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End of Life Care



Pointer Sisters



*Rev. Sally Wright
Instructor*

FALL 2019 COURSE CATALOG



FOR CHURCH & COMMUNITY



VILLAGE U FALL 2019 CATALOG

Welcome to the **Fall 2019 Village U** catalog!

The Fall 2019 Village U catalog is a wide umbrella encompassing our adult learning opportunities in one, easy-to-find location. Village Church is a learning community with a long commitment to providing opportunities for adults – young and older—to grow in knowledge and faith together. Please join us!

- **Some classes will have a small fee for materials and resources; the fees are noted in the class listing.**
- **Online registration is encouraged.**

*****At the end of each course description is instructor contact information should you require more information.**

Registration:

- **Village Church members registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19.**
- **Community members registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 26.**

Register online at villagepres.org/village-u-community-classes
All courses offered this term are available for online registration.

Wednesday Family Dinners:

No matter your age, single or married, a long-time member or just checking out Village ... these dinners are for you! On the first Wednesday of each month, we have a special kid-oriented component to the evening... think magician, balloon-animal making, sidewalk chalk, playground shenanigans, etc. Wednesday Family Dinners preceding Village U courses are on the following dates: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, and Dec. 4, 11. For every course that follows a Wednesday Family Dinner, there will be an asterisk* under the course. **Please note that not all course dates correlate with a dinner before the course. There will be NO Wednesday Family Dinners on Oct. 16, Nov. 20, 27, and Dec. 18, 25.** The buffet opens at 5:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall at Village Church on Mission. Cost is \$7 per adult for a full meal and \$6 for salad bar and dessert. Children age 10 and under eat free. Reservations should be made by noon on the Monday prior.

*** In place of the Wednesday Family Dinner on Oct 16, there will be a Chili Cook Off. Please contact Rev. Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries, at zach.walker@villagepres.org for more information.**

Child Care

Child care is offered for infants age 8 weeks through pre-k children (daytime) and infants age 8 weeks through elementary age children (evenings). For most, but not all, Village U classes, there is a one-time-only fee of \$40 per child. Reservations are required in advance. Our trained caregivers provide a safe and loving environment while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities. Child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis. **If child care was requested and is unavailable for any of your class choices, you will receive a separate email notification by Sept. 16.**

If you need to cancel child care: Please remember to call and cancel your child(ren)'s reservation if you are unable to attend a class. Contact the Child Care Department: Marjean at 913-671-2322 or marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org, or Pam at 913-671-2352 or pam.southerland@villagepres.org for additional information.

Please note: To accommodate as many families as possible, children are placed in classes based on their birth date. Therefore, we do not take requests for classroom placement. Thank you for your understanding. **Class size limits are based on instructor planning, room size and child care availability.**

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES AT VILLAGE CHURCH ON MISSION

Registration is not required for Adult Sunday Morning Classes. Please come, grow and enjoy fellowship.

Adult Sunday Morning Classes will begin on Sunday, Sept. 8. Please Note Growing Together will resume on Oct. 13. Adult Sunday Morning Classes meet from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The **Faith Journey** class believes God gives each of us understanding for the journey according to our needs so while one person's path may not be where another is led, we respect the Spirit in each of us. We are a community that grows and supports each other. Our format is to use book studies, guest speakers, and videos to explore new perspectives and examine our own beliefs. **Facilitated by Kathy Ray in Room 230.**

Foundations of Faith offers challenging discussion on a wide range of topics based on presentations by visiting teachers or video-discussion format. Class members are singles and couples who enjoy participating in discussion and exploration of new ideas while welcoming a diversity of perspectives. **Facilitated by Diann Markley in Room 15.**

Growing Together invites you to join us in New Testament Bible study. We look for stories in the Bible and make connections using the What? So What? Now What? Framework. We are growing together in faith by applying these stories to our lives today. You will find an intimate group who uses video and discussion to make the Bible come alive. **Facilitated by Lawrence Andre in Room 124.**

Village Forum is a lively class of adults ranging in age from their thirties to their eighties. Class topics include biblical studies, theology, social issues and church history. Discussion is encouraged, and classes are led by visiting teachers as well as class members. **Facilitated by Dr. Gus Breytspraak in Room 126.**

VILLAGE U FALL 2019 CATALOG LISTINGS

CLASS CODES

AL	Art & Leisure
CL	Christian Life
EN	Environment
HW	Health & Wellness
IN	Informational
LS	Life Skills
LT	Literature

ART & LEISURE

AL.001

Monday Handworks and E-Works

9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 23-Dec.9, Room 127

Enjoy community and fellowship while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Nov. 25.**

AL.002

Boomerangs

Judy Bliss

10 a.m.- noon Tuesdays, Sept. 24-Dec.17, Room 301

Join the Boomerangs (the Baby Boomers 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 some side trips. Class is designed for Baby Boomers and older. Child care is not available. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com.

