty and persecution. Our forebears had very little constancy in their lives apart from God and each other. Their ability to worship grew out of a need to approach the throne with boldness, ask God the tough questions, and embrace God in their everyday existence.
On the Beauty of Difference:
A Lutheran Student Talks Turkey and the Value of Unique Perspectives

Sharolyn Browning is a middler, M.Div student from Austin, Tx. She is a member of the ELCA and will be spending her final year of seminary education at a Lutheran seminary in Chicago.

I have a new appreciation for mosaics, after our J-term trip to Turkey. Time and time again we would encounter tiny squares of precious stones arranged in such a way to tell a story. As this edition of Kairos points toward, our Austin Seminary community is not unlike a mosaic of individual pieces coming together to make some new and wonderful thing.

I’ve been especially aware of what it is like to be “different” in the mosaic of Austin Seminary. I’m one of the four members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America among our student body. Now that doesn’t exactly mean I’m from another planet, by any stretch of the imagination—we are siblings of the Reformation. We are full communion partners with PCUSA (and a handful of other folks, too.) And yet, I’ve been attuned (maybe worried) that I stick out in the mosaic a bit.

I have spent my time among you “trespassing” through the Lord’s Prayer and getting the sense that Martin Luther is thought of as Calvin’s crazy uncle. I am caught between offense and amusement when you get the words to “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” wrong. I continue to not quite “get” the preference of the Geneva gown over the alb.

But I love you for all your quirks. Really. I do. And that love, my friends, is what makes the Church tick. It continually reminds me why I value being a co-worker together in the body of Christ, children of the same baptism. It is because we are different, even minutely, that makes our shared story richer.

On Argyle As A Welcome Banner:
LGBTQ Advocate Talks APTS As a Welcoming Community

Kevin Henderson is a junior, M.Div student from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley (Birmingham, AL) in the PCUSA. He also serves on the board of More Light Presbyterians.

During 2010 and 2011, I was a full time organizer in Southern Presbyteries for a yes vote on amendment 10-A to eliminate the ban on ordination of LGBTQ people in the PCUSA. I was also discerning God’s call and exploring attending seminary. I was able to arrange a quick visit to APTS, knowing little about the seminary and nothing of the atmosphere for LGBTQ folks. I had been out for years, was about to join the board of More Light Presbyterians, and was actively working to change the ordination standards. I had no idea what kind of reception awaited me at APTS.

I visited on a Wednesday and discovered “Manna.” The theme that day was “Argyle Day.” Although no one explained to me why it was Argyle Day. Manna included a parody of Lady GaGa’s “Bad Romance” entitled “Bad Sermon.” If you haven’t seen it, it is a must (http://youtu.be/6TxE0vHo).

I was ready to come to APTS just for Manna. However, I knew this was the place when everyone was thanked for participating in Argyle Day to show support for “our Queer sisters and brothers.” I went to lunch with two middlers who asked why I was working on Amendment 10-A. When I told them one of many reasons was I am gay, I got a high-five and a “me too.” Surely APTS was right for me. Certainly not everything is perfect, and APTS can and should do better in its own road to true equality and in leading the church. But, when I see my straight friends wearing Queer Alliance t-shirts or hear words of encouragement, I know I am in a community that cares for me just as I am.

Congratulations to Annanda Barclay, newly appointed board member of More Light Presbyterians!

More Light is an advocacy group that works for LGBTQ equality in the PCUSA. Annanda joins fellow More Light board member and APTS student, Kevin Henderson.
On Making A New Home:

A Father of Five Talks Bringing His Family to APTS

Mike St. John is a junior, M.Div student in the ECLA. He and his family live on campus in Anderson House.

Making the decision to move our family to the APTS community was not difficult. We had been trying to find ways to minimize parts of our life. We wanted to focus more on living together as a family and less on the material things, and to show our children that making sacrifices can bring unexpected rewards. The idea of moving our family on campus was even better. APTS is right between the kids’ school and my work. The people and community are incredible, and this would bring the whole family into a very important part of my life – my life at seminary. However, the logistics of moving seven people from a suburban house to a small on-campus apartment in downtown Austin has been different than we expected.

