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### Mission Campus

6641 Mission Rd. Prairie Village, KS 66208  
913-262-4200  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

### Antioch Campus

14895 Antioch Rd. Overland Park, KS 66208  
913-681-8180  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

The Fall 2024 Village U catalog is a wide umbrella encompassing our learning and connecting opportunities in one location. Village Presbyterian Church is a learning community with a long-standing commitment to providing opportunities for members and guests to grow in knowledge and faith together. Please join us!

## QUESTIONS & REGISTRATION

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**Register for Village U classes online at [villagepres.org/villageu](https://villagepres.org/villageu). Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19.**

If you have questions, contact Hillary Mackowski, adult faith formation coordinator, at [hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org](mailto:hillary.mackowski@villagepres.org) or 913-671-2341.

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## WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS

You are invited to take a night off from cooking each week and join us for Wednesday Family Dinners. Cost is \$10 for ages 12 and up and \$5 for children ages 5-11 (ages 4 and under eat free). Meals will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall at Mission Campus. Make reservations by noon on the Monday prior. Dinners resume Wednesday, Sept. 4. Registration for Village U Classes and registration for Wednesday Family Dinners are separate.

Young Family Friends and Fellowship will gather the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:15 p.m. after Wednesday Family Dinner. We hope you will enjoy free child care with our staff while getting to know other parents and young families.

## CHILD CARE DURING CLASSES

Quality child care is offered during select Village U classes (please check the class listing to confirm if child care is available). Our trained caregivers provide a safe and loving environment while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities.

- **Child Care Ages:**
  - Daytime: Infants (8 weeks) through Pre-K
  - Evenings: Infants (8 weeks) through elementary age
- **Fees:** \$60 per child for the semester (unless stated otherwise)
- **Reservations:**
  - Required in advance
  - First-come, first-served basis
  - Must register each child separately
  - Minimum of four children needed for child care to remain available
  - Placement is based on birth date; no requests for specific classrooms
- **To Cancel:** Call Sandra at 913-671-2322 or email [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org)
- **Registration:** [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](https://bit.ly/VPCChildcare)

## SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We offer a myriad of opportunities for kids and families to worship at Village. Kids are always welcome in the Sanctuary for worship! However, we know that hour can get long for little ones, so we offer activity bags to engage them during services.

We also offer Sunday school (called The Lighthouse) during the 9 a.m. service from September-May. Kids explore the teachings of Jesus in fun and meaningful ways. We sing, make crafts, read Bible stories, chat and get to know each other. Email [kate.ruecker@villagepres.org](mailto:kate.ruecker@villagepres.org) to be added to the Sunday Morning Lighthouse resources email distribution list.

## FAMILY WORSHIP SUNDAYS (NO LIGHTHOUSE)

- Sept. 1
- Oct. 13
- Nov. 24
- Dec. 22
- Jan. 19
- Feb. 16
- March 16
- April 20
- May 11

## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Registration is not required for these ongoing Adult Sunday Morning Classes. Please come, grow and enjoy the fellowship of these faith communities. Classes will meet Sept. 8-Dec. 22.

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### THE FAITH JOURNEY

10:10-10:50 a.m., Room 124, Mission Campus

In his book “How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen,” David Brooks highlights the crucial skill of deeply understanding others, which fosters healthy relationships and communities. He explores essential questions about the right kind of attention, conversations, and aspects of a person’s story to focus on. Discussion facilitated by Kathy Ray.

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### FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH

11 a.m. via Zoom

In the mid 6th century BCE, the Achaemenids, a culturally Persian dynasty, forged the largest empire the world had known. From their capital at Persepolis, Persian rulers such as Cyrus the Great, Darius I, and Xerxes created a diverse, prosperous, and culturally diverse empire that celebrated its artistic, architectural, and technological achievements. This class will explore the rich traditions of the Achaemenid dynasty and its lasting impact on other cultures of the Ancient Near East. Rev. Dwight Tawney leads, facilitated by Diann Markley.

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### VILLAGE FORUM

9:30-10:30 a.m., Room 126/127, Mission Campus

Village Forum is a discussion-based group that studies theological, social, spiritual and historical topics, led by class members, outside speakers, and/or Village staff. Class is facilitated by Jim Gibson and Rev. Jay McKell. The fall semester includes:

- Sept. 8-29: “Religions of the World” with Dr. Leslie Dorrough Smith (Avila University)
- Oct. 6-Nov. 24: Discussions on White Christian Nationalism based on Jim Wallis’s book and other resources.
- Dec. 1-22: Advent video series “Incarnation” by Adam Hamilton.