AL.003

Sewing Circle

Sean Margaret Droessler

9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 24-Dec. 3, Room 133

If you are interested in learning to sew or if you are already a pro, this class is for you. You will work on projects of your choice. Assistance will be available to help with your machine, to give advice, to teach pattern reading, to help with putting in a zipper, etc. A materials list will be provided before the first class. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26.**

AL.004

The Pointer Sisters (Needlepoint)

Marla Harper

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 18, Room 133

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. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Nov. 27.**

AL.005

Yarnworks Circle

Rebecca Runquist

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec.11, Room 206

Have you always wanted to learn how to crochet but didn't know where to begin? Join us for Yarnworks and you will learn about basic stitches that will enable you to make hats, blankets, and more for yourself or loved ones. Whether you are a novice or seasoned crocheter or knitter, please join this group for friendship and fun that grow from crafting and creating together. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Nov. 27.**

AL.006

Continuing Watercolor

Ed Harper, Bill Yates & Vesta York

1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec. 11, Rooms 232 & 233

Enjoy the company of other watercolor artists of all levels – from beginner to master. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. Child care is not available.

AL.007

Wednesday Handworks & E-Works

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Dec.11, Room 233 (Room 15 for Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, and 23)

Enjoy community and fellowship while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Nov. 27.**

AL.008

Friday Handworks & E-Works

9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13, Room 127

Enjoy community and fellowship while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet Oct. 11 and Nov. 29.**

AL.009

Recipe Swap Potluck

Rachel Ciordas

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, Rooms 126 and 127

Stuck in a recipe rut? Need some new dinner ideas? Bring an easy dish to share and copies of the recipe. We will have a great time socializing, snacking, and all leave with new ideas. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com.

AL.010

Super Saturday Handworks & E-Works

9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, Rooms 232 and 233

Enjoy community and fellowship while doing those projects you want to finish but can never seem to find the time to complete. You will see everything from crocheting to recipe organizing to catching up on phone calls and emails while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities. For more information, please email artminvpc@gmail.com. **Child care is only available from 9:30 a.m.-noon.**

CHRISTIAN LIFE

CL.001

Church: What It is and Is Not: How It Got Here and What's Next?

Rev. Dr. John P. Borden, retired Presbyterian pastor

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, Room 126

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2)

This two-session class lead by Rev. Dr. John P. Borden will trace the formation and development of the church through time, relating the journey to scripture, as well as looking at what is next as we seek to understand, worship and serve God. For more information, please email BORDEN4444@msn.com.

CL.002

Men's Bible Study

Dave Greenlee

6:30-8 a.m. Tuesdays, year-round, Room 230

A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. For more information, please email dgreenlee@kc.rr.com or call 816-588-5173.

CL.003

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Bible Study

Newton Graves

7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, year-round, Rooms 132 & 133

A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. For more information, please call 913-888-2425.

CL.004

Path with Heart

Marcene Borthwick

10 a.m.-noon Mondays, year-round, Room 303

The group will select books of interest through the semester from a wide variety of authors. Participants develop quality friendships and explore new insights. Prospective new members are welcome to try the Path. For more information, please call 913-362-2706.

CL.005

Especially for Women

Rev. Diane Quaintance, retired pastor of Village Church

9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, Sep. 6-Dec. 20, Room 126

If you like searching for deeper insights into familiar bible stories or enjoy reading contemporary books that take a fresh look at established religious perspectives, Especially for Women may be the class for you. This class offers opportunities for small group sharing. Questions relevant to the reading are posed and each woman is invited to share as much or little as she wishes. For questions about the course or to order books, please call Rev. Diane Quaintance at 913-850-8647.

