

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

January 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 3, 2016

Christ United Methodist Church 410 N. Holden Road

Welcome!

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING offers enrichment and fellowship opportunities for all Greensboro area men and women. There are 16 classes from which you can create your own schedule. All variations are welcome. At midday, there is a quiet period of inspiration and meditation led by volunteers. After lunch, a Forum and announcements of general interest, along with social and fellowship activities, make midday a special time.

Prepaid Lunch, at a cost of \$8.00, is served in the Fellowship Hall beginning around noon. Or, bring a sack lunch and join any table.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All lunch reservations must be "PREPAID" by 3:00 p.m. the Monday prior to each Thursday session. Therefore, if you must cancel, call by that time each week. Shepherd's Center is responsible for paying a minimum amount based on the number of lunches reserved, even if fewer lunches are served. If you prepay for lunch and fail to cancel by Monday at 3:00 p.m., there will be no refund.

9:30-10:30 a.m. Classes

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO APPRECIATING NATURE:

There is much in the natural world to interest, inform, inspire and entertain us. Using photographs of beautiful things and places, this class will focus on learning about, appreciating, and enjoying the different aspects of nature all around us such as wildflowers, butterflies, birds, dragonflies, and even weather.

Dennis Burnette, Instructor

GREAT DISCOVERIES IN ASTRONOMY: The past 100 years has been the golden age of astronomy with astounding discoveries remaking our view of the solar system and the universe in which we live. We describe 3 of these discoveries: (1) What drives the processes which shape planets? (2) The strangest stars in the universe, and (3) The beginning of time. Come prepared to learn about white dwarves, black holes, neutron stars, the Big Bang, the formation of the universe, and the strange and unpredictable planets that make up our solar system.

Steve Danford, Instructor

TWO AMERICAN CLASSIC NOVELS: A Discussion of Robert Penn Warren's All the King's Men and Henry James' The Ambassadors. For citation purposes, the recommended texts are *All the King's Men* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) and *The Ambassadors* (Barnes & Noble Classics). We will study *All the Kings Men* first.

Don Darnell, Instructor

GONE WITH THE WIND: An American Classic Novel & Film: Margaret Mitchell's Gone with the Wind, published in 1936, became an immediate best seller. This course will explore the origins of the novel, the author's life and the film's enduring popularity in American culture. Copies of the book will be distributed at the first session.

Ronald Headen, Facilitator

STRESS FREE QUILTING - Sew accurate blocks on your very first try! Learn quick piecing techniques, sew large chunks of fabric together, then slice off sections to create pre-sewn units. Learn the basics to create a quick pieced version of just about any quilt block you see. \$15.00 for supplies. **2hrs. - Class limit 12**

Paula Becker, Instructor

WOODCARVING: Fundamentals for beginner and intermediate carvers will be discussed, demonstrated and practiced. We will be carving "Little People." Blanks will be available for a nominal cost.

2-hrs. - Class limit 12

George Jordan, Instructor



10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Classes

CONTEMPORARY POETRY: Reading, Writing, Discussion. We will examine contemporary poetry, with emphasis on accessibility. Instructor will draw on the works of Eavan Boland, Ted Kooser, Mary Jo Bang and others, as well as his own poems. Class members may read and discuss their poems in collegial atmosphere. New materials have been added, so this class is appropriate for those who have taken it before, as well as those who have not.

Bob Demaree, Instructor

NARRATIVES, LIES, AND THEATRE: The Middle East Today. How do we understand it? CAN we understand it? And what lies ahead?

Ann Saab, Instructor

TOPICS IN THE PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS OF JUDIASM: In this course we will be discuss the nature of humankind; Jewish views of the afterlife; Suffering and belief in God in the aftermath of the Nazi Holocaust; Caring for the needy (kindness in action); Business ethics broadly considered; and Responding when someone is kidnapped or taken captive.

Rabbi Fred Guttman and Andy Koren, Instructors

PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR/FUTURE: How to make your taxes and investments work together. In this course we will discuss: What market uncertainty means for your portfolio; If new tax laws will help or hurt you; How to avoid rising interest rates and have your money outlive you!; Income and retirement planning; Effective ways to take retirement distributions; and Annual financial checkup and review.

Chad Barber & Keith Hiatt, Facilitators

LINE DANCING: Put on your dancing shoes and join this fun activity. Learn the Electric Slide, Cupid Shuffle and others. No partner required. Previous experience helpful but not required. **Class limit 20**

Betsy Holder, Instructor

SING FOR FUN: SINGING MORE OLDIES BUT GOODIES AND SOME NEW TUNES! "Come relive some memories by singing songs you will remember but haven't heard or sung for years. Start your day with a song, and it will surely end on a happy note."

Eleanor Procton, Instructor

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Classes

CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR AFRICA: In this class we will discuss the following topics: Africa Unity; Role of China in Africa; Economic Bloc; Democratization and Urbanization; Role 2 USA in Africa; and Africa and Security.

Dr. Victor Archibong, Instructor

GENEALOGY: This class will consist of instructions on how to research your family tree, using the various State and County resources, as well as on the internet.

Tim Spradling, Instructor

HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES: In this Olympic year, come and explore the historical and cultural evolution of the quadrennial international sporting festival. The 1st half of the course will focus on the origins of competitive sport in ancient Greece and describe the religious, social and cultural context of the Olympics in classical antiquity. The 2nd half will examine the efforts to resurrect the Games in the late 19th century and trace their progression through the next 120 years of political, economic and social change.

Linda Danford and Dick Swanson, Instructors

KNITTING: This class is for beginners and anyone who needs help. Needles and yarn will be provided for beginners; experienced knitters will need to bring their own supplies. **Class limit 10**

Margaret Young, Instructor



Please remember that all Shepherd's Center activities are cancelled when Guilford County Schools are closed for inclement weather. If the schools are delayed, Shepherd's Center will operate on our regular schedule.

