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From the Bonhoeffer House kitchen:

**Heirloom Fudge Pie**

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| 6 oz. unsweetened baking chocolate | 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 1 1/2 cups butter                  | 6 large eggs                    |
| 3 3/4 cups sugar                   | 2 pie crusts                    |
| 3/4 cup milk                       | whipped cream or ice cream      |

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place chocolate and butter in a bowl, cover with a paper towel, and microwave until almost melted, about 2 minutes. Stir until the chocolate and butter finish melting and add the sugar, milk, and vanilla extract. Whisk the eggs lightly and add them to the chocolate mixture, combining well. Pour chocolate mixture into two pie crusts. Bake just until the pie filling is set, about 40 minutes. Cool on a rack for at least 30 minutes. Delicious with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream!



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To renew Christian thinking and discipleship.

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*University*  
To engage the forums of intellectual life from the conviction that all truth is God's truth.

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To bring the rich resources of the Christian faith to bear on the church's witness in the world.

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*Christians Engaged In Ideas and Action*



*Everyone is invited to experience God's grace and the fullness of life. The way to such life is faith, not faith as a purely cerebral act, but faith as trust, commitment and participation in God's love story. That is what it means to 'believe in God.'*

*John W. de Gruchy,  
2007 Capps Lecturer*

**Greetings from the Bonhoeffer House**

It's fall in Virginia: the weather is getting crisp, the leaves are beginning to turn, and the University of Virginia students are filling the house with their laughter and insights. We're delighted and honored to serve them and our community in new and continuing ways.

This fall, we'd like to introduce the winner of the 2007 Goodwin Writing Prize, Matthew Kustenbauder. Matthew received his B.A. in Psychology and Biblical Studies from Messiah College, an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School, and is currently a graduate student in African Studies at Yale University. Matthew's passion for the intersection of theology and culture has frequently drawn him to Africa. Matthew receives \$1,000 to support his academic career.

In his paper, "What's In A Name? Foundations of Christian Mission: God's Incarnation in Jesus Christ and the Ongoing Work of Translation," Matthew Kustenbauder examines the Christian mission of translation of himself in Jesus Christ. After all these centuries, it's easy to forget that the Bible neither English nor Latin is also easy to view translation as to westernize the world. Why Matthew answers: Because God the incarnation was a translation understand—a human being. "If Jesus of Nazareth," Matthew converts throughout all times and places not receive God in their own languages and cultures?" Translation, Matthew says, is not only a way to serve and to spread the gospel, but is also a natural expression of the Christian experience.



Matthew Kustenbauder

The Goodwin Writing Prize is just one way in which Theological Horizons supports young Christians. We're continuing our Friday reading and reflection group, Vintage, and now have an online blog, where we can sustain you with thought even if you can't be here for the cookies. Our new Salon Evening lecture series brings together members of the university, church and community. John de Gruchy will grace the University in November for the Capps Lectures and we're looking forward to filling the Dome Room of the University's Rotunda with over 1,000 attendants.

We would love to see you at one of our upcoming events, and hope that you will continue to support Theological Horizons and keep us in your prayers, as you are in ours.

In Christ,

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**Theological Horizons Fellow Jacob Goodson**

Jacob is a third year Ph.D. student in the department of Religious Studies at UVa. He is married to Angela Goodson, a graduate student in history, and father of Sophia Grace. He was first introduced to the Marsh family when he served as Professor Charles Marsh's teaching assistant in the course "The Kingdom of God in America." That was Jacob's first semester at UVa, and he hasn't looked back.



Jacob Goodson

"I think it's extremely important in 2007 that Christians are not ashamed of being a part of the academy. And that seems to be the battle that I find myself fighting involuntarily. It happens when you're in a place like UVa—not that UVa is bad, UVa is wonderful—it just comes up. You can't let that be a problem, and you just have to say: this is who I am. I think it's very important that we bring that strength to our professions and I think that Theological Horizons is reminding us of exactly that. It doesn't mean that you're less of a scholar, or less of a Christian."