Books for Fall 2019:

September-October "The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe" by Richard Rohr

November-December "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor

CL.006

Believing and Belonging (Part One for New Members: Meet New Friends, Building Tour, Spirit Gifts and Spiritual Practices)

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor and

Cindy Wilcox, director of connectional ministries

6:30-8p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Room 232

In this session, we will learn more about the story of Village Church, learn our way around the building and meet those who are accompanying us on this journey. Being a part of the body of Christ also means we are each called to offer our gifts for the glory of God so we will identify specific ways we can share those gifts through the various ministries of Village Church. All of us seek daily to be faithful to God. We will also explore and engage in the top five spiritual practices that help persons grow as disciples of Christ. RSVP for this course by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean Lindquist at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

CL.007

Believing and Belonging (Part Two for New Members: Conversation with Rev. Tom Are)

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor

Cindy Wilcox, director of connectional ministries

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, Room 15

In this session, participants will share conversation with our senior pastor. Now in his 16th year at Village Church, Tom brings over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry. This is your opportunity to ask Tom anything about Village Church. RSVP for this course by registering online. RSVP for free child care (seven days advanced notice required) to Marjean Lindquist at marjean.lindquist@villagepres.org or 913-671-2322.

CL.008

Romans: The Righteousness of God

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 25, & Oct. 2, 9, 16, Rooms 232 & 233

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 9)

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome is thought by many New Testament scholars to be his masterpiece. At 16 chapters, the letter is longer than any of Paul's others. Many scholars believe this was Paul's last letter and therefore represents his greatest work of wisdom. It is complex and weighty presenting a significant intellectual challenge. At the same time, it is stunning in its theological and spiritual vision. Over four sessions, we will explore the major themes of Romans and will read through all of the letter. We will come to understand how this work speaks to our lives today even as we claim our identity in the God "who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever! Amen!"

CL.009

Men's Breakfast and Bible with Tom Are

Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor

7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov. 5, 12, Room 228

Join Rev. Tom Are for a morning Bible study. Chef Emily will prepare a hot breakfast, and Rev. Are will offer a reflection on passages from scripture. There will be time for discussion as well. So, invite a friend and join the fellowship Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please register online. Cost: \$6. Child care is not available. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

CL.010

Rising Strong™ for Women (Weekend Course)

Danna Haverty

5-9p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 and 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, Rooms 132 & 133

What would it be like to create a brave new ending to the story of struggle you keep bumping up against? Using the powerful curriculum created by Dr. Brené Brown, author of the New York Times bestseller "Rising Strong," our two-day intensive course offers you an opportunity to dive into your story and look at it in a way you've never looked at it before. Together, through personal exploration, experimental exercises and safe group discussion, along-side Brown's video teaching, we will address what it takes to get back up after a fall, and how owning our own stories of disappointment, failure and heartbreak gives us the power to write a new ending. We are confident you'll come away with a daring new way to dive into your story. Maximum number of participants is 12. Child care is not available. The cost is \$200 per individual which includes course cost, a workbook, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch. For more information, please email danna@havertytherapy.com.

CL.011

Facing the Refugee Crisis: Caring for the Least of These

Neil Douthat, Village Church member and volunteer in the Refugee and Immigration Services Program of Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 16 & 23, Room 133

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Oct. 23)

Currently, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates that there are upwards of 25 million refugees in the world and less than one percent will ever be resettled in a new home. Ethnic cleansing, children forced to become soldiers, natural disasters and civil wars are adding to the humanitarian crisis daily. Neil Douthat is a senior vice president for wealth management at UBS Financial Services and has been a volunteer mentoring immigrants and refugees and helping them accommodate to their homeland. There is a great deal of misinformation and misunderstanding about the immigration program of the United States. In this two-session class, participants will come to understand the true plight of refugees and ways we can help welcome them just as Christ called us to be in ministry with the "least of these." For more information, please email neil.t.douthat@ubs.com.

CL.012

For Hannah is Barren? Coping with Infertility, Miscarriage, and Adoption Loss

Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor for pastoral care

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 16, 23, 30, Room 127

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Oct. 23, 30)

Infertility is not talked about in the Bible but being barren is talked about. In a world full of IUIs, IVFs, D&Cs, how can we talk about God walking along-side us in our journey to potential parenthood? Using the book, "Hannah's Hope: Seeking God's Heart in the Midst of Infertility, Miscarriage, and Adoption Loss" by Jennifer Saake, we will learn from our biblical sister, Hannah, in her struggle to conceive Samuel. Sessions will focus on how we define family, how we define being a mother, and how we struggle with God in the midst of infertility, miscarriage and adoption loss. No book is required. For more information, please email sally.wright@villagepres.org.

