

Art

Course

A.001 *Monday Handworks*

Two hours a week bring in those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time ... whatever they may be. Led by Erin Billingsley. Mondays – January 23–May 14. 9:30-11:30am. Rooms 307/309/311.

A.002 *Tuesday Walk/Jog*

Meet at Village Cup for a group workout (walk or jog) outside or an exercise video inside on cold or rainy days (Room 230). Led by Aimee Strobl. Tuesdays – January 24-May 15. 9:30-11:30am. Village Cup. **Class will not meet on “Circle Tuesdays” – February 14, March 13, April 10 and May 8.**

A.003 *Boomerangs*

Join the Boomerangs (the Baby Boomers & Above Handworks class) to start or finish any project from knitting, rug hooking, needle pointing, to balancing your checkbook. Field trips to various Kansas City locations are also scheduled with lots of side trips. This class is designed for Baby Boomers and above, and **childcare is not available**. Facilitated by Judy Bliss. Tuesdays – January 24-May 15. 10:00am–12:00pm. Room 301.

A.004 *Yarning at Night*

If you have ever been interested in knitting or crocheting, we would LOVE to have you join us on Tuesday nights! We will tailor each lesson to fit your skill level. Facilitated by Susan Baker. Tuesdays – January 24-May 15. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 333.

A.005 *Studio Time*

Join other artists for fellowship and time to complete your artwork. Some assistance will be available, but not formal instruction. Media would include: drawing, pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oil. Led by Bill Yates. Tuesdays – January 24-May 15. 7:00-9:00pm. Room 233.

A.006 *Needlepoint*

Learn basic stitches and peruse materials that will enable you to make beautiful and creative projects for you and your family. Sewing and fellowship will be top priorities. Taught by Linda Pierpoint. Wednesdays – January 25-May 16. 9:30-11:30am. Room 204.

A.007 *Wednesday Handworks*

Two hours a week bring in those projects you want to finish but can never find the time ... whatever they might be! Led by Michelle Dawdy. Wednesdays – January 25-May 16. 9:30-11:30am. Room 230.

A.008 *Continuing Watercolor*

Enjoy the company of other watercolor artists of all levels ... beginner to master. Taught by Roy Campbell, Ed Harper and Bill Yates. Facilitated by Vesta York. Wednesdays – January 25-May 16. 1:00-3:00pm. Room 15. **Childcare is not available. Class limit: 30.**

A.009 *Friday Handworks*

Take two hours out of your busy schedule to catch up with projects you can't seem to finish at home. Led by Susan Baker. Fridays – January 27-May 18. 9:30-11:30am. Rooms 307/309/311.

A.010 *Village Church Painters*

Create your own masterpieces in the company of other artists. Mediums include watercolor, oil and acrylic. Led by Nancy Preston. Fridays – January 27-May 18. 12:00pm-3:00pm. Room 15. **Child care is not available.**

A.011 *Tuesday Morning Book Club*

Read a good book lately? Or, would you like to? Join us once a month for an interesting discussion on a variety of works of literature. We will be reading Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Led by Elizabeth Ong. Fourth Tuesday of the month—January 31, February 21, March 27 and April 24. 9:30-11:30am. Room 233. **Class limit: 15.**

A.012 *Super Saturday Handworks*

Bring your projects for a day of free time to get them done. This is a great opportunity to work on handmade gifts, organize photos or anything else you can't get finished. Led by Sarah Duffy. Saturday – February 4. 9:30am-4:00pm. Rooms 126 and 127. **Child care is offered from 9:30am-12:00 noon.**

A.013 *Easy Up-Dos and Makeup Tricks*

Learn how to quickly take your hair from dull to dazzling and how to brighten those sleepy eyes. A certified hair stylist and makeup artist is here to come to the rescue! Tuesday, February 7. 9:30-11:30am. Room 127. **Class limit: 15.**

A.014 *Sewing Circle*

If you are interested in learning how to sew or if you are a sewing pro, this class is for you! You will work on your project(s) of choice once a month. Sean Droessler will be there to help you become comfortable with your sewing machine, give advice on what tools you need in your

sewing box to help make sewing easier, read patterns, understand notions, gather fabric, put in a zipper, etc. Sean will have a basic sewing project for you to practice on at the first class. A materials list will be provided as the first class gets closer. Led by Sean Droessler. Tuesdays once a month – February 7, March 6 and April 10. 9:30-11:30am. Rooms 307, 309 and 311.