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## ANTIOCH SUNDAY CLASS

10:45-11:30 a.m. Sept. 15-Nov. 10, Antioch Campus Multipurpose Room

“Good News for All: The Gospel of Luke:” In what is the most narrative of the gospel accounts, we meet our favorite characters and hear their stories. In Luke’s gospel, we encounter Jesus as savior to sinners and saints, rich and poor, young and old. His good news is indeed good news for all. Join us this fall as we work our way through the best story you’ve ever heard. Facilitated by Rev. Anna Owens.

# VILLAGE U FALL 2024 CATALOG LISTINGS

## CLASS CODES

|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| AL | Art & Leisure              |
| CF | Children, Youth & Family   |
| CL | Christian Life             |
| HW | Health & Wellness          |
| IN | Informational              |
| LS | Life Skills                |
| LT | Literature                 |
| ME | Mission & Engagement       |
| PC | Pastoral Care & Counseling |
| YA | Young Adults               |

## ART & LEISURE

### AL.001 BOOMERANGS

10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, year-round, Room 307, Mission Campus

The Boomerangs welcome women to join them in fellowship and fun as they work on a range of projects from knitting, rug hooking and needle pointing to balancing a checkbook. This group is designed for Baby Boomers and older. Email Judy Bliss, [jtbliss53@aol.com](mailto:jtbliss53@aol.com) for more information.

### AL.002 - THE POINTER SISTERS (NEEDLEPOINT)

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays year-round, Room 132, Mission Campus

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, email Janice Gill, [janice.gill@villagepres.org](mailto:janice.gill@villagepres.org).

### AL.003 - CONTINUING WATERCOLOR

1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Dec. 18, Rooms 232/233, Mission Campus

This long-running class is open to new participants of all skill levels. The instructor provides a subject outline and a finished painting for reference. Each project spans two sessions before a new one begins. No expertise is needed. Child care is not provided. For more details, contact Bill Yates at [wyates66@gmail.com](mailto:w Yates66@gmail.com).

### AL.004 - BLUE VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD

9 a.m. First Tuesdays year-round, Fellowship Hall, Antioch Campus

The Blue Valley Quilters Guild meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at the Antioch Campus to hear speakers, learn techniques, plan programs, among many other things. 200+ members are very active with charity sewing events, an annual quilt show and many other wonderful projects. There is a \$10 visitor fee at the door, and a membership enrollment form can be found at [bvqg.org](http://bvqg.org).

### AL.005 & AL.006 - BASKET WEAVING

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11 (\$32) and/or  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 (\$44); Rooms 232/233, Mission Campus

Join our popular instructor traveling from Arkansas to share her gifts with our community. Participants will create a chain link basket on Sept. 11 and book tote on Nov. 14. Registration fee is for supplies. Space is limited. Facilitated by Cindy Dwigans and Debbie Hurd.

### AL.007 - TUESDAY MISSION SEWING

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays year-round, Room 115, Mission Campus

The Tuesday Mission Sewing Group welcomes new members! We create pillows, glasses cases, dresses, and more using donated fabrics and provided materials. All sewing skill levels are welcome. Full-day attendees can enjoy lunch at the Village Cup. Join us for crafting, conversation, and fellowship while making items for local hospitals and charities. Contact Sallie Veenstra at [reesveenstra@aol.com](mailto:reesveenstra@aol.com).

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## AL.008 – THURSDAY MISSION SEWING

10 a.m.-noon Thursdays year-round, Room 115, Mission Campus

We make beautiful "Dream Bags" for children in foster care and do some smaller projects. Contact Nancy Cantril at [nancy.cantril@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.cantril@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

### CHILD CARE

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## CF.001 - MONDAY HANDWORKS

9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9, Room 127 and Village Cup, Mission Campus

Enjoy community and fellowship while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care setting. Class will not meet on Oct. 14 & Nov. 25. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. May only register for one Handworks class per semester. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact: [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org).

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## CF.002 - MONDAY WALK/JOG

9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9.; Drop off at Mission Campus nursery

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. Class will not meet on Oct. 14 & Nov. 25. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org).

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## CF.102 - MONDAY GENTLE YOGA FOR INNER PEACE

10:15-11:15 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 9-Dec. 9; Drop off at Mission Campus Nursery (class held in Room 333)

Simple and accessible, yet powerful practices to help find inner peace. This class features breath-centered movements adapted for all levels of participation. Each class includes movements/postures, breathing exercises and meditation woven together for an integrated experience. Class will not meet Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and 25. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org).

