

VILLAGE UNIVERSITY FALL 2010 COURSE CATALOG
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PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME ART COURSES REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FEE.

Art

Course #

A.001 *Basic Drawing*

Have you always wanted to draw but don't consider yourself an "artist?" This course will work on the basics and offer you the opportunity to begin slowly and work at your own pace. Taught by Larry Sneegas. Mondays – September 27 – November 22. 9:30-11:30am. Room 230.

A.002 *Monday Handworks*

Two hours a week catch up on those projects you can't ever seem to get to ... knitting, sorting photos, scrapbooking, etc. Led by Michelle Dawdy. Mondays – September 27 - December 13. 9:30-11:30am. Rooms 307/309/311. **Class will not meet on October 4.**

A.003 *Training for the Thanksgiving 5K Run*

This is a 9-week "get fit" program! Meet us Mondays at the south entrance of the church at 9:30 a.m. as we walk/jog to get ready for the Thanksgiving 5K run. Led by James Stewart. Mondays – September 27; October 11, 18 and 25; and November 1, 8, 15 and 22. **Class will not meet on October 4.** 9:30-10:30am. South church entrance.

A.004 *Boot Camp/Strength Training*

This is a 9-week "get fit" program! Following our walk/jog to get ready for the Thanksgiving 5K, join us for the second hour "boot camp" to strengthen your muscles. Led by James Stewart. Mondays – September 27; October 11, 18 and 25; and November 1, 8, 15 and 22. **Class will not meet on October 4.** 10:30-11:15am. Room 15.

A.005 *Redesigning with Style/Budget Decorating*

Learn how to decorate on a budget by using what you have. See before and after photos and rooms that have been redesigned. Participants will have the opportunity to share photos of troubled rooms and get ideas for improvements. Taught by AJ Miller with Ready, Set, GOrgeous. Tuesday- September 28. 9:30-11:00am. Room 232.

A.006 *Tuesday Morning Book Club*

Ready a good book lately? Or would you like to? Join us once a month for an interesting discussion on a variety of works of literature. For the first meeting we'll discuss The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff, and we'll pick our future selections. Led by Elizabeth Ong. Tuesdays – September 28, October 26 and November 30. 9:30-11:30am. Room 233.

A.007 *Tuesday Walk/Jog*

Meet at Village Church for a group workout where you can walk or jog outside or exercise to a video inside. Led by Angela McAuliffe. Tuesdays – September 28-December 7. 9:30-11:30am. Village Cup. **Class will not meet October 12, November 9 and December 14.**

A.008 *Boomerangs*

Join the Boomerangs (the Baby Boomers & Above Handworks class) to start or finish any project from knitting, rug hooking, needle pointing to balancing your checkbook! Field trips to various Kansas City locations are also scheduled with lots of side trips. This class is designed for Baby Boomers and above, and **childcare is not available**. Facilitated by Judy Bliss. Tuesdays – September 28-December 14. 10:00am–12:00pm. Room 307.

A.009 *Knitting at Night*

A social group of knitters at all levels comes together on Tuesday nights to unwind. Work on projects and learn new things from each other. Each semester, the group tackles a group project that ultimately is donated to charity. If you like to knit or crochet, we would love to have you join us on Tuesday nights. If you have never knitted or crocheted, come and we will teach you! Facilitated by Katie Trenkle. Tuesdays – September 28-December 14. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 333.

A.010 *Studio Time*

Join other artists for fellowship and time to complete your artwork. Some assistance will be available, but not formal instruction. Media would include: drawing, pen and ink, watercolor, acrylics and oil. Led by Bill Yates. Tuesdays – September 28-December 14. 7:00-9:00pm. Room 233.

A.011 *Needlepoint*

Come and learn to do needlepoint. You will learn the 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 the two priorities. Taught by Linda Pierpoint. Wednesdays - September 29-December 15. 9:30-11:30am. Room 133. **Class will not meet on November 24.**

A.012 *Wednesday Handworks*

Two hours a week bring in those projects you want to finish but can never find the time ... whatever they might be! Led by Jill Hardy. Wednesdays – September 29-December 15. 9:30-11:30am. Room 132. **Class will not meet on November 24.**

A.013 *Continuing Watercolor*

Enjoy the company of other watercolor artists of all levels ... beginner to master. Taught by Vesta York, Ed Harper and Roy Campbell. Wednesdays – September 29-December 15. 1:00-3:00pm. Room 15. **Childcare is not available.** **Class limit: 30.**

A.014 *Friday Handworks*

Take two hours out of your busy schedule to catch up with projects you can't seem to finish at home. Led by Laura Kenton. Fridays – October 1-December 17. 9:30-11:30am. Rooms 307/309/311. **Class will not meet October 15, 29 and November 26.**

A.015 *Village Church Painters*

Create your own masterpieces in the company of other artists. Mediums include watercolor, oil and acrylic. Led by Nancy Preston. Fridays – October 1-December 17. 11:00am-3:00pm. Room 15. **Child care is not available.**

A.016 *Family Treasure Hunt with GPS*

Have you ever participated in a worldwide treasure hunt using a GPS (Global Positioning System)? Are you looking for a fun and healthy family activity for weekend fun or vacation travels? Have you ever tried Geocaching (www.garmin.com/geocaching for more information)? Join Garmin engineer, Brad Trenkle, for some Saturday morning family fun where you will spend some time learning about Geocaching and then head outside to search for

one. If you have a GPS, please bring it to the class. If not, loaner GPS units will be provided by Garmin. Led by Brad Trenkle. Saturday – October 2. 9:30-11:30am. Room 15. **Class limit: 12 families (parents or grandparents must be present).**

A.017 *Tuesday Evening Handworks*

Do you have a pile of projects you never seem to get to? Once a month join this group to find project time, friendship and fun. Facilitated by Katie Trenkle. Tuesdays – October 5, November 2 and December 7. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 333.

