



# THE VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY KAIROS

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# What's in a Name?

Becca Weaver is a senior MDiv student and a candidate in the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. As the resident Weaver on campus she writes on the seminary's new branding theme of weaving.

Surely they considered the *Pickett* and *Gates* theme. This may have given the impression that APTS is fenced in with locking gates, which does not seem to convey an inviting community.

They could have played with the *Law* theme, but we might lose sight of grace.

tending APTS will lead to earning a lot of green stuff. I don't know anyone who enrolled here because they thought they'd become wealthy while attending.

They could have used *Broadway* and gone with a theatrical theme.

I have to admit I was flattered when the Seminary decided to use my name for the new branding theme. I imagine that the branding committee considered other options.

There are lots of other good names here in our community, but none of them would work for this task of branding. Let me give you some examples.

They could have gone with the color theme, using the names *Black*, *Brown*, *Gray* and *White*. But that would have made for some rather dull banners around campus.



The newly branded, weaving face of Austin Seminary.

Or how about *Ferrari/Carr* for our branding theme? I think it might be a stretch to associate APTS with fancy sports cars.

Along those same lines, using *Greenway* would be out, since it might imply that at-

Or perhaps *Goad* would have worked, but the image of a spiked stick used for prodding cattle would be weird.

A more theological option would have been to go with "In Christ each of us has been made a *Newman*." That of course wouldn't work with our

covenant of inclusive language.

So you see, there were many names to consider for the new branding. Using the theme of *Weaver* just happened to be the best. ♦

# The Middler Lament

Chris Dunn is a middler MDiv student under care of Baltimore Presbytery.

NEWS FLASH – Middler year is kicking my butt. This isn't a cry for help though (yet). You don't need to start worrying about me (yet). I just need to lament a little bit, and based on an informal survey of my classmates, they do too. I remember a similar article from Brittany Harvey last year and apparently there was one the year before as well, so I am just following the "cloud of witnesses" that have gone before us. There is comfort for me in that and I hope my classmates recognize this as well. **WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS!!**

As Juniors, we certainly had our challenges, but the crunch times seemed to be more spread out and clumped together last year. Right before Fall Break last year there were major tests or papers due in each of our four classes and I don't remember getting much sleep that week. I was also riding high on the honeymoon phase of my seminary experience and got to go back east for all of Fall Break to recharge my batteries.

This year, however, it seems like I've got major assignments due each and every week. I couldn't afford (either financially or time-wise) to leave Austin for Fall Break. I took my

Sabbath time, but I spent a good bit of break this semester working on papers and getting caught up on reading. I am really looking forward to Thanksgiving next week and will be going back to Maryland to spend the holiday with my family and friends. I will however be taking several books with me and working on a funeral sermon for our Intro to Preaching class, and probably another paper or two as well.

The other thing that is starting to sink in is that come December, the Middlers will be exactly at the halfway point of our seminary experience. This is way too fast. I still feel a bit like I just got here and just started. Even with all the deadlines, papers, exams, committee meetings, and stress that this year has brought so far, I am not anxious for my time at APTS to be over. I am feeling a bit like a petulant child who is flopping on the floor and dragging my feet to slow down my exit. I do not want this to end. I love my classmates. I love the faculty and staff. I love the entire seminary community. I love this whole experience.