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## CF.003 - WORK FROM VILLAGE - MONDAY

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

Are you working from home and could benefit from child care for a few hours? Come, find a space in Village to work in peace while your children will enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care environment. Class will not meet on Oct. 14 & Nov. 25. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org).

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## CF.004 - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 & Nov. 19.; Drop off at Mission Campus Nursery

Enjoy a night out while your children, aged 8 and younger, have fun with new friends and creative activities. Register each child separately for \$20 per child (up to \$60 per family) per session. Reservations are required. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). For questions or to register more than three children, contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org).

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## CF.005 - WEDNESDAY HANDWORKS

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 11, Room 133 and Village Cup, Mission Campus

Enjoy community and fellowship while your children enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### CF.009 - SUNDAY BRUNCH

9-10 a.m. Sundays, Mission Campus Youth Loft

On Sunday mornings, middle and high school students are invited to hang out, enjoy food, and explore Bible stories in creative ways. It's a safe space to ask tough questions, with supportive teachers and a caring community. We also join the 9 a.m. worship together in the balcony on the first Sunday of each month. There is no cost and no registration needed. Contact [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org) with questions.

### CF.010 - SNL (SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Sundays, Mission Campus Youth Loft

SNL is our weekly evening gathering tailored for high school students. Join us on Sunday nights in the Youth Loft for music, discussions, games, and small groups. Throughout the year, we explore various topics that help navigate high school life's challenges. It's a supportive community where you can find friendship and explore your faith journey. There is no cost and no registration needed. Contact [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org) with questions.

### CF.011 - LOFTERNOONS

4-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Mission Campus Youth Loft

Lofternoons is our weekly after-school program for middle schoolers, held every Tuesday from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Youth Loft. It's a relaxed time where students can enjoy activities like dodgeball, hanging out, or doing homework. All middle school students are welcome, so bring your friends along! Snacks always provided. There is no cost and no registration needed. Contact [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org) with questions.

### CF.012 - GPS (GROWING PERSONALLY & SPIRITUALLY)

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Mission Campus Youth Loft

GPS is our weekly youth program tailored for middle schoolers. Each Wednesday we have a large group game, singing, worship, a message, and concludes with small group discussions. Our goal is to create a welcoming environment where students can connect with one another, share their joys, concerns, and everyday

activities in a wonderful child care setting. Class will not meet Nov. 27. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. May only register for one Handworks class per semester. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org) with questions.

### CF.006 - WORK FROM VILLAGE – WEDNESDAY

9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Sep. 11-Dec. 11, Room 133, Mission Campus

Are you working from home and could benefit from child care for a few hours? Come, find a space in Village to work in peace while your children will enjoy making new friends and participating in fun, creative activities in a wonderful child care environment. Class will not meet on Nov. 27. Child care reservations required; must register for each child separately. Class fee is \$60 per semester per child. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org) with questions.

### CF.007 - FRIDAY PARENT BREAK

9:30-11:45 a.m. Fridays, Sept. 13-Dec. 13; Drop off at Mission Campus Nursery

Need a few hours to yourself? Utilize our Parent Break time! Drop off your child(ren) at our child care department from 9:30-11:45 a.m. for fun, creative activities. Reservations are required, with a \$75 per semester fee per child. Note that the class will not meet on Oct. 11 & 18 and Nov. 1 & 29. Register at [bit.ly/VPCChildcare](http://bit.ly/VPCChildcare). Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org) for questions.

### CF.008 - CHRISTMAS NIGHT CHILD CARE

6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; Drop off at Mission Campus Nursery

For children 2-8 years old. Parents may enjoy shopping, dinner out or just some peace and quiet before the holidays enter full swing! Kids will enjoy a variety of fun activities and crafts. The cost is \$25 per child with a \$50 family maximum. Online registration begins Monday, Nov. 11. The registration deadline is Monday Dec. 2. Contact [sandra.stephens@villagepres.org](mailto:sandra.stephens@villagepres.org) for questions.

challenges in a supportive and meaningful way. Students are welcome to join us for Wednesday Family Dinner at 5:30 p.m. beforehand (dinner costs \$5 per student). There is no cost and no registration needed. Contact [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org) with questions.

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### CF.013 - CONFIRMATION

Sundays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Oct. 6, 13, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 26, Feb. 9, March 2, 30, April 13, 27, May 4, 18; Mission Campus Youth Loft  
*7 p.m. Aug. 29 - Parent Info Meeting (Zoom)*  
*10:30 a.m. Sept. 22 - Small Group Leader Training (Zoom)*

To participate in Confirmation, you must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above. Students are expected to attend every Confirmation class on the schedule that will be distributed to participants. No worries if you miss a class or two. If you miss three classes, a leader will arrange to meet at church or a coffee shop to go over missed material. Students attend one youth group per semester (meets from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Sunday night). That's just two in total over the course of the year. Email [youth@villagepres.org](mailto:youth@villagepres.org) for more information.