CL.013

A Culture Divided: Managing Conflict in All Areas of Our Lives

Carol Thane

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13, Rooms 232

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13)

We are facing new challenges in American culture as we seem to be more divided than ever before. We seem to be driven more by ideology than a desire to find solutions and compromises to the significant problems in our country and world. This can affect our lives at work, home church, in our neighborhoods and in our personal relationships with family and friends. This four-part series is designed to help us reflect and move us toward more peaceful and meaningful engagements by examining what our faith tradition teaches about relationship, doing some personal reflection to help us better understand ourselves in the midst of conflict and learning from a trained mediator how to work through conflict in productive ways. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

CL.014

Richard Rohr: Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy: The Legacy of St. Francis

Dr. Gus Breytspraak, Village Church member who is a retired professor of religion having taught at Ottawa University

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, and Nov. 6, 13, 20, Room 126

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Oct. 23, 30 and Nov. 6, 13)

This class will view and discuss Father Richard Rohr's five-session video series which has discussions of atonement theology, eco-spirituality, the cosmic Christ, orthodoxy vs. orthopraxy and mysticism over moralism. Father Rohr is a globally recognized ecumenical teacher bearing witness to the universal awakening within Christian mysticism and the Perennial Tradition. He is a native Kansan and a Franciscan priest based in New Mexico where he founded the Center of Action and Contemplation. For more information, please email gus.breytspraak@ottawa.edu.

CL.015

Adolescent Anxiety & Development Hurdles

Zach Walker, pastor of youth ministries

6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Room 233

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Oct. 23, 30)

In this two-class series, we will talk about the seven essential strands of development in adolescent girls as well as discuss what research tells us about adolescent anxiety and how parents and families can help their children navigate these busy and flourishing years. While the classes will focus primarily on adolescent girls, there are applications for both girls and boys. For more information, please email zach.walker@villagepres.org.

CL.016

Life on the Border: Notes from Agua Prieta

Lora Garrison, director of international mission

Dr. John Hall, Village Church member

Rev. Hallie Hottle, pastor for young adult ministry

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, Room 133

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Nov.6)

The rhetoric about persons seeking to cross the southern border into the United States ranges from an invasion of hardened criminals to hard-working families seeking a better life. Last fall, 14 Village Church members and friends visited with Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers in Agua Prieta, a town that sits on the Mexican side of the border across from Douglas, Arizona. They are eager to share their first-hand experiences and show their images and tell stories of the persons they encountered. Come for an evening to hear and ask questions as together we seek to understand more of what is actually happening in one place on the southern border. For more information, please email Hallie.hottle@villagepres.org.

CL.017

Basic Introduction to the Jewish Scripture/Old Testament

Biagio Mazza, pastoral associate at St. Sabina Parish in Belton, Missouri

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Room 127

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Nov. 6, 13 and Dec. 4, 11)

Much of the Jewish Scriptures remain a mystery to most Christians or are read only in light of the life of Jesus Christ, interpreting the Old Testament through Christian lenses. This course will begin by exploring how the Bible was formed, along with biblical inspiration and the various principles of biblical interpretation. The classes will then provide a basic introduction to each of the books of the Old Testament, exploring the content and message in their historical, geographical, literary, and faith dimensions. Through our study, we will then understand how to apply the Jewish Scriptures in our current church practice and proclamation. Recommended text: "Reading the Old Testament" by Lawrence Boadt. 2nd edition. New York: Paulist Press, 2012. For more information, please email biagio46@gmail.com. **Class will not meet on Nov. 27.**

CL.018

Talking About Hard History with Young People

Meredith Holladay

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13, Room 233

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Nov. 6, 13)

In preparation for the 2020 Meneilly Visiting Scholar Program (March 2020), we will spend two sessions discussing how to talk with our children and youth about hard history and uncomfortable subjects- how do we talk about race, class, gender, etc. in a way that instills more than mere awareness but propels all of us toward social change and radical inclusion? For more information, please email holladay.meredith@gmail.com.

CL.019

From Dust to Dust – Dealing with the End of Life

Rev. Sally Wright, interim pastor for pastoral care

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, Chapel

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Dec. 4, 11)

The poet writes in Ecclesiastes 3:20, "All go to one place; all are from dust, and all turn to dust again." The words are true for all creatures but especially for those who are facing the end of one's life here on earth. What decisions confront us both as individuals and as caregivers? How do we make faithful decisions for the end of one's life? Using Nancy Duff's book: "Making Faithful Decisions at the End of Life," as our guide, we will explore what Christians believe about death, how to use advanced directives and wills and the importance of the funeral and burial. No book is required. For more information, please email sally.wright@villagepres.org.

