

# The Faith Connection

A Newsletter of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

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Greetings! The "visitation" occurred one afternoon as I feverishly worked at my desk. I was busily writing email or typing away at my computer or doing some other such engrossing thing, when I glanced up and looked out into the garden through the window. It was a bright sunny day and just a few feet from my desk a lovely bush stood covered with glimmering red flowers. A sudden, rapid movement caught my eye. My heart leapt and I caught my breath. Flitting from flower to flower was a gorgeous glittering blue and emerald green hummingbird, its wings a blur as it seemingly hung suspended in mid air. Carefully yet quickly, it visited every flower on the bush before zooming off, hovering for a split second in the bamboo - as if to say, "Have a good look. This is your last chance!" - and then vanishing. I sat mesmerized for a moment longer before returning to my work.

Why did I look up just at that moment? Coincidence? Or was it the work of the Holy Spirit, prompting me to pause for a few seconds to be reminded of the beauty of God's handiwork? Often, we become so absorbed by the many tasks of our daily lives, that we risk missing those brief "visitations" when the splendor of God shines before us. But when we notice them... What a gift they are!

In the midst of midterms, papers, and the final weeks of the term, I invite you to be mindful of those moments when the Spirit breaks into your routine and reveals to you the beauty and presence of God, even if for just a few wonderful seconds!

Blessings on you,

Jeremy Hajdu-Paulen  
Campus Pastor

*Students are invited to join our...*



## Bible Fellowship

Thursdays - 1:00 PM

Come read, study, and learn more about the Bible.

No prior knowledge of scripture is required.

And no homework - we promise!

We currently are discussing the book of Ruth.

*You are invited to...*



## Celebrate Advent O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

At Wednesday Night Fellowship on December 4, we will share an **ADVENT DINNER** and then welcome the beginning of this season with an informal **WORSHIP SERVICE**, including the lighting of the Advent candles. Come and prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ child.

## Celebrate Christmas Joy to the world the Lord is come!

At the last Wednesday Night Fellowship of the Fall Term, you are invited to a **CHRISTMAS PARTY** at the Wesley Foundation! Come relieve the stress of finals week with hot cider, carols, and a crackling fire!

*Wednesday Night Fellowship begins at 7 PM.*

*Relax for an evening at...*

## Brushfire Pottery

Create an Advent or Christmas ornament, or anything else that suits your muse!

*Followed by a...*



## Movie Night at the Wesley Foundation

**Sunday evening, November 24  
Meet at the Wesley Center at 7 PM**

(we'll start the movie at approximately 8:30 PM)  
*Rides home will be provided after the movie.*



## Study Break!!

**Monday, December 9, 8 - 9:30 PM**

Drop by anytime during from 8 to 9:30 PM at the Wesley Foundation and release your final exam study pressure by making a "clinically proven" stress relief device, eating "brain food", and venting your study woes to a sympathetic campus pastor and friends!



## Opportunities

Wesley Night Fellowship continues on Wednesdays at 6:15 PM for dinner in the Fellowship Hall and 7 PM for singing, sharing, and a program in the lounge. Come join us by the fire!

Had a tough week? Looking for a lively conversation? Join us for our "Food for the Soul" Lunchtime Fellowship. Bring your lunch and an open heart. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Fridays, 12:15 PM. Feel free to come by early. Stay as long as you like.

Are you seeking a church home for worship? **First United Methodist Church**, 1376 Olive Street, worships at 8:45 AM (Contemporary) and 11:05 AM (Traditional). **Wesley United Methodist Church**, 1385 Oakway Road, worships at 8:30 AM (Contemporary) and 10:30 AM (Traditional). **First Congregational Church**, 1050 23rd Avenue, worships at 10:00 AM. If you have questions, talk to Jeremy!

The first of three Christian Scholars Lectures will be held on Friday, November 15. Dr. Brenda Deen Schildgen, professor at U.C. Davis will offer a presentation entitled Dante and Augustine on Church and State at 4:00 PM in the Ben Linder Room in the EMU. At 7:30 PM at The Newman Center (1850 Emerald Street) Dr. Schildgen will lead a discussion on the relevance of Just War Theory. If you wish to have a free dinner prior to the Just War Theory discussion, please talk to Jeremy (who will be attending both events).

First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity house! Stay tuned for opportunities to help contribute your own time and sweat in the effort to provide affordable housing.

A Winter Retreat is tentatively scheduled for February 7-9, 2003. Interested in helping to plan a weekend of fellowship, fun, and conversation about our Christian faith? Please talk to Jeremy!

Mark your calendar now for the Wesley Foundation Open House scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2003 from 11:00 - 2:00. Stop by for delicious snacks and fellowship with all of our friends and supporters!



## Winter Term Student Planning Meeting

Monday, January 6, 2003

7 PM - Pizza and Drinks provided!

*Wednesday night topics? Volunteer activities? Come share your ideas and energy for the new term!*

## People in the News

We wish a warm welcome to the **new students** who have joined us for various activities: **Shane Ahlers, Steve Mallory, Margaret McGladrey, Katie Kilgore, Sarah Turpin, Annie Schneider, Caitlin Gamble, and Tamara Hill-Tanquist**. We're glad you're here! \*\*\* Many thanks to **Shane Ahlers, Katee and TK Keen, Steve Mallory, Courtney King, and David Weaver** for serving as ushers at the 12th Annual Choral Extravaganza. Special thanks to Courtney for her eloquent words as the student speaker. Well done, **Courtney!** \*\*\* The Choral Extravaganza was a great success! Many thanks to all of the **United Methodist Churches** who participated and turned out in support of the Wesley Foundation. \*\*\* We've been treated to wonderful meals on Wednesday evenings thanks to United Methodist Women's groups from **First UMC, Trinity UMC, and Asbury UMC**. Thank you! \*\*\* Congratulations to **Amy Fitzgerald** as she nears the end of her final semester of Law School! \*\*\* Congratulations to **Caitlin Gamble** for successfully completing her first season on the UO Women's Soccer team and to **Shane Ahlers** for completing his first season on the UO Men's Cross Country team. Way to go!



God is more tender  
than a Mother.

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