

## THEOLOGICAL HORIZONS

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supports both Christians and seekers in academia by advancing theological scholarship and by providing a welcoming home for engaging faith, thought, and life.



### BONHOEFFER HOUSE

Theological Horizons is centered just steps from the University of Virginia at the Bonhoeffer House. The Bonhoeffer House, home to the Marsh family, is a gathering place for students, professors, community members and church leaders who come together for rich conversations about integrating the practices of theology into everyday life.



Have you ever noticed this description of the earliest Christians? **"They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God."** (Acts 2:46) What a way to live! At Theological Horizons, we seek to create this kind of everyday community: rich in prayer, study, friendship and joy. Oh, yes—and delicious food! Whether eating or worshipping, we taste God's goodness together.

The newsletter you hold in your hands is further evidence of God's abundance. Each financial gift you make to Theological Horizons, however small or large, is an expression of faithfulness and sacrifice. So savor the stories, smile at the photographs; these are the fruits of your generosity! On behalf of every student, community member and scholar, every believer and seeker who is blessed by this ministry, I say, "Thank you."

Karen Wright Marsh, Executive Director

## Exuberant, Joyful & Praising God: Why We Give



### UVa Alumna, Becca Pryor, '17

At both my church and workplace in Richmond, I am encouraged to live out this teaching: My money is not my own but God's. This compels me to give financially to Theological Horizons, the ministry that was a crux of my intellectual and emotional spiritual growth while at UVa. I now work in the non-profit ministry realm and while my paycheck is not necessarily the most extravagant, giving sacrificially with a joyful heart is something that I believe all are called to do, no matter the size of one's paycheck.

Since graduating in May, I've continued to receive encouragement and support from Karen, Christy, TH Board Members, Laura (my mentor through the Horizons Fellows), and friends that I made through TH. I am thankful to have received so much from Theological Horizons during my undergrad years and it's a blessing to now be on the other side of graduation, furthering the mission of TH by supporting my fellow TH Hoos financially!



## UVa Parents and Alumni, Leslie & Nick Merrick, '85

One of the questions we think about with four kids living away from home is, "Who will they come across when they're asking the big questions of life?" We're only a phone call away, but often it's the people who are physically present who, for better or worse, have the most influence. For the past 20 years, Charles and Karen Marsh have been physically present at UVa – and the community they've created there with TH associate director Christy Yates is woven into the fabric of daily life at UVa. Because of that, they are naturally on the path when students are asking big questions or just need an encouraging word.

Our kids have experienced this presence personally: one was a Horizon Fellow and credits that with shaping her Christian worldview. One drops in on Vintage Lunch occasionally, and thought of Karen when she needed advice (which Karen offered as they walked Ginger – the dog – late one night). One just likes the idea of a regular house with a mom and dad and dog nestled right there among the fraternity houses. In all three cases, our kids are beneficiaries of the presence of the Marshes and the Bonhoeffer House in the middle of everyday life at UVa. That's why we support Theological Horizons: we want them there, on the path.



## Current UVa Student, Kunrui Peng, '18

I honestly don't believe there's any way for me to properly give back to Theological Horizons for the ways it has impacted my college experience. Three years ago as a first year out-of-state student, Karen, Charles, and Ginger welcomed me with open arms, warm food, and kind hearts week after week. By the time I had to declare a major, Karen ended up praying me into Systems & Information Engineering. Since then, she and Theological Horizons have offered direction and guidance, as well as mentorship from various entrepreneurs in the UVa community including the likes of Evan Edwards and Kate Harris.

Donors, I urge you to invest generously in what you believe will impact the lives of students. For me, that has been Karen Marsh's open discussions on faith and vocation each Friday where hundreds of students have gathered with open minds, empty stomachs, and an insatiable thirst for truth.

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# GIVE to Theological Horizons

Theological Horizons warmly welcomes all who would come, in the name of Christ. We seek to offer God's simple graces—a warm meal, a timely word, a loaned book, a listening presence—along with the transformative experience of relationships developed through deep mentoring, Bible study and guidance into the life of faith.

We serve far beyond the Bonhoeffer House walls, as well, with public lectures, forums, seminars, international writing competitions, publications, online resources, community engagement and much more. We are grateful for God's blessings and stand as a faithful Christian presence in the days ahead. Will you sustain Theological Horizons' ministry with your financial gift?