## CHRISTIAN LIFE

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### CL.001 - FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, year-round, Room 228 (Friendship Hall East), Mission Campus

A group of members and non-members meet weekly. Child care is not available. Facilitated by Dave Francis and Dustin Gossett. For more information, please call Guy Clark at 816-365-5510.

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### CL.002 - ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN

9:30-11 a.m. Fridays, September-May, Room 127, Mission Campus

Rev. Diane Quaintance, retired pastor of Village Church, leads "Especially for Women," a Friday morning class open to all women. The group discusses various authors to explore contemporary faith. Fall readings include Marcus Borg's "Days of Awe and Wonder" (Sept. 6-Oct. 25) and Rabbi Sharon Brous's "The Amen Effect" (Nov. 1-Dec. 20).

The class features conversation, laughter, and reflection on being a woman of faith. For details, contact Rev. Diane Quaintance at 913-850-8647.

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### CL.003 - NUANCING INTERSECTIONS OF NATIONALISM AND RELIGION

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 2, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

This course, taught by Professor Megan Groninger of William Jewell College, examines the intersection of nationalism and religion through historical contexts: the European Reformation, 19th Century Imperialism, Decolonization, and Postcolonialism. It explores how nationalism, often intertwined with religious elements, has shaped politics over time and considers various theoretical frameworks for understanding and defining nationalism.

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### CL.004 - THE WOMEN OF THE GOSPELS

6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 23-Oct. 14, Rooms 232/233, Mission Campus

Jesus' perspectives and values were shaped by his Jewish upbringing and the socio-religious culture of his time, reflecting and expanding on Jewish traditions. Despite a patriarchal society, Judaism was diverse in its views on God, Torah, society, and women. The gospels, particularly Luke and John, highlight this diversity through their portrayal of women's significant roles in Jesus' life. Our instructor is Biagio Mazza, retired pastoral associate, Scripture scholar and theologian.

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### CL.005 - SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY: MAINLINE APPROACHES TO FAITH AND POLITICS

6:30-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8 – 29, Room 132/133, Mission Campus

In America, faith and politics have been deeply interconnected, influencing legislation and social movements through religious leaders and communities. From abolitionism to civil rights and current social debates, religious convictions have shaped political life. The separation of church and state aims to protect diverse spiritual expressions and secular views. This class, led by Rev. Chad Herring, will explore how mainline Protestants



engage in politics to promote the common good through the study of scriptural and civic texts.

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#### CL.006 - MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE WITH RODGER NISHIOKA

8-9 a.m. Tuesdays, Oct. 8-Nov 26, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus

Start your day off being fed in body and soul. Our chef will prepare a hot breakfast and then Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will lead an eight-week study on King David in 1st and 2nd Samuel and how David's life demonstrates for us what it means to be a man of faith. Conversation is encouraged. Invite a friend and join the fellowship on Tuesday mornings. To make a reservation for breakfast, please register online. Donation Suggestion \$7. Pay in person. Child care is not available.

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#### CL.007 - THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, Room 132/133, Mission Campus

The first three industrial revolutions lasted decades; created 100 to 1 productivity increases; and created new industries. The class will review the first three industrial revolutions and then examine how emerging technologies such as: artificial intelligence, quantum computing, robotics and 6G wireless will likely form the foundation for the 4th Industrial Revolution. Potential changes in how life might change in this new environment will be examined. Instructor: Chick Keller.

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#### CL.008 - INCOME INEQUALITY: IS THE AMERICAN DREAM DEAD?

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, Room 132/133

The American dream and hope of "leading a better, richer life than your parents regardless of the circumstances of your birth" has energized Americans throughout our history. Today's high level of costs for housing, transportation, child care and health insurance has led people to believe the American Dream is dead for some. The class will discuss that the American dream is still alive and well, but the dream is different for different groups of people. Instructor: Chick Keller.

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#### CL.009 - THE DANCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS: THE U.S. AND CHINA

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 23 & 30, Room 132/133, Mission Campus

After WWII, the U.S. led in promoting democracy, freedom, and free trade. Now, China challenges U.S. leadership with its autocratic model, questioning America's role in human rights. This class, led by Chick Keller, will explore the shift toward multi-polar leadership and its implications, covering globalization, deglobalization, climate change, the South China Sea, Taiwan, the Uyghur Muslims, and technology theft.