A.015 *Beyond Allowance Series - Accountable Parents*

Financial training is imperative if your children are to become wise stewards of their resources. Whether toddler or teenager, begin now to train your children financially. Topics discussed will include: 1) what is the greatest influence on your child financially; 2) how, when and how much money to provide to your children; 3) age appropriate boundaries (no more “nickel and diming!”). This is the first of a three-part series of financial training classes for parents. (Additional classes will be held on March 21 and April 18.) Classes may be taken alone or as a series. There will be an opportunity to purchase the “Beyond Allowance” resource manual at the class for \$25, if desired. Taught by Financial Life and Spending Coach, Elizabeth Blume (www.blumegroup.com). Wednesday – February 15. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 233.

A.016 *Color Me Creative Art Workshop for Preschoolers (Field Trip)*

Introduce your older preschooler to the wonders of art through this hands-on field trip to the Nelson. Children ages 4 and up will take a brief tour of the museum and then participate in the “Color Me Creative” workshop where they’ll tap into their imaginations and experience combining colors to create a mixed media painting. Parents are welcome to attend the tour and then branch out during the workshop. You may also stay and observe if you’d like. Childcare will be provided at Village for children younger than 4 from 9:30am-12 noon. Led by Linda Nickell. Tuesday – February 28. 10:00-11:30am. Nelson Art Gallery. **Additional class fee: \$6.50. Class limit: 32.**

A.017 *Crowns and Capes*

Learn how to create a fancy felt crown and super hero cape for your little one. Great for both girls and boys! Taught by Erika Howard. Friday – March 2. 9:30-11:30am. Room 133. **Class limit: 15.**

A.018 *Four Pillars of Healthy Eating*

In this day and age of staying healthy, this class will look at the following areas: 1) why eat local; 2) nutrient dense foods; 3) health benefits; 4) healthy fats; 5) cooking tips; 6) snack ideas; and 7) how to go about eating healthy. Taught by Lisa Markley from Whole Foods. Wednesday – March 7. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 124.

A.019 *Beyond Allowance Series - Tuition Tussles*

Sure we want the best for our kids. We think that they should go anywhere they would like for college. But how do we determine the “right amount” for college expenses and when do we

need to begin discussing that with our children? Before you discuss with your children where they want to go to college and what you will do for them concerning that experience, you need to establish your own beliefs, values, and boundaries regarding college expenditures. Elizabeth Blume (www.blumegroup.com) will share her thoughts and ideas as a Financial Life and Spending Coach and a parent of two college graduates, so you determine what the “right amount” is for your family. This is the second in a three-part series of financial training seminars for parents (last class is April 18) and *is appropriate for parents of children in grade school through college*. Classes may be taken alone or as a series. Wednesday – March 21. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 124.

A.020 *Cake Decorating*

Here is your chance to have your cake and eat it too! Move beyond store-bought and sheet cakes and add a little flair to your celebration! Come learn to decorate a cake from our very own Elizabeth Nolen at www.sweethomealabamacakes.com. Friday – April 13. 9:30-11:30am. Room 15. **Class limit: 15.**

A.021 *Photography 101*

Learn how to photograph your children and love it! This two-hour class will teach you all you need to know to capture amazing images of your children. Bring a picture of your child that you have taken to enter to win a complimentary portrait session and wall portrait from Christina Lundeen Photography. Taught by Christina Lundeen. Tuesday – April 17. 9:30-11:30am. Room 127.

A.022 *Beyond Allowance Series - Money Management*

What are you modeling to your kids about spending money? What are you teaching them about being in control of your money? What influences how you spend your money? Knowing this is the first step towards controlling your spending in order to accomplish your financial hopes and dreams. Financial Life and Spending Coach, Elizabeth Blume, (www.blumegroup.com) has compiled information and knowledge to empower you to be wise stewards of your resources. Begin now to feel in control of your finances and set a good example for your kids. We will discuss what you can do to manage your money effectively, such as, how to:

- structure your bank accounts effectively
- identify the expenses in your life that are hardest to control
- simplify ways to manage those hard-to-control expenses

This is the third in a three-part series of financial training seminars for parents. Classes may be taken alone or as a series. Taught by Elizabeth Blume. Wednesday – April 18. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 124.