Watch WFMY Channel 2 for closing information.

There are no make-up days for class closings at AIL.

Who's Who?

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING PLANNING COMMITTEE

Dick Swanson, Chair
Jim Allen
Jane Chandra

Brooks Graham
Margaret Griffin
Phyllis Shavitz

Marian Solleder
Jean Tillman
Jim Weikel

WINTER Instructors:

Victor Archibong, Ph.D. is a Professor and Department Chair of Political Science and Legal Administration at Greensboro College.

Chad Barber has been in the securities industry for 13 years. He is a Financial Advisor and Accredited Asset Management Specialist with Ameriprise Financial. He graduated from University of North Carolina Greensboro with a BS in marketing and finance in 1998.

Paula Becker has been quilting over 10 years and is retired from Jewish Family Services.

Dennis Burnette is a retired professor, a serious amateur nature photographer, and a nature educator with a special interest in teaching adults. He has served as president and in other elected offices in several nature groups. He frequently presents programs and leads field trips for garden clubs, scouts, church groups, and nature organizations.

Linda Danford is retired from the faculty of UNCG Classical Studies department where she was a lecturer for 22 years. Her favorite courses to teach were Mythology and Women in Antiquity.

Steve Danford is recently retired from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at UNCG where he taught for 38 years and served as Department Chair for eight years. He was instrumental in the building of the Three College Observatory in Alamance County and the Planetarium at UNCG and he continues to conduct Public Shows at both facilities.

Don Darnell is Professor Emeritus of English at University North Carolina Greensboro.

Bob Demaree is the author of three book-length collections of poems, including *After Labor Day* (2014). His poems have appeared in over 150 periodicals. He retired from Greensboro Day School in 2001 after 42 years in independent education.

Rabbi Fred Guttman is Rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

Ronald Headen works for the Greensboro Public Library. He serves as an adult media selector, adult programmer, book club advisor, and book selector for the organization. He has been with the library for 43 years and been involved with One City One Book since it started in 2002.

Keith Hiatt is a CPA and partner with the firm Breslow, Starling, Frost, Warner, Boger & Hiatt, PLLC. He has 30+ years of experience in the areas of corporate & individual taxation. He received his BS and MA in Accountancy from Brigham Young University.

Betsy Holder brings years of experience as a line dancing instructor to this popular class.

George Jordan is an experienced wood carver.

Andy Koren is Rabbi at Temple Emanuel in Greensboro.

Eleanor Procton has led "Music for Pleasure" at Friends Home Guilford for several years. She began the class in 1978, worked in Special Services and later served as the department director. When she retired, she continued teaching and takes great pleasure sharing songs with her friends.

Ann Saab has been a member of the UNCG Department of History since 1965, now teaches Middle Eastern History for the MALS program.

Tim Spradling is retired from being a Franchise Owner and now volunteers with ShepNet and SCORE. He has been researching his family tree and helping others do the same on and off for over 40 years in the state archives and on the internet.

Dr. Richard "Dick" Swanson enjoyed a 43 year career of administration and teaching in higher education, specializing in sport history. He is the co-author of two books on the subject of sport and exercise in America, as well as numerous published articles and book chapters. He retired from UNCG in 2007 after 27 years, serving 12 years as Dean of the School of Health & Human Performance.

Margaret Young was born in Scotland and has been knitting since childhood. She belongs to two knitting groups in Greensboro. Married with three children and six grandchildren, she knits a variety of items.

Do you know a retired professor?
Someone with a fascinating hobby?
A local legend or community leader?
Please tell Vickie about someone you know
who may be interested in joining our fabulous
team of volunteer instructors.

Forum Luncheon Speakers

January 28

Caroline Farmer

NC Department of Justice

February 11

John Whisnant

Paul Ciener Botanical Gardens

February 25

Richard Whittington

Triad Stage

February 4

Gwendolyn Poole

Drama For Living

February 18

Dianne Bellamy Small

Spiritual Songs

March 3

John Batchelor

Chefs of the Coast

Thank You!

Thanks to all the excellent Instructors, Forum Speakers and Inspirational Speakers for volunteering their time, knowledge and expertise to make another successful session of "ADVENTURES." Each winter, spring and fall, it is our privilege to be the guest of one of our sponsoring congregations and we are deeply appreciative of the members of First Baptist Church and Christ UMC for sharing their facilities with us.

REGISTRATION FORM: **Winter 2016 Adventures in Learning**

Name (s) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Church/Synagogue _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Please use initials if registering more than one person:

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

___ Appreciating Nature

___ Astronomy

___ Two American Classics

___ Gone with the Wind

___ Quilting

___ Woodcarving

10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

___ Contemporary Poetry

___ The Middle East Today

___ Philosophy/ethics of Judaism

___ Taxes & Investments

___ Line Dancing

___ Sing For Fun

___ Quilting cont.

___ Woodcarving cont.

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

___ Challenges/Prospect for Africa

___ Genealogy

___ History of the Olympic Games

___ Knitting

Non-Refundable Registration fee, **WINTER 2016 TERM 40.00** per person \$ _____

(ALL REGISTRATIONS received after January 27, 2016 will be \$50.00 per person)

Lunch Reservation, January 28 only - \$8.00 or \$ _____

All six luncheons - \$48.00 \$ _____

Contribution to Shepherd's Center (*Optional*) \$ _____

Or volunteer your time ? _____ TOTAL \$ _____

Is this your first time attending Adventures in Learning? ___ Yes ___ No

MAIL NO LATER THAN January 25, 2016

Send to Shepherd's Center of Greensboro, 302 West Market Street, Room 103, Greensboro, NC 27401