It is true that we have grown closer as a family and that there have been some unexpected perks. It is also true that this move has brought my family into my life at seminary, which has been fantastic. It is also true that we have been forced adapt much more than we expected. Energy that used to be spent in the backyard is now expressed in a variety of ways indoors and not always constructively – to the person who lives in my dorm after me, you’re welcome for the brand new blinds. For parents that are used to sending their kids outside for hours at a time, it is disarming to have a child tell you about the rude comment made to them by the homeless person wandering through campus. Additionally, we frequently wonder if we are making too much noise and who we might be disturbing.

What we have enjoyed the most since we have been on campus have been the opportunity to meet and get to know some really wonderful people. We are still learning what it means to be in community. I feel so very proud when a neighbor mentions that one of my kids helped them bring in groceries – but, less so when someone has to help us. But we are learning that is what it is about – we are learning to lean on other people and to look for time when we can be leaned on. Overall, this has been a very good experience for us and I am already dreading the day that we have to leave.
On Vocational Anxiety:

Togs Talks Why (Yes) Methodists Have Anxiety Too

Joe Tognetti is a senior, M.Div student in the Southwest Conference of the UMC. He is also serving a church in Kempner, TX.

“After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs...“See, I am sending you out like lambs in the midst of wolves.” (Luke 10:1-3)

Those of us who are about to graduate feel a lot like the seventy disciples that Jesus sent out to prepare outlying towns for his arrival. Our seminary faculty and staff have done an amazing job in equipping us for ministry, but now its show-time, and although we feel hope and excitement at this possibility, we also feel as lost as the seventy aforementioned disciples must have felt. Over the last month, I have seen my Presbyterians classmates study for ordination exams, prepare PIFs, and prepare for interviews to follow Christ’s call to go out in service to the church and world. And many of them tell me, “You Methodists have it so easy. The bishop just gives you a job!”

I certainly affirm that the Methodist itinerant system has some advantages, but let me assure you that we are not lounging around drinking margaritas until the Bishop hands us a job. Only one or two of the Methodists graduating from APTS this year will get a full-time appointment from the bishop as a commissioned minister (and I am not one of them). Further, the ordination process does not even end when we get a full-time appointment after seminary! We have to spend at least two more years as probationary ministers until we get fully ordained. On top of all that, the Bishop could place an elder in a church setting that elder does not desire, while our deacons have no such guaranteed appointment, and have to look for a job in a similar way that teaching elders do in the PC(USA). Add all of that to the general anxiety of seeking the Spirit’s guidance in helping to heal a massively broken church and world, and be rest assured that your Methodist classmates feel just as scared and lost as the rest of you.

Despite all of that anxiety and fear, all of us, regardless of denominations, forge ahead. We follow in the footsteps of the seventy disciples that Jesus sent out ahead of him, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ crucified and risen to those we encounter on the way. Just as the seventy disciples did great works for God’s Kingdom despite their seeming lack of preparation, we who have spent three (or more) years studying in preparation for ministry to the church and world will likewise bear fruit for God’s Kingdom with the help of the Holy Spirit. Whatever our hurdles and denominational processes, we depart this seminary with anxiety, but also with hope, knowing that God is with us and for us each step of the way.

On The Wisdom Of Seminary Spouses:

A Seminary Wife Talks Truth, Avoiding Regrets, And Why Spouses Always Know Best

Braegan Abernethy is the wife of Barrett Abernethy, a senior, M.Div student (PCUSA). They are from Tuscaloosa, AL.

As an experienced seminarian supporter I offer the following list of useful tips and words of wisdom. You seminarians would do well to study them and discern how best they might serve you as you continue your seminary career.