CL.020

Jesus Christ is Born! The Miracle of the Incarnation

Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, Rooms 232 & 233

*(Wednesday Family Dinner Preceding Class on Dec. 4, 11)

St. Athanasius of Alexandria wrote in the 4th century, "For indeed, everything about the incarnation is marvelous, and wherever one turns one's gaze, one sees the Godhead, the very Word made flesh, and is smitten with awe." For Bishop Athanasius centuries ago and for us today, the birth of Jesus the Christ leaves us in awe because it is surely a miracle that the God of the universe would choose to come to be with us. In these three classes in the weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, we will explore the doctrine of the incarnation and how the early church struggled to form this key tenet of Christian faith. We will examine the controversies around the immaculate conception and ultimately realize how the birth of Jesus transforms our lives today. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

ENVIRONMENT

EN.001

Climate Change: A Local and Global Issue

Charles "Chick" Keller

6:30-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, Room 127

Climate change is coming but changes to halt climate change are slow. Why? To answer this question, the session will include a presentation and discussion on the following: a review of regulations that work and regulations that never get in place, a simple explanation of the science behind climate change, a look at local (Missouri, Kansas and the U.S.) and global (China, India, Africa and Europe) approaches to lessen climate change, a hypothesis of winners and losers from climate change and why index funds may be a key force in fighting climate change. Child care is not available. For more information, please email kellerchick@gmail.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HW.001

Adult Exercise Cardio

Margaret Tlapek

9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays (Community Room-9900 Mission Rd)

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced, this class is a complete workout that combines aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please mail pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.002

Adult Exercise Cardio (First Session)

Margaret Tlapek

9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Room 333

Everything you ever wanted in a total body workout is included in this class. An effective workout that includes aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please email pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.003

Adult Chair Exercise (Second Session)

Margaret Tlapek

10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Room 333

This class is ideal for any beginner or for someone who wants to go at a slower pace. This class focuses on more range of motion techniques and less strenuous aerobics. No floor exercises for this class. Child care is not available. For more information, please email pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.004

Adult Exercise Cardio

Margaret Tlapek

9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Room 333

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or advanced, this class is a complete workout that combines aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please mail pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.005

Adult Exercise Cardio (First Session)

Margaret Tlapek

9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Room 333

Everything you ever wanted in a total body workout is included in this class. An effective workout that includes aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please email pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.006

Adult Chair Exercise (Second Session)

Margaret Tlapek

10:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, Room 333

This class is ideal for any beginner or for someone who wants to go at a slower pace. This class focuses on more range of motion techniques and less strenuous aerobics. No floor exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please email pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.007

Adult Exercise Cardio

Margaret Tlapek

9:30-10:30 a.m. Fridays, Room 333

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced, this class is a complete workout that combines aerobics, strength training, flexibility and balance exercises. Child care is not available. For more information, please mail pekingfling@gmail.com. **Cost: \$5 per class.**

HW.008

Beginner Hula Hooping & Hoop Dancing

Sirena Beyer

5:45-6:45 p.m. Thursdays, Room 333

Can't hoop? Haven't hooped since you were a kid. Then you will fit right in! If you are tired of boring workouts, then come have fun while burning big calories. This upbeat fitness class is low impact, strengthens the core and is an ideal cardio workout. It enhances agility, hand-to-eye coordination and improves balance. Most of all, it is fun! The class includes a stretch, a warm-up and basic hula hooping instruction to popular music. Easy hoop dancing routines, fun games and challenges are included that do not require any hula hooping skills. This class gives you a total body workout and everyone works at their own hooping pace. Custom beginner hula hoops provided. These hoops spin slow and are perfect for newbies. Kids welcome if accompanied by an adult. Child care is not available. For more information, please email kchoopgirl@gmail.com.

HW.009

Walk/Jog

9:30-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 27-Dec. 13, Room 15/The Cup

Enjoy a child-free walk or run in the neighborhoods surrounding the church. Please stay within walking or running distance of the building. Class will still gather on days with inclement weather unless the Shawnee Mission School District cancels school. For more information about this course, please contact artminvpc@gmail.com. **Class will not meet on Oct. 11 and Nov. 29.**

INFORMATIONAL

IN.001

Village Wordsmiths

Brent Crawford

4:15-5:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7, Room 132

Village Wordsmiths is an afterschool creative writing program for seventh and eighth graders. The goal is to have fun, make friends, boost creativity, critical thinking and analysis through prompted and free writing drills. We will look at famous works and produce amazing and thoughtful original material every week. Maximum occupancy is 12. Cost is \$85 for this six-week course. Payment is due to the instructor on the first day of class. Scholarships are available. For more information, please email brentcraw@me.com. **Class will not meet on Sept. 2.**

IN.002

Finding the Right Care for Your Loved One

Rachel Monger

6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Rooms 126 & 127

If you or a loved one needs care for medical needs beyond what routinely can be managed at home or in another living situation, it can be a daunting task to find and evaluate the available choices. This presentation will offer you guidance for making these choices including when limited income is an issue. Child care is not available. For more information, please email chrstnlws1@gmail.com.