**Director of Communications Kristina Garcia Wade**

In 2006, my boyfriend—a lapsed Christian—started going to church. I knew this was a bad sign. I was not a believer; he was sure to leave me for a church-going girl. Someone whose pumps matched her purse, whose teeth were as perfect as her pearl necklace. Someone of whom his mother would approve. I wasn't used to anyone—let alone God—coming between us. I sat by his side in the pew, but had some very angry questions. Why weren't there any female disciples? What about all of the people who die never knowing the gospel? And why did He destroy the fig tree in Matthew 21:18?



Kristina Garcia Wade


Through a long, slow process, through questions and tears, I was finally open to belief. One day, I woke up and knew that I had long ago accepted Christ into my heart, that he had crept in with the dawn without my realization.

By Easter 2007, I was married to the man who first brought me to church, and on that day he presented me with a lovely leather-covered Bible, writing in the dedication page: "To my wife, on the day of her baptism."

My husband and I have since moved from the northeast, where we both studied at Dartmouth College, to Charlottesville, Virginia. Here in the south, my husband is a resident in pediatrics at the University of Virginia Hospital and I am joyfully serving as Director of Communications for Theological Horizons.

**On the Bookshelf**

*A Year with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Daily Meditations from His Letters, Writings and Sermons*, edited by Carla Barnhill, Harper San Francisco. In a daily devotional format encouraging and deepening readers' reflections and meditations, *A Year with Dietrich Bonhoeffer* takes readers on a 365 day journey with a deeply spiritual man.



**Capps Lectures**

This November, John de Gruchy, Emeritus Professor of Christian Studies at the University of Cape Town, will join our Charlottesville community to present two lectures and direct an undergraduate seminar:



John de Gruchy

*Christian Identity Amidst Global Contradictions*

November 6, 2007 at 6pm

The Dome Room of the Rotunda at the University of Virginia

*Christian Humanism Against Fundamentalism & Secularism*

November 7, 2007 at 6pm

St. Paul's Memorial Church, 1700 University Avenue

Professor de Gruchy served at the forefront of the struggle against apartheid in South Africa as both a religious leader and as a theologian. He currently heads the Research Institute on Christianity in South Africa and is the author of numerous books, including *Christianity and Democracy; Reconciliation: Restoring Justice* and *Confessions of a Christian Humanist*.

**Salon Evenings**

In September we kicked off the latest Theological Horizons initiative with our first Salon Evening at the Bonhoeffer House. With hors d'oeuvres and honored guests,



conviviality and conversation, we welcomed graduate students, professors and community members to hear Jamie Ferreira discuss her latest book on the nineteenth century Danish philosopher and theologian Søren Kierkegaard.

**Vintage**



Amid the hustle and bustle of Friday afternoon, UVa students meet with Karen and Kristina at the Bonhoeffer House to read and talk about the Christians who came before us. With Karen's famous iced tea and cookies, students relax into discussions about C.S. Lewis and Augustine, Christian discipleship and what it means to be a Christian in a secular world. Join us online! Visit <http://horizons-reading-group.blogspot.com/> to become a part of our community.

**Other Events:**

- **Thursday, October 25**  
 7:30-9:30pm  
**Java Java**  
 Downtown Mall, Charlottesville  
 Karen Marsh will be giving a talk entitled "Seeking the Sacred in the Everyday."
- **Saturday, October 27**  
 3-5pm  
**Bonhoeffer House**  
 UVA Family Weekend  
 Open House
- **Friday, December 7**  
 7:30-9:30pm  
**Bonhoeffer House**  
 Salon Evening with special guest Kevin Hart, who will talk about poetry and theology
- **Friday, January 25, 2008**  
 7:30-9:30pm  
**Bonhoeffer House**  
 Salon Evening with special guest Elizabeth Newman, who will talk about her book *Untamed Hospitality: Welcoming God and Other Strangers*