- Your significant other is always right. If you do not yet have a significant other, they are out there somewhere and they are right.
- If you do not finish that sermon before such date as you deem necessary, it’s not the end of the world.
- Dining room tables are not meant to serve as filing cabinets for the past two years of coursework.
- It’s ok to throw away the past two years of coursework. You probably aren’t going to need it anyway. If you find that you do, just ask your supporter because whatever it was is most likely ingrained in their psyche for all eternity because you obsessed about it for days.
- If you decide one night to go out and have a good time after a particularly stressful week of classes, don’t listen to your other classmates who tell you to have just one more (cake slice, margarita, Shania Twain karaoke). You will regret it in the morning.
- I’m sorry, but you do not look like James Bond in that Geneva gown.
- When speaking to a non-seminarian, do not use any of the following words: exegesis, pericope, hermeneutics, eschatology, liturgical. If you do, there’s a good chance that they are not listening.
- When you’ve had enough and decide to quit seminary and move to South Dakota- don’t tell anyone. You will also regret that in the morning.
- You are loved- immensely. We feel your pain, celebrate your triumphs, endure your stress, and participate in your joy. At the end of this awesome adventure, we are ready to take that next life...
Contributing to Kairos:

1. Kairos is the voice of the community at Austin Seminary.

2. Kairos generally carries no advertisements for sale of goods or services by individuals. An exception is the sale of a student or professor’s library or other study aids.

3. It is not possible to make all program announcements which are submitted by individual churches. Kairos is more likely to run announcements which apply to ecumenical or interfaith groups or groups of churches.

4. No letters which attack individuals or groups will be run in Kairos. This is to be distinguished from letters which might criticize the actions of individuals or groups.

5. Kairos will publish letters to the editor that contribute to Christian conversation on the APTS campus. All letters must be signed.

6. Email submissions to the editor, Layton Williams, at layton.williams@student.austinseminary.edu. Editorial decisions are based on urgency, availability of space and editorial guidelines. Deadline is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Submissions made after the deadline must be accompanied by a bribe.

Weekly Calendar: Feb. 4th - 18th

Mon. 2/4:
- 12:00 pm: ASA Board & Cabinet Lunch
- 1:00 pm: ASA Board Meeting
- Midwinters

Tues. 2/5
- Midwinters

Wed. 2/6
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- 12:30-2:30 pm: ASA Banquet
- 3:30-5:00 pm: LIQRE meeting

Thurs. 2/7
- 7:00-8:30 pm: New Special Student Orientation
- 7:00-9:00 pm: Faith in Action with Corpus Christi

Fri. 2/8
- 8:00 am-5:00 pm - Mission Pres. CPM Meeting
- Board of Trustees Winter Retreat

Mon. 2/11
- 7:00 - 8:00 pm: Centering Prayer

Tues. 2/12
- 11:00-12:00 pm: Opening Worship
- 12:00-1:00 pm: New Student Lunch with President
- 7:00-10:00 pm: Improv Workshop

Wed. 2/13
- 11:00 am: Ash Wednesday Service
- 12:00-1:00 pm: Church’s Ministry
- 2:30-6:30 pm: Reading, Writing, Study Skills
- 3:30-4:30 pm: D.Min Meeting
- 5:00-6:30 pm: Company of New Pastors

Thurs. 2/14
- 11:00-2:00 pm: Methodist Student Meeting

Fri. 2/15
- Discovery Weekend

Sat. 2/16
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Sun. 2/17

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES:

Opening worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper – Tuesday, February 12th – President Wardlaw preaching – 11:10am Shelton Chapel

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MLK worship service – Tuesday, February 19th:
Dr. Valerie Bridgeman preaching along with Huston Tillotson Choir.
11:10am Shelton Chapel followed by lunch for the entire community in Stotts Hall.

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UMC worship service with Bishop Jim Dorff preaching – Tuesday, February 26th. 11:10am Shelton Chapel followed by lunch for all of our Methodists students in McCord 204 with the Bishop and his Cabinet.