IN.003

Sexual Harassment Workshop

Sara Eckinger and Sunni Battin

7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, Rooms 132 & 133

Stories of alleged sexual misconduct and harassment have been dominating headlines for months and impacting a wide range of professions. In the #metoo era, the spotlight has focused intently on workplace sexual harassment and how to educate, train, and respond. As society moves the conversation forward on this critical topic, participants in this workshop can expect to learn about the different types of harassers, the psychology of sexual harassment and bystander training. Child care is not available. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

IN.004

Researching Your Home and the People Who Lived There

Diana Staresinic-Deane

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, Rooms 126 & 127

Researching a property – whether an old home, a new business or a section of pastureland – can do more than tell us the history of a space; it can also help us build a human connection to the people who came before us and the history they experienced. This presentation helps participants consider creative ways to study documents and assemble a meaningful narrative with information found through research. It leads participants through the process of how to examine land data and historic maps and navigate through county registers of deeds, historical societies and other defenders of local history. Presenter Diana Staresinic-Deane is the executive director of the Franklin County Historical Society and the Old Depot Museum in Ottawa, Kansas. Child care is not available. This event is sponsored by Humanities Kansas. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

IN.005

Financial Abuse and Exploitation

Evie Curtis

6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, Room 232

Seniors are more likely to be the target of financial abuse and exploitation than any other segment of the population. Why? Seniors have the money and seniors have benefits. This session will cover the current scams in our area, how to get help and who to call. Most of the session focuses on almost 90% of those committing these crimes – our family, our caregivers and our friends. How do we protect ourselves from those we trust with our care? Child care is not available. For more information, please email chrstnlws1@gmail.com.

IN.006

MacArthur & the US Occupation of Japan: Consolidating Victory

One Convert at a Time

Christopher Johnson

7-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, Rooms 132 & 133

From the dramatic moment on Sept. 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay when General Douglas MacArthur accepted Japan's formal surrender ending WWII, MacArthur expressed his ardent belief that the crux of rebuilding Japan lay in the spiritual domain. MacArthur was not known to be particularly religious. However, MacArthur's faith was inseparable from this worldview, and his framing of the problem of rebuilding Japan reflected his religious outlook. Chris Johnson is a retired military officer with over 31 years of service. He is currently an assistant professor of military history at the United States Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Chris is pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Child care is not available. For more information, please contact crjohnson7@hotmail.com.

IN.007

Medicare 101 and Medicaid 101

Rachel Monger

6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, Room 232

These important government programs can be confusing. This basic overview will also touch on Veteran's benefits and scams related to all these programs. Child care is not available. For more information, please email chrstnlws1@gmail.com.

IN.008

Housing Options – Part I: What Are Your Choices?

Ann Brazil & Evie Curtis

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, Room 232

The Education Group is dedicated to providing education about issues related to aging and to helping others avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. The presenters in this housing series are people who provide a unique perspective, since they have both studied and lived the experience. When it comes to navigating the senior market, you must know the "lingo." This session covers the "why" and the vocabulary associated with aging and senior housing choices. Learn the basics to start your exploration of what choice is the right choice for you. "Housing Options – Navigating the Decision Tree" will build on this session. Child care is not available. For more information, please email chrstnlws1@gmail.com.

IN.009

Housing Options – Part II: Navigating the Decision Tree

Don Williams & Evie Curtis

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, Room 127

The Education Group is dedicated to providing education about issues related to aging and to helping others avoid common pitfalls in decision-making. The presenters in this housing series are people who provide a unique perspective, since they have both studied and lived the experience. We will lead you through the eleven senior housing options for independent living that currently exist in our area plus compare the five options available for advance care. By using a flow chart, you will learn a decision process for guiding you towards selecting the option best suited for you. We will also lead you through a series of "things to consider" as part of your evaluation process plus discuss ways to "flush-out" information. As part of this session, we will walk through costs associated with each type of housing. Child care is not available. For more information, please email chrstnlws1@gmail.com.

