

Thursday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Martin Copenhaver [reviews several titles on the food movement](#): "Late in life, my mother confessed that she never enjoyed cooking. "But," she said, "I did take satisfaction in serving simple meals to my family." Well, there's no such thing as a simple meal anymore." (subscription required)
- Carol Howard Merritt on [planning for a vital future](#): "Why are we losing congregations? There are many factors. If I'm painting with a broad brush, I'd say that it is because we are largely rural, white and older. What can we do to ensure a vital future? Focus on urban church planting."
- Richard Kauffman on [evangelicals and generational change](#)
- "[Mailbox](#)," a poem by Julie Moore

In the news:

- [Tempers flare over priest fired over Mass prayers](#)
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