PERKINS COMMUNITY LIFE Fee Due $30 Fee

The $30.00 (per year) fee covers: The Perkins Look Book, helps fund the Fall Banquet, Spring Banquet, graduation events, special functions, low cost food service (snacks and lunches) coffee, tea, and exam week fun.

*If you are taking classes on the Dallas campus for the first time this year, or if you have just begun your studies at Perkins this semester, your fee is $15. Please pay by stopping by the Office of Community Life in 216 Kirby, or drop your check off during community lunch in the Refectory. Please make checks payable to: Perkins School of Theology—SMU

If the fee presents an unusual hardship for you, contact Tracy Anne Allred at 214-768-1480 or tallred@smu.edu

or Emily Robnett at 214-768-3371 or erobnett@smu.edu.

April 29, 2016

These Three Musketeers were amazing hostesses last night! Thank you to Amanda Price, Cassie Wohlfarth, and Courtney Webb, 2nd year M.Div.’s, for a FANTASTIC Spring Follies!

All for one, and one for all!

Bridwell Snack Breaks

Tuesday – Thursday, May 3-5
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Bridwell Library (2nd floor) in the Benefactors Room

As the semester comes to an end, Bridwell Library would like to welcome all our Perkins students to three Bridwell Snack Breaks.

We’ll provide refreshments and our Bridwell Reference Librarians will be available for research questions.

No R.S.V.P. required! Good luck with finals!
This section will highlight different scholarships that could be of interest to the Perkins Community.

Featured scholarships often have rapidly approaching due dates. Please be sure to review these opportunities in a timely manner, or they will pass you by!

A wide variety of opportunities for financial assistance can always be found in the Outside Scholarship Section of the Perkins Website.

**APPLY FOR THE ED E. AND GLADYS HURLEY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP!**

The Ed E. and Gladys Hurley Foundation Scholarship exists to assist worthy and deserving young men and women to obtain college education when they and their parents are financially unable to provide the necessary funds for that purpose. Funds can be used solely for colleges in the State of Texas, but students who reside in any state and who wish to study to become ministers, missionaries or religious workers of the Protestant faith may receive up to $1,000 per academic year.

The application and instruction sheet can be obtained by contacting Tracy Anne Allred at tallred@smu.edu. This application requires certification of enrollment and two letters of recommendation, so please do not wait until the last minute to start this application. You must follow the instructions precisely.

In an effort to notify recipients as early as possible, please forward all completed applications to our office as soon as possible. We will accept applications through 5 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2016. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Order of Saint Luke is holding a Day of Silence on Tuesday, May 3. Here is the schedule:

- **Morning Prayer**
  8:30 am, with the giving of the question of the day.

- **Midday Prayer**
  12:00 noon in the chapel, followed by brown bag lunch in the Refectory, to discuss the question.

- **Evening Prayer**
  with Eucharist, 5 p.m.

For more information please contact Heather Gottas at hgottas@smu.edu

**COMMUNITY LUNCH MENU**

**NO COMMUNITY LUNCH DURING READING & WRITING WEEK**

Please contact Elizabeth Ferguson (eferguson@smu.edu) for any questions.

**NEW SENATOR**

We have elected our second Senator! The election resulted in a tie for the second seat, however only one of the write in candidates was interested in the position. Please congratulate Brian Lightner on his newly elected position of Perkins Student Senator. Your elections commission is pleased to have completed the election process. Thank you, and congrats to all who have won.

-Corrie Hermans, Kathleen Pryor, & Thomas Webster.

**PRAYER VIGIL**

You are invited to join other members of the Perkins Community from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 6, in a prayer vigil for the upcoming United Methodist Church General Conference.

Other churches and groups of the North Texas Annual Conference will be praying over a 24-hour period on this day as part of the 60 Days of Prayer initiative. These 60 days began March 31 and continue through May 29: 40 days prior to the conference, 11 days in session and 9 days following the event.

For more information about 60 Days of Prayer – such as how to download a daily meditation book written by Upper Room staff, authors and leaders in the church, including the bishops who will preach during the conference – log on to http://60daysofprayer.org.

With your help, we can establish a community that will prayerfully engage us in God’s mission during and beyond this General Conference.
TEST STRATEGIES

As finals are hanging over your head like the sword of Damocles, here are some strategies to help you with your exams (of various types):

General Tips
- **Read the directions** carefully!
- **Preview the test** to see how much time you need to allot for each section.
- Read all of the questions before beginning, make sure that you **understand what the professor is asking**, and **look for key terms** (see below).
- **Strategize** - Work on the "easiest" parts first. Pace yourself to allow time for the more difficult parts. Spend more time on questions that are worth more points.
- Save time at the end of the exam to **review your test**. Check for spelling and grammar errors. Make sure you have not left out any answers or parts of answers.

Tips for specific types of exams

Essay exams
- **Make an outline** in the margin before you begin writing. Organization, clear thinking, and good writing are important.
- Jot down ideas, vocabulary, and concepts that immediately come to mind.
- Write as neatly as possible and leave some space for added ideas or corrections.
- **Watch For Key Terms**; underline these words when you see them in a test question: **Analyze, Compare, Contrast, Criticize, Define, Describe, Discuss, Enumerate, Evaluate, Explain, Illustrate, Interpret, Outline, Prove, Relate, State, Summarize, Trace.**

Multiple Choice Test Taking Tips
- Read the question before you look at the answers.
- **Answer the question in your head before looking at the possible answers** (you are less likely to be deceived by an incorrect choice).
- Read all the choices before choosing your answer; eliminate answers you know are not correct.
- Do not second guess your answer; your initial answer is often correct.
- If any of the statements is false, do not choose "All of the Above."