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#### CL.010 - OUR DEMOCRACY: USE IT OR LOSE IT

12:15-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, Friendship Hall East, Mission Campus

Bill Tammeus, retired Faith columnist at the KC Star, and Yvette Walker, KC Star editorial page editor, will present. Sponsored by the Social Justice and Mission Committees and the Heartland Presbytery. Lunch will be served. Registration is helpful. Donations will be collected at the event to offset costs.

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#### CL.011 - THEOLOGY 101: BASIC DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Nov. 6-20, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

Explore seven essential Christian doctrines with Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka: Theology (study of God), Christology (Jesus Christ), Pneumatology (Holy Spirit), Ecclesiology (church), Hamartiology (sin), Soteriology (salvation), and Eschatology (end times). These doctrines, pivotal in church history and sometimes contentious, shape Christian beliefs and practices. The course examines their relevance and impact on modern faith.

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#### CL.012 - JESUS' INFANCY NARRATIVES: THOSE IN THE BIBLE AND THOSE FROM OTHER GOSPELS

6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 18-Dec 9, Rooms 232/233

There were numerous infancy gospels written concerning Jesus' annunciation, birth and early life during the first few

centuries of Christianity. Some were considered inspired and eventually approved for inclusion in the bible. Others were not. What made these other accounts of Jesus' early life unacceptable? Who produced these works? What was their cultural and religious context? We'll discuss these questions and more in this class. Our instructor is Biagio Mazza, retired pastoral associate, Scripture scholar and theologian.

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#### CL.013 - PAGANS IN THE PROMISED LAND

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 4-18, Rooms 132/133, Mission Campus

This class examines how the U.S. government used Christian concepts to justify taking Native American lands and undermining their independence, based on Steven T. Newcomb's book. Session One will explore the pre-Columbian Native American world using Charles C. Mann's books "1491" and "1493," debunking the myth of an "empty continent." Sessions Two and Three will focus on Newcomb's analysis of the religious justifications behind U.S. policies towards Native Americans, challenging the "conqueror-based" doctrine in federal Indian law. Our instructor is Larry Lorenzen.

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#### CL.014 - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1:30-3 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 5-Dec. 19, Antioch Campus Multipurpose Room

This Bible study is opened to all women from both campuses. The curricula are decided by the group and include diverse biblical studies. For most of the studies, some preparatory reading is suggested so the participants can have interactive discussions. For more information, please call Jan Zimmerman at 913-522-4643 or Sally Rosine at 913-449-2425.

#### WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE'S CENTER FOR FAITH & CULTURE FALL 2024 CLASSES

The William Jewell College Center for Faith and Culture hosts faith formation courses in the greater Kansas City community at six local partner congregations (with a few virtual offerings). Courses are taught by Jewell faculty and local pastors.

To register for the William Jewell Center for Faith & Culture classes listed on their website, go to [bit.ly/jewellclasses](https://bit.ly/jewellclasses) and enter the coupon code: **Village**. These classes are

free to members of our congregation by using the coupon code. See speaker bios and registration info at [jewell.edu/faith-classes](https://jewell.edu/faith-classes).

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#### SHAKESPEARE, RELIGION, AND PERSONAL FREEDOM: MEASURE FOR MEASURE

6:30-7:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, Community Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

This course, led by Dr. Sara Morrison, professor of English at William Jewell College explores Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure," which is inspired by Matthew 7: "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." The play's focus on justice and mercy highlights the complexities of legislating morality and its impact on personal freedom. We will read the play and discuss how its seventeenth-century issues are still relevant today.

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#### CHRISTIAN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHEN PERSONHOOD BEGINS

6:30-7:45 p.m. Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri

This course examines the beginning of human personhood considering advances in assisted reproduction and recent legal changes, including a potential Missouri constitutional amendment. It will review contemporary Christian perspectives on personhood, including Gary Armstrong's analysis from his Core Curriculum Capstone "Birth By Any Means? The Ethics of Assisted Reproductive Technology." Topics include Roman Catholic and Protestant viewpoints on personhood, abortion, and genetic screening of embryos. Instructor: Dr. Gary Armstrong, William Jewell College.

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#### NUANCING INTERSECTIONS OF NATIONALISM AND RELIGION

6:30-7:45 p.m. Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 2, 9, Room 132/133, Mission Campus

This course examines the powerful role of nationalism in modern politics, often intertwined with religion. It explores the intersections of nationalism and religion through historical contexts: the European Reformation, 19th Century Imperialism, Decolonization, and Postcolonialism. Different theoretical frameworks for understanding and defining nationalism will be considered

in each context. Instructor: Dr. Megan Groninger, assistant professor of history at William Jewell College.