Bible Study

BI.002 *Especially for Women*

Join this vibrant and welcoming group of women who meet once a week on Fridays from 9:30-11:00am for discussion and study about what it means to be Christian. This term we will be studying Brian McLaren's book, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith*. We invite all women who like to discuss issues of faith to join us. McLaren, who will be coming to Village Church in March, 2012 for the Visiting Scholar Event, contends that "*the Christian faith in all its forms is pregnant with new possibilities.*"

Come participate as we explore his book. Call Marianne in the Adult Ministry office (913-671-2333) to register and order a book. Rev. Diane Quaintance leads the discussion. Fridays – January 7-May 18. 9:30-11:00am. Room 132.

BI.003 *Disciple Short-Term Bible Study: Look at Jesus in the Gospels*

"A Look at Jesus in the Gospels" is a ten-week bible study adapted from the popular Disciple second generation series. We will begin to recognize and discover how and when the gospels were written and begin to view different perspectives the four gospels provide of Jesus. Daily scripture readings, bible scholars' notes, video segments, and group discussions will allow participants to engage in the four Gospels with renewed curiosity and purpose. This term we will focus primarily on Jesus's destiny. Led by Desiree Reinke. Sundays – January 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11 and 18. 5:00-6:30pm. Room 126.

BI.003 *Misquoting Jesus*

Did the early scribes make changes as they copied manuscripts of the New Testament? Why might scribes have intentionally changed some texts that relate to women, Jews, pagan religions, and competing understandings of Jesus in the first centuries of Christianity? Provocative scholar Bart Ehrman, a Kansas boy who has risen to the top level of the field of New Testament studies, addresses these and other fascinating questions in his book, Misquoting Jesus: An Introduction to Textual Criticism. Based on Ehrman's best-selling book, this class will examine some of the most important "variants" in the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament and learn how scholars have arrived at the best versions of the original text. Taught by Gus Breytspraak, M.Div., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Ottawa University and Village Church member. Tuesdays – January 31; February 14 and 28; and March 13 and 27. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 124.

BI.004 *From Jesus to Christ: An Introduction to the Emergence of Christianity*

View and discuss the Frontline documentary, *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*, on the first centuries of Christianity. Beautiful photographs and insightful interviews with leading Biblical Scholars will help you understand the New Testament in relation to the major events of the period it describes and in which it was written. For a sample, visit <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/> where you can view the episodes online if you have to miss a class! (4 sessions). Taught by Dr. Gus Breytspraak. Wednesdays –

February 1, 8, 15 and 29. (Class will not meet on February 22.) 6:30-8:00pm. Room 124.

Environment

EN.001 *Cool Harvest*

Food connects us to some of the most important questions of our time. The food choices we make — individually and as a society — affect not only our health, but the health of the planet and all of Creation. About one-fifth of climate change pollution comes from the food industry - more than from all transportation combined. The health and environmental costs of the industrial agriculture system is becoming an area of greater concern and action for faith communities throughout the state and the nation. The *Cool Harvest* program educates faith communities about this issue and facilitates dialogue and action. This program includes a viewing of the film, “Nourish,” about the impact of our industrial agriculture system on our health and the health of the planet, followed by a facilitated discussion of the issues raised by the film. Tuesday, March 20. 6:30-8:00 pm. Room 232. Taught by Rabbi Moti Rieber.

Rabbi Rieber is coordinator of Kansas Interfaith Power & Light, a statewide non-profit that encourages faith communities to take a more active role in environmental stewardship, particularly in the areas of energy efficiency, energy conservation, and the use of renewables. A graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, Rabbi Rieber is a long-time activist on peace, social justice, and environmental issues. He previously served as Rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Naperville, Illinois, and as Executive Director of the Mid-Kansas Jewish Federation in Wichita, Kansas. He was also a founding board member of Kansas IPL. He and his wife, Suzy, live with their three children in Overland Park.

EN.002 *The Drive to Electrify Our Cars*

Have you been wondering whether you should buy a hybrid car or wait until plug-in cars are more affordable? How well do hybrid and plug-in cars actually reduce fuel consumption and global warming and smog-forming air pollution? John Kurmann of ReEnergizeKC (ReEnergizeKC.org) will begin the course with an overview of gasoline-electric hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and battery-electric vehicle technologies. Then, Craig Volland, Air Quality Chair of the Kansas Sierra Club, will address the changes we need to make to our electricity grid and regulatory system to maximize the benefits of plug-in vehicles. A Q&A will follow the presentation. Taught by John Kurmann and Craig Volland. Wednesday – April 11. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 126.