Open Book Test Tips
- Study - professors often make open book exams more difficult; thus they require more preparation than closed book exams.
- Familiarize yourself with the structure of book and the location of main ideas.
- If allowed, record definitions and page numbers for main ideas on a notecard.
- Answer the questions that you know first, then use the book to find answers you do not know.
- Use quotations from the book sparingly, to support your own insight and commentary.

"Surviving Seminary!" is a regular feature of the Perkins News. The editors are Duane Harbin (mailto:dharbin@smu.edu) and Jane Elder (mailto:jelder@smu.edu). Got a great seminary survival strategy? Let us know and we’ll help pass it along to the rest of the community. (That is, if it isn’t illegal, immoral, or likely to get us in trouble with the Dean!)
**Finals Are Here, So We’re Taking Prayer Requests!**

Starting immediately - no end date or time
A box will be placed in the Perk; requests can also be sent by email at barnabusassociation@gmail.com

The Perkins Barnabus Association prayer team will be placing a secure box for your prayer requests in the Perk. Please keep an eye out for it over the next several days, but in the meantime we’re taking your prayer requests now at barnabusassociation@gmail.com

Your prayer requests will be kept confidential and we’ll start praying for them as we receive them. So if you’re stressed, be encouraged because we’ll be praying for you! Just let us know your prayer requests.

For questions or concerns, please contact the Barnabus Association president, Phil Carlson at pcarlson@smu.edu.

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Mexican American and Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministry Program (MAP) and The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions is looking for a part-time (up to 25 hours per week) assistant student worker.

The assistant will be serving in three capacities: Working for the MAP program in the publication and distribution of Apuntes (8-10 hrs. per week), working with MAP for various projects, including a monthly newsletter and social media (5 hrs.), and working with The Director of The Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions (10-12 hrs. per week). Weekly hours vary according to the demands of MAP and The Center.

For more information or to apply for the job, please email map@smu.edu with resume and cover letter by May 6. Tentative start date of May 23.

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**Finals Week Massages**

Friday May 6—3:00-5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 9—11:00-1:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10—11:00-1:00 p.m.
Located in Prothro 207

Sign-up is on a first come, first serve basis the day of the event.
A sign up sheet will be in room 207.

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**Save the Date**

“Simply Wright: N.T. Wright @ Perkins/SMU”
November 15–17
Schedule of Events TBA

For your summer reading list, Simply Good News by N.T. Wright, will be the book in common for this event.

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“Be my eyes through college she said! Guide me through graduate school she said! This was not in my job description.”

-Dylan the guide dog, submitted by Mytchi McKenzie, 1st year M.Div.
THE Wesley Cup 2016

STUDENTS & FACULTY CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL Wesley Cup!

THE FACULTY/STAFF TEAM!

THE STUDENT TEAM!
PRELIMINARY ITINERARY FOR THE IMMERSION COURSE
“In the Footsteps of Martin Luther after 500 Years of the Protestant Reformation in Germany”

This immersion trip is scheduled to take place from June 7-16, 2017. We will arrive at Frankfurt International Airport and stay in a hotel in Frankfurt on June 8. On our first day in Frankfurt we will visit the German Methodist Bishop who resides there. We will also meet with a representative from the regional Protestant Church in Germany and on ensuing days take day trips to Mainz, (e.g. Gutenberg’s Printing Press Museum) and Worms (1521: “Imperial Diet,” when Luther made his famous pronouncement: “Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise;” historic Jewish Quarters and cemetery; Cathedral/Dom). We will then pack our bags and take the train to Marburg, famous for the “Marburg Colloquy” (1529) and the Philipps-Universität Marburg. We will meet with faculty and students of the Department of Protestant Theology, visit the Marburg Castle, and listen to lectures on the history of Protestant theology in Marburg where many famous theologians, such as Rudolf Bultmann and Paul Tillich, taught in the twentieth century. A couple of days later, we will travel to Eisleben, staying in a monastery that has been transformed into a guesthouse (http://www.kloster-helfta.de/cms/gaestehaus/index.html). We will visit the Lutherhaus and many sights that were important during the time of the Reformation. We will take a day trip to Wittenberg, one of the most important Reformation cities, and listen to various lectures about the Reformation era and contemporary German politics and culture. We will learn about the German reunification in 1990, its significance for religious and ecclesial practice in the country, and the current refugee situation in Europe and Germany’s role in it. On our last evening, we will take the train back to Frankfurt to catch our flight back to DFW Airport the next morning.

This is a preliminary itinerary only and changes are expected to occur although the basic itinerary is firm. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions for this immersion trip, please email Dr. Susanne Scholz at sscholz@smu.edu.

FINALS WEEK SNACKS
Friday, May 6-11
Prothro Refectory

Tired? Stressed? In need of sustenance? Community Life has got you covered! We are providing snacks during finals week for weary seminarians and professors alike. Come grab something to comfort your soul.

For any questions, please contact Emily Robnett, Community Life Graduate Assistant, at erobnett@smu.edu.

COURSE EVALUATIONS

In your SMU e-mail account, you should have received a personalized link to the spring term course evaluations. Please take a few minutes to fill out the evaluation form for each of your courses by May 10, 2016. We take your responses very seriously and use them in several ways. Individual faculty use them to make needed adjustments to courses. The administration uses them in reviewing the effectiveness of the curriculum and assessing course needs. Your responses are anonymous.

If you did not receive the e-mail with the personalized link, please contact the IT Help Desk (help@smu.edu or 214.768 HELP (4357)).

If you have questions or concerns about the evaluations or the evaluation process, please feel free to contact:

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Perkins News deadline for submission is 10:00 a.m. Thursday before the Friday edition. Email submissions to perkinsnews@smu.edu. Please feel free to submit photos to accompany your submission.

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