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### CHRISTIANITY AND THE VISUAL ARTS

7-8:15 p.m. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, Second Baptist Church, Liberty, MO

As with science, the church has sometimes struggled with the arts and yet they have been used to teach and portray what the essence of the Christian faith to us through the centuries. Christianity and the Visual Arts will cover the relationship of the visual arts to the Christian faith in a historical context, the Biblical story in the visual arts, a theological reflection on various visual arts and specific visual art works that were pivotal within the story of the Christian faith and the arc of art history. Instructor: Rev. Connie McNeill, associate pastor of administration.

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### SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY: MAINLINE APPROACHES TO FAITH AND POLITICS

6:30-7:45 p.m. Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Room 132/133, Mission Campus

In America, faith and politics have been closely linked, shaping legislation and social movements from abolitionism to civil rights and current debates. While diverse religious perspectives exist, the separation of church and state aims to protect these views and secular beliefs. This class, led by Rev. Chad Herring, will explore how mainline Protestants engage in politics to promote the common good, using scriptural and civic texts to examine theological and ethical perspectives.

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### WHITE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM IN AMERICA

7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18, online only

This class, led by Dr. Bryan LeBeau, adjunct instructor at Georgetown University, examines the history and current status of white Christian nationalism in America, particularly as it approaches a potential peak in the 2024 presidential election. The course aims to reveal the complexities of this movement and its impact on the nation. Suggested reading is Tim Alberta's "The Kingdom, The Power, and The Glory: American Evangelicals in An Age of Extremism" (HarperCollins, 2023).

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### HEAVEN AND EARTH: BIBLICAL COSMOLOGY AND THE HUMAN BEING

6:30-7:45 p.m. Oct 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City, MO

Exploring the creation account of Genesis and other Biblical accounts of heaven and earth we will reconstruct the ancient Hebrew model for the cosmos and explore the significance of each element, the identity and role of human beings within it, and what ultimate purpose this cosmos serves. There will also be opportunity to compare this ancient account of the cosmos with our own modern understanding of the universe and consider how we might reconcile the two. Instructor: The Rev. James Yazell, associate priest.

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### LIFE TOGETHER

6:30-7:45 p.m. Nov. 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, Community Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri

"Life Together" is Deitrich Bonhoeffer's exploration of Christian community in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. Using the classic book as our guide, this class will explore our post-election reality in America. People of faith must help lead the way into creating beloved community after deep divisions and polarization have divided families, churches, and communities. Instructor: The Rev. Shanna Steitz, senior pastor.

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### HEALTH & WELLNESS

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#### HW.001-005 - ADULT EXERCISE

9-10 a.m., year-round, Room 333, Mission Campus

Classes include aerobics to strengthen the heart, lungs and bone density, balance exercises to improve and maintain balance, and stretching and flexibility exercises to maintain and improve range of motion. The class is a comprehensive workout that helps with energy, strength and overall better health. Child care is not available.

For more information, call instructor Margaret Tlappek at 913-710-4681. Cost: \$5 per class; pay in person. Use the class codes below when registering to indicate the day of the week you would like to attend.

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| HW.001 | Monday Adult Exercise    |
| HW.002 | Tuesday Adult Exercise   |
| HW.003 | Wednesday Adult Exercise |
| HW.004 | Thursday Adult Exercise  |
| HW.005 | Friday Adult Exercise    |

participants. The cost is \$100 for 12 classes; online registration and advance payment are required. Child care is not provided. For more details and to discuss seated and side-supported options, email instructor Kimberly Bland at [ksbland@gmail.com](mailto:ksbland@gmail.com).

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### HW.006 - BEGINNER HULA HOOPING & HOOP DANCING FITNESS CLASS

5:45-6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round, Room 333, Mission Campus

No experience needed! Join this fun, upbeat fitness class for a total body workout with hula hoops. Ideal for cardio, it strengthens the core, improves balance, speed, agility, and hand-to-eye coordination. Classes include stretching, warm-ups, basic hooping instruction, easy routines, and games. Custom beginner hoops are provided, and everyone works at their own pace. Kids are welcome with an adult, but child care is not available. For more information, email instructor Sirena Beyer at [kchoopgirl@gmail.com](mailto:kchoopgirl@gmail.com) or call 816-591-5186.

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### HW.007 - ECCENTRICS – APPRENTICE EXERCISE CLASS

10:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round, Room 333, Mission Campus

Eccentrics is perfect for all fitness levels. This program rebalances the body, unlocks tight joints and increases flexibility and mobility, develops strong lean muscles and improves posture through a fluid combination of strengthening and stretching. This equipment-free workout leaves you feeling energized and healthy. Child care is not available. For more information, call instructor Elizabeth Doyle at 913-484-6869. Cost: \$5 per class; pay in person.