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# Join Us! At a Theological Horizons event near you

## AROUND UVA GROUNDS AND BEYOND

<b>FEB. 22<sup>ND</sup></b> 1:30-2:45pm	<b>Faith &amp; Work Lunch Series</b>	In partnership with Dean Baucom and his wife Wendy, Reggie Leonard of UVA's Data Science Institute shares his stories on the interplay of faith and career/calling	Pavilion X, UVA. Charlottesville, VA
<b>FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup></b> 2:15-3:30pm	<b>Personal Finance Flash Seminar</b>	Va Comm School professor emeritus Karin Bonding offers a seminar on personal finances both now and after college.	Common Grounds, 480 Rugby Rd. Charlottesville, VA
<b>FEB. 24-26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>Bookstore Signing; Book Party; UVA Alumni Gathering; Women's Lunch</b>	Karen Marsh visits Atlanta for three days of gatherings around her new book, <i>Vintage Saints and Sinners</i> , with a focus on engagement with UVA alumni, parents and prospective students.	Various locations: St. Philip Cathedral; Swan Coach House; private homes. Atlanta, GA
<b>FEB. 28<sup>TH</sup></b> 6pm <b>MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup></b> 6pm	<b>"Reimagine Charity"</b> <b>"Friendship Across Racial Boundaries"</b>	In partnership with the Center for Christian Study, Donell Woodson of Atlanta's Lupton Institute guides a workshop on "reimagining" charity and then talks about friendship with UVA alumnus Jay McCabe.	The Center for Christian Study, Charlottesville, VA
<b>MAR. 8<sup>TH</sup></b> 8:30-10:30am	<b>Coffee Break Book Signing</b>	Karen Marsh chats & signs <i>Vintage Saints &amp; Sinners</i> and spends the day in Greenwich	Christ Church Bookstore Greenwich, CT
<b>MAR. 25<sup>TH</sup></b> 1pm	<b>"Transformative Steps &amp; Lives" panel, Virginia Festival of the Book</b>	Hosted by UVA Religious Studies, authors Karen Marsh, Diana Butler Bass & Adrian Shirk explore the transformative powers of gratitude, faith & shared stories	University of Virginia Bookstore Charlottesville, VA
<b>MAR. 25<sup>TH</sup>-28<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>"Welcoming Justice: God's Movement Toward Beloved Community"</b>	UVA Religious Studies professor & director of UVA's Project on Lived Theology Charles Marsh joins renowned activist & community leader John M. Perkins for a series of public lectures.	Pepperdine University Malibu, CA
<b>APRIL TBD</b>	<b>"The new New Testament"</b>	UVA's Project on Lived Theology hosts David Bentley Hart	University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA
<b>APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup></b> 1-2pm	<b>"The Radical St. Benedict?" Vintage Lunch Series</b>	Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove speaks on power of the ancient Rule of St. Benedict in intentional community life & activism	Common Grounds, 480 Rugby Rd. Charlottesville, VA
<b>APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup></b> 1-2pm	<b>"Vintage: Ancient Sources for Contemporary Writing" panel, Festival of Faith &amp; Writing</b>	Karen Marsh, James KA Smith, Donelle McCray & Lauren Winner speak on their writing out of a diversity of traditions and perspectives.	Calvin College Grand Rapids, MI
<b>APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup></b> 2:00 public lecture 3:30 writing workshop 5:30 reception & book signing	<b>"God &amp; the Mystery of the World: On the Writing Life"</b>	Hosted by UVA Religious Studies' Project on Lived Theology, Memoirist, poet, creative writing professor Patricia Hampl joins Prof. Charles Marsh for a day of events.	Nau Hall, UVA & Bonhoeffer House Charlottesville, VA
<b>APRIL 26 &amp; 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>"A Legacy Toward Community: Howard Thurman's Vision" plenary lecture</b>	Karen Marsh reflects on the life of the great American philosopher & theologian who shaped the Civil Rights Movement.	Upper House Madison, WI
<b>SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup> &amp; 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>"God and the Mystery of the World"</b>	UVA Religious Studies professor & director of UVA's Project on Lived Theology Charles Marsh delivers the annual DuBose lectures.	The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
<b>OCT. 18<sup>TH</sup></b> 6pm	<b>"Following Jesus Beyond the Culture Wars"</b>	In partnership with the Project on Lived Theology, renowned journalist on faith & religion in America Jonathan Merritt delivers the prestigious 2018 Capps Lecture in Christian Theology	University of Virginia Charlottesville, VA

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