IN.010

The Murder of Emmett Till

Dave Tell

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, Rooms 132 & 133

On Aug. 25, 1955, Emmett Till whistled at a white woman outside a Mississippi grocery store. Three days later, the 14-year-old African American boy from Chicago was kidnapped, tortured, murdered and thrown into a river. For 50 years, there was not a single memorial to Till's murder in the Mississippi Delta. Since 2005, however, over \$5 million has been invested in the production of an entire Emmett Till commemorative infrastructure. The Delta now boasts nine roadside markers, two restored buildings, a museum, an interpretive center, a community building and a nature trail that tells the story of Till's 1955 murder. This presentation introduces the audience to the various Till memorials and uses them to explore the competing narratives of exactly what happened on the night of the murder. The presenter, Dave Tell, is a professor of communication studies at the University of Kansas and co-creator of the Emmett Till Memory Project. His work on Emmett Till has been recognized with a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Child care is not available. This event is sponsored by Humanities Kansas. For more information, please email: sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

IN.011

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness

Mike Coleman

Jody Edgerton

Tom Edgerton

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, Rooms 132 & 133

November is National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. Please join us to learn and discuss topics surrounding the world's toughest cancer. Education is a crucial step in winning the battle against this horrific disease. A 9% five-year survival rate is unacceptable, whether you are a patient, caregiver or just a socially responsible citizen. We invite you to come learn and join us in the fight. The Edgerton.Life Pancreatic Cancer Foundation was created to carry on the work and fight that our founder, Andrew Fletcher Edgerton, had originally waged. At the age of 37, Andy was diagnosed with Stage IV Pancreatic Cancer and given months to live. He far exceeded estimates and fought relentlessly for nearly two years. During his own treatment, he chose to devote himself to something larger than himself, by educating others about the disease, shining a spotlight on his own story and by creating a mission, a support network and resources to make the journey easier for those who come after him. The Foundation has a simple belief that each of us has a responsibility to act, advocate, to bring awareness and a responsibility to fight for those that can no longer fight for themselves. Child care is not available. For more information, please email michael.coleman@edgerton.life or visit the foundation website at www.edgerton.life.

LIFE SKILLS

LS.001

Documents, Spreadsheets and Presentations (Daytime)

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Room 316

In today's world, delivering presentations isn't limited to our professional life. Through volunteer work, we may be called upon to present information to others. This class explores using a combination of document creation, spreadsheets and presentation software to easily create powerful presentations. Topics include using basic presentation software, text editing, inserting pictures, using SmartArt and utilizing spreadsheets to create charts and graphs. Basic knowledge of document creation and spreadsheets is helpful. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available. For more information, please email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

LS.002

Documents, Spreadsheets and Presentations (Evening)

6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Room 316

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LS.003

Intermediate Presentations (Daytime)

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, Room 316

This class explores how to utilize the features found in standard presentation software to enhance your presentation. Topics covered include adding video clips and video files to a presentation, using the timer feature to move from slide to slide, adding speaker notes to your presentation (that only you can view), and ideas to consider when creating a presentation. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available. For more information, please email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

LS.004

Intermediate Presentations (Evening)

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LS.005

Introduction to the Apple Computer (Daytime)

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, Room 316

This class is designed for the lifelong Microsoft user who wants to (or must) use an Apple Computer. This basic class will discuss the major differences between Microsoft and Apple. Topics include getting acquainted with Apple desktop, the browser (Safari), the Apple file structure and Apple keyboard commands. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available. For more information, please email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

LS.006

Introduction to the Apple Computer (Evening)

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LS.007

Basic Microsoft Publisher (Daytime)

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, Room 316

This class is an introduction to Microsoft Publisher. The objective of this class is learning to use the Microsoft Publisher software to create greeting cards, business cards, calendars or simple newsletters. Topics to be covered include accessing templates, editing templates to customize documents and printing documents. Registration is necessary. Child care is not available. For more information, please email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

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LS.009

Mail Merge (Daytime)

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, Room 316

Just in time for the holidays! Learn to easily convert a simple spreadsheet into mailing labels. This skill can be used both at home and in the workplace. A basic understanding of spreadsheets is helpful. A sample spreadsheet and mailing labels will be provided. Child care is not available. Registration is necessary. For more information, please email deecouch@kc.rr.com.

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LITERATURE

LT.001

Italy in Translation

Kelly Fast and Michael Sanem

6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 5, Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3 and Oct. 10, Room 232

This fall, we will examine the culture and character of Italy through a variety of different mediums, culminating in a trip to Rome and Tuscany in 2020 for interested participants. In the fall of 2019, our exploration will begin with an overview of films from and about Italy from the mid-20th century, with particular attention paid to the work of the Italian Neorealists. In examining films that highlight the ever-changing social, cultural and economic paradigms of post WWII Italy, we will begin to uncover a variety of themes that still resonate in modern Italian culture and literature.