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### HW.008 - TAI CHI FUNDAMENTALS – ALL LEVELS

5-5:45 p.m. Mondays, Sept. 9-Nov. 25, Room 232, Mission Campus

This tai chi class, suitable for beginners and ongoing participants, focuses on improving body alignment, balance, coordination, and mind-body awareness. It covers tai chi principles, mind-body skills, and the 16-movement Tai Chi Fundamentals form. Attendance at most classes is strongly recommended for new

## INFORMATIONAL

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### IN.001 - FIRST WEDNESDAYS COFFEE & CONVERSATION

10-11 a.m. first Wednesdays, Rooms 307/309, Mission Campus

Join us as pastor, life coach and founder of Compassion Fix, Ginger Rothhaas, brings encouragement, support and tangible tools for perseverant, joyful, intentional living. Warm cups of joe will be provided as well. Child care is available free of charge. Must register for child care separately. Follow the blue child care signs from either the south or north entrances to find your way. Facilitated by Brooke Brundige, Children & Family Ministries director.

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### IN.002 & IN.003 - THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF COLLEGE ADMISSIONS: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus or 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, Multipurpose Room, Antioch Campus

High school students and parents are encouraged to join. Topics include the trend in college admissions over the last 25 years, how to build a college list, what colleges are looking for in the new landscape, how to demonstrate the qualities colleges are looking for, as well as the application process and timeline. Taught by Vicki Petersen former Blue Valley North High School Counselor and department chair, who now owns VP College Consulting, supporting students in the college planning and application process.

## LIFE SKILLS

### LS.001 - BEGINNING SPANISH: ESPAÑOL PARA TODOS

10:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays year-round, Room 124, Mission Campus

Need a place to brush up on your Spanish? Always wanted to learn but never had the time? Join us in Español para todos. We welcome everyone from beginners to bilingual level speakers. There is something for everyone: conjugation of verbs, culture, simple stories, vocabulary and word order. Registration is necessary. Email instructor Joni Kimsey at [joni.kimsey@gmail.com](mailto:joni.kimsey@gmail.com) for more information. Child care is not provided.

### LS.002 & LS.003 - LOCATING AND ORGANIZING FILES, FOLDERS AND PICTURES ON AN APPLE COMPUTER

10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 or 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road

This class will explore how to manage your documents and pictures on an Apple computer. Topics include using proper naming conventions, Finder and Tags to easily locate information. There will also be a discussion of how to properly store documents and pictures in the Cloud. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

### LS.004 & LS.005 - INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS 11

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 or 10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road

Explore the new features and upgrades that are found in Windows 11. Discussion will include differences between Windows 10 and Windows 11. In addition, keyboard shortcuts and widgets will be discussed. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

### LS.006 & LS.007 - BASIC APPLE COMPUTER

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 or 10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Road

This class is designed for new users or those needing a basic overview of the features of an Apple computer. Topics covered include the creation of basic documents and spreadsheets. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

### LS.008 & LS.009 - WINDOWS EXCEL TIPS AND TRICKS

1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22 or 10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Rd.

Excel is a very powerful program. Learn how to make your spreadsheets more efficient and dynamic. This class will discuss tips for sorting information, converting numbers into graphs and using functions to calculate data. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

### LS.010 & LS.011 - INTERMEDIATE APPLE COMPUTER

10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 or 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. Tillotson Building Conference Room, 9960 Mission Rd.

This class is designed to explore some of the little-known features found in Notes and Numbers. Topics covered include combining multiple documents into one PDF file, document editing and using formulas to enhance spreadsheets. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

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## LS.012 & LS.013 - ORGANIZING FILES AND FOLDERS IN WINDOWS EXPLORER

10:15-11:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 or 1-2:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 19, Tilotson Building Conference Room,  
9960 Mission Rd.

This class will explore how to manage your documents and pictures in Windows 11. Topics include using the Search feature to easily locate information, creating files and folders to easily organize data, and how to navigate Windows Explorer. There will also be a discussion of how to use Windows Backup to properly store documents and pictures in the Cloud. Registration is required. The same class will be held on both listed dates. Child care is not provided. Instructor: Dee Couch.