Family

FM.001 *Being Married*

This course is designed specifically for those preparing for marriage. During the five weeks we will focus on marriage expectations, communication and conflict, in-laws and out-laws, sex,

money, and planning your wedding ceremony. Come meet other young couples who are on the way to making their vows. Learn how to build a secure foundation, avoid pitfalls and trust that God is at the center of your relationship. Taught by Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin and Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin. Wednesdays – February 29; March 7, 14, 21 and 28. 6:00-7:30pm. Room 232.

THIS COURSE IS FREE.

Health/Wellness

HW.001 *Tai Chi*

This exercise class focuses on older adults. Tai Chi is gentle physical exercise and stretching where you perform a series of postures or movements in a slow, graceful manner. It is non-competitive and self-paced. The goals of this class are to improve balance and health and to increase longevity. The only requirements are a positive attitude and a sense of humor! Students should wear loose, comfortable clothing. Taught by Adrian Mason. Mondays – January 9-May 21. 9:30-11:00am. Rooms 232/233. **THIS COURSE IS FREE, but donations are welcome and will be given to benefit the Village Church Emergency Assistance program.**

HW.002 *Heartsaver CPR/AED Class*

Heart attack, drowning, electric shock, drug overdose and other problems may cause a person's heart to stop pumping blood. This is called cardiac arrest. Studies show that effective CPR right away improves the odds of survival from cardiac arrest. Most cardiac arrests happen outside the hospital where bystander CPR is really important. ***You can make a difference, and the first step is learning CPR!*** You never know when someone you know and/or love will need your CPR skills. The American Heart Association designed the Heartsaver CPR/AED course to prepare first responders who may need to:

- perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- use an automated external defibrillator (AED)
- help someone who is choking

The course will teach the above skills as they apply to adults, children and infants. Upon completion of the class you will receive a Heartsaver AED certification card. Taught by Caryl Herman, certified CPR/AED instructor and Village Church member. **Class limit: 10.** Three separate sessions are available. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR EACH CLASS SEPARATELY.** **THESE CLASSES ARE FREE.**

HW.002a Tuesday, January 31, 1:00-4:00pm, Rooms 132 and 133

HW.002b Thursday, February 2, 6:30-9:30pm, Rooms 132 and 133

HW.002c Saturday, February 4, 9:00am-12:00pm, Rooms 132 and 133

HW.002d Thursday, February 9, 9:00am-12:00pm, Rooms 232 and 233

Life Skills

LI.001 *Life Reflections*

Have you ever thought about writing your life story? Maybe you're interested in your ancestors. I'm sure you've wondered, "How do I get started?" If so, this is the class for you! This three-hour course is designed to explain exactly how to get started. Each 90-minute session is designed to plumb your memory for the stories and the cast of colorful characters you've encountered along your life's journey. Specific, thought provoking activities are designed to add leaves and branches to your family tree. We'll write in class and share with others. Fee for materials \$7 payable at first class. Facilitated by Janet Kirkman, Founder of *That's Life* and Association of Personal Historians Member. Monday - April 16 (Room 127), and Wednesday – April 18 (Room 133). 10:00 – 11:30am. **Class limit: 12.**

LI.002 *Making a Difference*

This class is designed to assist you in creating a vision for your legacy. It will help bring clarity to your vision with a solid foundation for living generously. Class participation will provide opportunities that enhance the bonds you share with your loved ones. The result will be an action plan enabling you and your family to truly make a difference today and for generations to come. Methods of preserving your plan will also be covered. Fee for materials \$7 payable at first class Wednesdays - Facilitated by Janet Kirkman, Founder of *That's Life* and Member Association of Personal Historians. Monday – May 7 (Room 127), and Wednesday – May 9 (Room 133) . 10:00 – 11:30am. Room 133. **Class limit: 12.**

Literature

LT.001 *Great Books Discussion*

Are you interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking? If you are, come share in reading and discussing many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation, and we will begin with Great Conversations 4. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Facilitated by Betty Long. You may contact her at 913-859-0392 or e-mail btlong81@gmail.com for more information. Tuesdays – January 3, February 7, March 6, April 3 and May 1. 2:00-3:30pm. Room 126.

LT.002 *More Modern Plays*

The last century and a half provided us with several great playwrights, too many to cover in one class. We will continue to survey some of the America and Europe's most interesting plays of the last hundred-fifty years, with an eye toward putting these plays in a cultural and historical context. These selections also have well-known films versions as well. For this class, we will provide a "textbook" so students don't have to find the plays themselves. The plays are: *Miss*

Social Issues

SI.001 *Lunch with Micah's Ministries*

Tuesdays – February 7, 14 and 21. 12:00-1:30pm. Room 232. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and cookies will be provided. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR EACH CLASS SEPARATELY.**
THESE CLASSES ARE FREE.