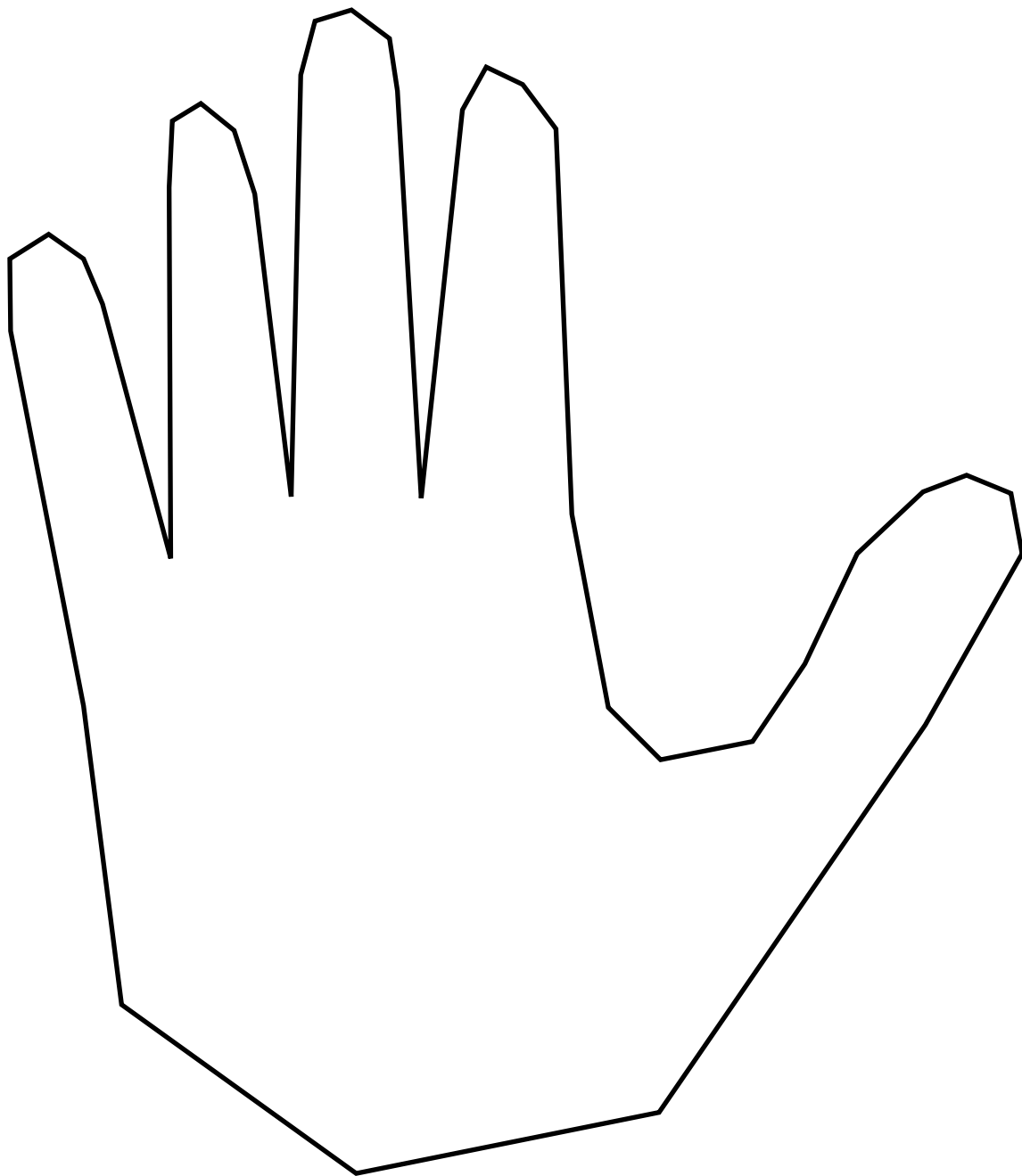
And I know this will come as a shock to most, but I really love Austin too. Perhaps part of why I'm feeling so stressed this semester is I'm also having a lot of fun. There is a delicate balance between keeping up with obligations and taking time for yourself so you don't burn out. Perhaps I dance on that line a bit precariously, but I consider this to

be an unofficial part of my seminary education. When I am in a parish (or a hospital, or whatever ministry I end up doing when I graduate), I think it will be extremely important to develop a support community and have activities and interests that are not church/work related (at least not directly). I have developed a great group of friends outside the seminary community. We have had cookouts, built a giant Jenga set, become the Cornhole (bean bag toss game) champions of the Local, participated in fabulous scavenger hunt, went to ACL, played disc golf, gorged ourselves on shrimp at Red Lobster's all-you-can-eat shrimp fest, and of course our weekly trivia which combines my seminary friends with my non-seminary friends.

Like almost everything else this semester, I am submitting this article to Brittany late. So I should wrap this up. Besides I have reading to do for section tomorrow, thank you letters to write for my financial aid, my SPM paperwork to submit to David Johnson, my World Religions film project to work on, the bulletin for the Advent Vespers service to finish with Allie Utley, and a book to read and write a review for Christian Education, not to mention laundry, dishes, my annual car inspection and bills to pay..... **AGGHHHHHHHHH!!!**

Hang in there Middlers! We can do this!!! ♦

# Make a Turkey!



# Question of the Week

## What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?



That's a sentimental question. I don't know how to answer that.  
- Allie Utley



I'm thankful to be able to do yoga with friends. I'm thankful for the energy I have when I come out of Cindy Rigby's class.  
- Lauren Suba

