

Monday digest

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New today (and yesterday) from the *Century*:

- Martin Copenhaver on [Rembrandt and the incarnation](#): "Rembrandt's meditations on Jesus' face reflect momentous changes in his faith—and in how people of his time envisioned Jesus."
- Bill Goettler [blogs the lectionary](#): "In October, a newly formed Right to Life group sponsored a week-long conference, entitled 'Abortion and Feminism,' on the campus of Yale Divinity School. The pro-choice posters posted by the Students for Reproductive Justice made it clear that seminarians are not of one mind on the issue."
- Steve Thorngate on Fox News's claim that the [Muppets are brainwashing our children](#): "*The Muppets* villain Tex Richman isn't a Muppet. He's a human character, played by Chris Cooper. I know, it's hard to find time to fact-check when you're busy *politicizing the Muppets*."
- Steve Vineberg [reviews](#) the film remake of the musical adaptation of the 1984 film *Footloose*: "The problem is that the material is still *Footloose*."
- Nancy Janisch on [physics and faith](#): "One of the things people say about Christianity is that Christians believe odd, impossible things. And well, they're right."

In the news:

- [As church-based civil unions kick in, Church of England says no](#)
- [Long steps aside from Ga. church to work on marriage](#)
- [Mainline Protestants seek reforms, stir anger](#)
- [U.S., Cuban church leaders seek 'normalized relations'](#)