SI.001a *The Kansas Death Penalty*

Five years ago following the murder of his father, Bill Lucero co-founded the Kansas Coalition Against the Death Penalty. He is also a charter member of Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation and has served on its national board as well as that of the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Bill's thought-provoking presentation explores the history and application of the Kansas death penalty and his own experience as a murder victim's family member and a death penalty abolitionist. Led by Bill Lucero. Tuesday – February 7. 12:00-1:00pm. Room 232.

SI.001b *Love is in the Air – Unless You are Talking Politics or Economics*

Dr. Chris Kuehl (PhD) is Managing Director of Armada Intelligence and one of its co-founders in 1999. He makes about a hundred presentations each year to business and industry associations in the US and overseas. He has a doctorate in Political Economics and advanced degrees in Soviet and Asian Studies. Led by Chris Kuehl. Tuesday – February 14. **12:45-2:15pm.** Room 232.

SI.001c *Insights into the Rabbinic Mind*

The presentation will explore "how Jews think" and not just what Jews think. This will include some discussion of post-Biblical Jewish texts that shed light on the development of Jewish exegesis and Jewish law. Led by Rabbi Doug Alpert, the Spiritual Leader at Congregation Kol Ami. He has an M.A. in Judaic Studies from the Siegal College of Jewish Studies, and will receive his ordination as rabbi in May, 2012 from the Academy for Jewish Religion in Riverdale, NY. Rabbi Alpert has previously served as the Jewish Representative to the Interfaith Council of Greater Kansas City. Tuesday - February 21. 12:00-1:30pm. Room 232.

SI.002 *Micah's Ministries Evening Classes*

Wednesdays – April 11, 18 and 25. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 127. **PLEASE REGISTER FOR EACH CLASS SEPARATELY.** **THESE CLASSES ARE FREE.**

SI.002a *All God's Children*

A panel discussion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues (civil rights, ordination, marriage, etc.) with a particular focus on their relationship to the faith community. The panel will consist of representatives from PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Randy Fowler, representing the LGBT community, and Jay McKell, Interim Associate

Pastor for Pastoral Care and member of the Board of Directors of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians. Wednesday - April 11. 6:30-8:00. Room 127.

SL.002b *Indigenous Americans: What the History Books Don't Tell Us*

Joseph Gray is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma. He graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS in 2004 with a degree in American Indian Studies. He is a current employee of the Office of Special Trustee for American Indian at the American Indian Records Repository. He will share with us his perspective of American Indians in the past to present day struggles that we face. He will answer questions to give a better understanding of the history. Wednesday – April 18. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 127.

SL.002c *Food, Showers, Clean Clothes, Family = Cherith Brook*

A residential Christian Community located at 3308 E. 12th Street, KCMO, led by Rev. Eric Garbison, a Presbyterian minister, committee members and volunteers is on call 24/7. Begun in 2006, Eric, his wife Jodi and children located here to share table fellowship with strangers. Cherith Brook's weekly schedule includes showers and clean clothing four mornings a week, prayers three evenings a week, Community meal on Thursday, Women's Day monthly, men's haircuts monthly, garden workday Mondays, and group workday 2nd Saturday. Join us to hear Eric and dedicated volunteer Rebecca Lindley retired school teacher share their commitment to Cherith Brook. Micah 6:8: comes to mind, "...and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Wednesday – April 25. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 127.

Stephen Ministry

ST.001 *Introduction to Stephen Ministry*

This class will introduce the concept of Stephen Ministry, a ministry of compassion and listening in this community of faith. If you have ever wondered what it means to be a Stephen Minister and how God might use you to serve those who are going through a difficult life transition, this introduction is for you. Taught by the Village Church Stephen Ministry Leadership Team. Wednesdays - April 11, 6:30pm in Room 132 **OR** April 18, 1:30pm in Room 132. **THIS CLASS IS FREE.**

Theology

TH.001 *Visiting Scholar Brian McLaren Follow-up Class*

Tim Keel, head teaching pastor at Jacob's Well in Kansas City, Missouri will moderate a class as a follow up to the 2012 Visiting Scholar Brian McLaren lectures. Wednesday – March 21. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 133.