I'm thankful for the independent rear suspension system which carries the chassis of the vehicle that will be taking me home to Dallas.  
- Stephen Cottingham



I'm most grateful to have a break.  
- Misook Lee



I'm thankful for friends who have become like family.  
- Elizabeth Wallace



I'm thankful for the opportunity to be doing what I love.  
- Mary Ann Kaiser

I'm thankful for people who love me despite our theological differences.  
- Andrew Keyes



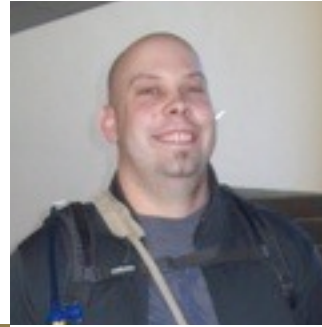
I feel really thankful for cold weather! And I'm looking forward to seeing my family in Alabama over the break.  
- Martha Lynn Coon



# What are you looking forward to over Thanksgiving break?



I'm driving to Oklahoma!  
- Jo Kretzler



I'm catching up on projects for school and hoping my wife doesn't go into labor.  
- Ben Schultz

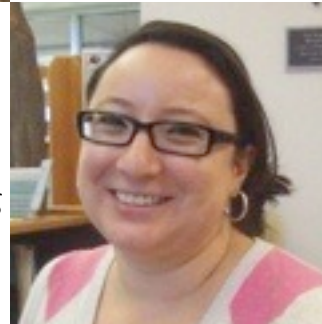
I'm looking forward to multiple Thanksgiving dinners and seeing family and friends.  
-Chris Dunn



I'm thankful I get to spend Thanksgiving with my kids, Bryan and Erin.  
-Eric Gates

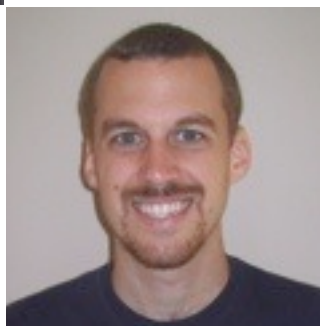


I'm thankful to have a few days without any commitments or time pressures for me or the kids just so we can hang out together.  
- Bill Greenway

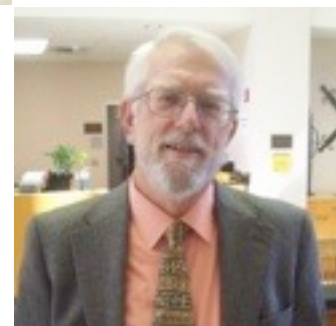


I'm most thankful for family and over the break having some time to Christmas shop at the midnight sales!  
- Jessica Boston

I'm thankful to have the time to make up school work. Oh wait, nevermind. I won't do that.  
-Joe Tognetti



What I'm really looking forward to is getting into the workshop and working with wood, varnishing, and just puttering around.  
- Whit Bodman





# Polity Bowl Pep Rally at Manna





# Community Care Corner:

## Prayer@APTS

If you feel so led, please join the members of the Community Care Commission in praying for Austin Seminary's students, faculty, staff, and trustees throughout the week. If you would like some extra prayer support for certain things going on that you do not want the whole community to know, then e-mail them to [prayer@austinseminary.edu](mailto:prayer@austinseminary.edu). Only the members of the Community Care Commission have access to this e-mail and all prayer requests will be kept confidential. If you would like to send your prayer requests to the entire community, you can continue to include those in Community Announcements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Goad ([jessica.goad@student.austinseminary.edu](mailto:jessica.goad@student.austinseminary.edu)), the senate representative for the Community Care Commission.

This week we are praying for

Students

Alana Arndt  
Andrew Chapman  
Kris Ferrari  
Sarah Holden  
Kim Rogers  
Joe Tognetti

Trustees

Claudia Carroll  
Lyndon Olson

Glenna Balch  
Bill Greenway

Faculty/Staff

Gary Mathews  
Kristin Saldine

Louis Zbinden

# Pop Hope

Brittany Harvey is a PC(USA) senior MATS student under care of the Presbytery of the James.

I am somewhat of a snob. I have so many grammar pet peeves 50% of what I say is a correction. Not really, but I have been known to verbally correct movies and TV shows I watch. For example, the distance from here to California is *farther* not *further* than the distance from here to Arizona. Further is a measure of degree, not distance. Also, Christmas is not *on* December 25. It is December 25. I could go on. (Yes I did end a sentence in a preposition, which actually is not grammatically incorrect, however not ending a sentence in a preposition does keep the dative case straight. When you say, "Who did you give that to?" it is easy to mess up the case. But "To whom did you give that?" makes it clear to use whom instead of who.) I digress greatly.