## LITERATURE

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### LT.001 - GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

2-3:30 p.m. first Tuesdays Sept.-Dec., Room 127, Mission Campus

This is not your usual book club. We tackle classic and contemporary essays from a wide range of authors, from Plato to David Sedaris. We discuss, share ideas, laugh and enjoy friendship and fellowship. It's great exercise for our brains. The Great Books group is currently reading "50 Essays, A Portable Anthology" (third edition), by Samuel Cohen. This semester we'll be reading Stephen Jay Gould, Michael Pollan, Virginia Woolf, Henry David Thoreau and others. Facilitators: Jane Abildgaard, [ja87869@gmail.com](mailto:ja87869@gmail.com), 816-392-9550 and Joni Kimsey, [joni.kimsey@gmail.com](mailto:joni.kimsey@gmail.com), 913-634-7904.

## PASTORAL CARE & COUNSELING

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### PCC.001 - FAITH & GRIEF SUPPORT GATHERING

Noon-1 p.m. first Tuesdays, Friendship Hall, Mission Campus

This group provides opportunities for comfort and hope to those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Village Church is one of six area churches who host. A speaker shares thoughts with the group, and then

facilitated conversation takes place at small tables. You may listen, share, or do whatever is comfortable for you. Come whenever you are able – coming last minute is absolutely fine. If you would like a boxed lunch, please register at [faithandgrief.org/gatherings](http://faithandgrief.org/gatherings).

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### PCC.002 - GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 2-Oct. 30, Room 132, Mission Campus

Growing through Grief explores what grief looks like and finds hope for moving forward. This five-week class is facilitated by one of the pastoral care pastors. Each participant receives his/her own copy of "Understanding Your Grief – Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing Your Heart." This class is free and open to all; registration is required. Contact Linda Alley at 913-671-2327 or [linda.alley@villagepres.org](mailto:linda.alley@villagepres.org) for more information.

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### PCC.003 - WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP

9-10 a.m. Thursdays year-round, Room 132, Mission Campus

This group is for men who whose spouses have died or who are living with a spouse who is challenged by dementia or Alzheimer's disease. A pastoral care pastor joins the group twice a month while other meetings are facilitated by a group member.

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### PCC.004 - ELDER LAW

5-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, Room 124, Mission Campus  
Hosted by Stephen Ministry.

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### PCC.005-006 - HOSPICE CARE, PARTS 1 & 2

5-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14, Room 124, Mission Campus. Hosted by Stephen Ministry.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

### YA.001 - NIGHT AT THE ROYALS GAME

7:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, Kauffman Stadium

All individuals 18-40 and their children, come join us for Fireworks Friday at the Royals Game. \$10/person. Register at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

### YA.002 - Y.A.M. (YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY) NIGHT

6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Dec. 18, Young Adult Room, Mission Campus

All throughout the fall, we will gather in the Young Adult Space (North Entrance, under the Welcome Center) to read books, study Scripture, play games and celebrate one another. We hope you will join us as often as you can!

### YA.003 - BOOK STUDY

6-7:30 Wednesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23, Young Adult Room, Mission Campus

All 20s and 30s are invited to join us as we engage in a timely study over John Pavlovitz's book "Worth Fighting For: Finding Courage and Compassion When Cruelty is Trending." We will begin with dinner in the Young Adult Space (North entrance, under the Welcome Center) at 6 p.m., followed by our discussion at 6:30 p.m.

### YA.004 - SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER

5 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8

Join us after the Gathering service for a new monthly fellowship time around the table. All individuals aged 18-40 and their children are invited. We will go to a different Kansas City restaurant each month. The church will buy appetizers to share. Visit [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults) to see where our next meeting will be located.

### YA.005 - LAST SUNDAY LUNCH

Noon Sundays, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29

Join us after the 11 a.m. service for a new monthly fellowship time around the table. All individuals aged 18-40 and their children are invited. We will go to a different

Kansas City restaurant each month. The church will buy appetizers to share. Visit [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults) to see where our next meeting will be located.

### YA.006 - FALL RETREAT

Nov. 8-10, Clinton Lake State Park

We will gather in a nearby state park for a cabin campout (no tent required!) to retreat, to play, and to grow in community. The weekend will be filled with games, study, s'mores and more! \$50/person. Register at [bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults](http://bit.ly/VillageYoungAdults).

## More Adult Opportunities

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

- Music Ministry: [villagepres.org/music](http://villagepres.org/music)
- Presbyterian Women: [villagepres.org/pw](http://villagepres.org/pw)
- Social Justice Ministry: [villagepres.org/social-justice](http://villagepres.org/social-justice)
- Building Beloved Community: [villagepres.org/bbc](http://villagepres.org/bbc)
- Village Connect Small Group Ministry: [villagepres.org/adults](http://villagepres.org/adults)