Week One: Introduction

Week Two: Roman Holiday

Week Three: Rome, Open City

Week Four: La Dolce Vita

Week Five: The Bicycle Thieves

Week Six: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Child care is not available. For more information, please email kellyfastkc@gmail.com.

LT.002

Great Books Discussion

Jane Abildgaard & Joni Kimsey

2-3:30 p.m. First Tuesday of each Month, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3, Room 127

This is not your usual book club. We tackle those classic writings and philosophers that you were supposed to read in high school or college, like Darwin, Shakespeare and de Tocqueville. We discuss, share ideas, laugh and enjoy friendship and fellowship. It's great exercise for our brains. The Great Books group is currently reading "The Great Books First Series," a selection of essays about morals, ethics, justice and freedom. Books can be purchased through the Great Books Foundation. Join us the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. Child care is not available. For more information, please email ja87869@gmail.com or call 816-392-9550.

LT.003

Book Discussion: "The Hate U Give"

Nicolas Shrump will lead the book discussion

He teaches history and English at the Barstow School in Kansas City, Missouri

7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, Room 126

In this young adult novel by Angie Thomas, the story revolves around the aftermath of the murder of a young black teenager by a police officer during a traffic stop. The story is told through the eyes of Starr, the sole witness to the murder. Prior to the shooting, Starr lived in two worlds kept strictly separate – one of her majority white private school and the second of her majority black neighborhood. The book explores how unstable the boundary between these two worlds is. As the Los Angeles Review of Books notes, this is a "powerful novel that strikes to the heart of contemporary race relations in the United States." **Registration is limited to 20 participants. A limited number of books is available for checkout.**

Child care is not available. This event is sponsored by Humanities Kansas. For more information, please email sunni.battin@villagepres.org.

LT.004

Book Discussion: "Quite a Year for Plums"

Trish Reeves will lead the book discussion

She is a retired professor from Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, Room 124

In "Quite a Year for Plums" by Bailey White, people want to help Roger, a divorced plant pathologist and peanut virologist, find true love and happiness again. One possibility is Della, a visiting artist who communicates through notes she leaves on discarded dumpster projects. Meanwhile, Roger's ex mother-in-law is trying to make contact with aliens. **Registration is limited to 17 participants. A limited number of books is available for checkout.**

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MORE ADULT OPPORTUNITIES ...

There are many more opportunities for adults to learn and grow in faith through Village Presbyterian Church.

Concerned about the **environment and care for God's creation**? Visit the Environmental Action Committee web page at <http://www.villagepres.org/environmental-action.html>

Wondering about the myriad of **music groups, choirs and ensembles and events**? Find more information at <http://www.villagepres.org/music-ensembles.html>

Seeking to participate in ministry with **Presbyterian Women**? Click this link <http://www.villagepres.org/pw.html>

Hoping to be involved in issues of **social justice and action** for God's Kingdom? Contact the Social Witness and Advocacy Task Force here. <http://www.villagepres.org/social-justice.html>

Yearning to be a part of smaller group of adults for study and friendship? Seek out **the Village Connect small group ministry** here. <http://www.villagepres.org/village-connect-small-group-ministries.html>

MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES

March 6-7, 2020

Village Church on Mission

Our Visiting Scholars are Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer and Rev. Dr. Carolyn Helsel from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer is professor of New Testament Studies at Austin Seminary. Dr. Aymer earned a B.A. in U.S. history from Harvard University (1989), and both an M.Div. and Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Christianity from Union Theological Seminary (1996, 2004). In addition to teaching core courses on the New Testament, Dr. Aymer has expertise on African Americans and the Bible, as well as feminist and womanist biblical interpretation.



Rev. Dr. Carolyn Helsel is assistant professor of homiletics at Austin Seminary. Dr. Helsel earned a B.A. in religion from Whitworth University both an M.Div. and Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Emory University. Her Ph.D. dissertation and recent book are on the topic of white Christians talking about race.



ABOUT MENEILLY VISITING SCHOLAR

The Meneilly Visiting Scholar program brings well known Bible scholars and theologians to Village Church and the community in the desire to:

- challenge us with fresh and innovative, yet well supported perspectives on theological topics;
- increase our understanding of the wisdom of the past; and
- engage us to honor and faithfully serve the God we worship and upon whom we rely.