I am also a film snob. A music snob. A seasons snob (what is happening outside here is not fall, and what will happen in January is not winter). I am not a food snob, though I may be a nachos snob. And so, people find it surprising that I *love* chick flicks. Yes, they are predictable. But that is the point of a genre film--something I learned in a class I took for my film studies minor because I am a snob. Peo-

ple also find it surprising that I am a Rihanna fan. I guess when a person's favorite artists are Bruce Springsteen, Pearl Jam, and R.E.M. it seems strange that a pop sensation would also be on that list. But aside from being ridiculously prolific, having ridiculously catchy songs, and let's face it--being ridiculously hot--I think she is a strong female voice in a music genre of male voices and weak female ones.

"Love the Way You Lie" gives voice to being the victim of abuse. Some of her more explicit songs, while being inappropriate for children, give voice to being a sexual creature--which we all are. I find it powerful that she claims that even after being a victim of abuse. I do not find my affinity for Rihanna strange. Like The Boss, Eddie Vedder, and Michael Stipe, her music gives voice to something.

Her latest single, "We Found Love" is--of course--absurdly catchy, lyrically simple, and full of hope. "We found love in a hopeless place."

Several nights ago, I was wasting time online. I came across a Coldplay cover of "We Found Love" that adds a whole different sound of hope. It really is a beautiful song. The same night I happened upon Mumford and Sons' new single, "Ghosts that We Knew." The chorus is, "So give me hope in the darkness that I will see the light/ Cause oh that gave me such a fright/ But I will hold as long as you like/ Just promise me we'll

be alright." Another beautiful song of hope.

I thought of other songs of hope. Springsteen's "Badlands."

*Now I believe in the love that you gave me.  
I believe in the faith that could save me.  
I believe in the hope and I pray that some  
day it*

*Will raise me above these Badlands*  
Pearl Jam's "Love Boat Captain."  
*Hold me, and make it the truth,  
That when all is lost there will be you.  
Cause to the universe I don't mean a thing  
And there's just one word that I still believe  
and it's Love,... love. love. love. love.*

R.E.M.'s "Sweetness Follows."  
*It's these little things, they can pull you  
under.*

*Live your life filled with joy and thunder.  
Yeah, yeah we were altogether lost in our  
little lives.*

*Oh, oh, but sweetness follows.  
Oh, oh, oh, but sweetness follows.*

Lupe Fiasco's "The Show Goes On."

*So no matter what you been through  
No matter what you into  
No matter what you see when you look  
outside your window*

*Brown grass or green grass  
Picket fence or barbed wire  
Never ever put them down  
You just lift your arms higher  
Raise em till' your arms tired  
Let em know you're there  
That you strugglin' and survivin' that you  
gon' persevere  
Yeah, ain't no body leavin, no body goin'  
home*

*Even if they turn the lights out the show is  
goin' on!*

And I wondered why it is that music does a better job of conveying hope than the church does. ❖

# Campus Calendar

## Monday, November 21

11:10AM	Morning Prayer Service	Shelton Chapel
5:45 - 6:30	Choir Rehearsal	Shelton Chapel

## Tuesday, November 22

11:10	Service of Word and Sacrament David Johnson preaching	Shelton Chapel
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## Wednesday, November 23

3:30 - 5:00	Choir Rehearsal	Stotts Hall
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## Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

All Day	Thanksgiving, school closed	
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## Monday, November 28

11:10	Morning Prayer Service	Shelton Chapel
5:30	Student Senate	Knox Hall
5:45 - 6:30	Choir Rehearsal	Shelton Chapel

## Tuesday, November 29

11:10	Service of Word and Sacrament David White preaching	Shelton Chapel
2:30 - 6:30	Reading, Writing, and Study Skills	Knox Hall

## Wednesday, November 30

11:00	Last Manna of the Semester, Hanging of the Green	Stotts Hall
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## Thursday, December 1

All Day	World AIDS Day Registration for Spring Term ends	
11:10	Morning Prayer Service	Shelton Chapel

## Friday, December 2

All Day	Last Day of Fall Classes	
7:00PM	Advent Vespers	Shelton Chapel