A.018 *First Fridays Sewing Circle*

If you are interested in learning how to sew or if you are a sewing pro, this class is for you! You will work on your project(s) of choice once a month. Sean Droessler will be there to help you become comfortable with your sewing machine, give advice on what tools you need in your sewing box to help make sewing easier, read patterns, understand notions, gather fabric, put in a zipper, etc. Sean will have a basic sewing project for you to practice on at the first class. If you want help deciding your project of choice, you may contact Sean (913-633-1641 or sdroessler@kc.rr.com) prior to the class or discuss it at the first class. A materials list will be provided as the first class gets closer. Led by Sean Droessler. Fridays – October 8, November 5 and December 3. 9:30-11:30am. Room 133.

A.019 *Knitted Scarf*

Would you like to make a hand-knitted gift for someone? Then come and make a knitted scarf! This scarf is a quick knitting project and should only take one class time to complete! Students should know how to knit and purl. Pattern provided but you will need to bring your own yarn and needles. A supply list will be provided. Led by Pam Olander. Tuesday – October 19. 9:30-11:30am. Room 133.

A.020 *No Sew Tutu*

Quick and easy no sewing class on making tutus, a great present or just something for your little girl! Taught by Michelle Dawdy. Tuesday – October 19. 9:30-11:30am. Room 126. **CLASS LIMIT: 20.**

A.021 *Hair Bows and Holders*

Join us to learn how to make simple hair bows for that special little girl in your life and a hair bow holder to store and display your collection. Basic supplies will be required and will be sent to class participants prior to the class. There will also be an additional fee to cover group supplies. Taught by Laura Kenton and Katie Trenkle. Wednesday-October 20. 9:30-11:30am. Room 127. **ADDITIONAL CLASS FEE: \$10.**

A.022 *Make Your Own Mini Fringe Quilt*

Make your own flannel fringe quilt. The first class we will prepare our material, and the second class we will use our sewing machines to construct our masterpieces. Taught by Suzanne Perlik. Fridays – October 22 and November 19. 9:30-11:30am. Room 127.

A.023 *Artful Home Decorating Using Nature's Autumn Bounty*

Oh, the fabulous botanical treasures of autumn! All the senses come into play. **Touch** the textures of fluffy grass plumes and prickly tasseled heads. **Hear** the seeds rattle inside dried gourds. **See** the gorgeous fall colors and dried flowers, weeds and branches/bark. Learn how you can easily create beautiful table centerpieces, wreaths, entry hall designs and much more. Let's not forget the other senses, **taste** and **smell**. While hearing about these economical design ideas crafted from gathered nature's goodies, enjoy dining on delicious apple desserts – recipes included! Taught by Dianne Swann. Wednesday- October 27. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 230.

A.024 *Super Saturday Handworks*

Bring your projects for a day of free time to get them done. This is a great opportunity to work on handmade gifts for the holidays and organizing your “to do” lists for the holiday rush. Led by Shelby Austin. Saturday – November 13. 9:30am-4:00pm. Room 15. **Child care is offered from 9:30am-12 noon.**

A.025 *Tips for Holiday Decorating*

Gain holiday decorating ideas from top to bottom. Get tips for using your current holiday décor in a new way. Add glamour to your home through color and lights. Taught by AJ Miller with Ready, Set, GOrgeous. Tuesday – November 16. 9:30-11:00am. Room 232.

A.026 *Creative Cupcakes*

Join us for a fun, basic cupcake decorating lesson. There will be six stations set up for you to learn new techniques to make impressive, professional-looking cupcakes that are secretly simple. Taught by Colette Siner. Tuesday – November 16. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 126. **Class limit: 25. Additional class fee: \$5.**

A.027 *Make a Pie/Take a Pie/Bake a Pie*

Come to this class and learn how fast and easy it can be to make your own holiday pie. You will leave the class with your pies ready to take home and freeze or bake. There will be a \$5 fee per pie for ingredients. All you will need to bring is your own pie plate. You will be contacted two weeks prior to class to place your order for the number of pies. Taught by Tamatha Leuschen. Thursday – November 18. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 133. **Additional class fee: \$5 per pie.**

A.028 *Nelson NOW – Tour of Nelson-Atkins and Bloch Buildings*

Join us for a tour of the highlights of the Nelson-Atkins. Find out about the amazing architecture of the Bloch building and the timeless treasures found in the Nelson. Facilitated by Elizabeth Ong. Friday – November 19. 10:00-11:00am. Child care is available at Village Church. **Additional class fee: \$5.**

Bible Study

BI.001 *Lunch and Learn: Secrets from the Souq*

The old marketplace of the ancient world, or souq, was the center of cultural and social life. Caravans loaded with goods would stop, merchants would display their goods for sale, and wandering pilgrims would tell their stories. Recent archaeological discoveries are unlocking some interesting customs and traditions of village life in biblical times. Join Rev. Dwight Tawney on an archaeological odyssey, as we look at reconstructions of some old biblical cities and villages, including Nazareth, Capernaum, Chorazin, Hammath, and Jerusalem. This six-week lunch-and-learn class will meet on Thursdays - September 16-October 28 (**class will not meet on October 14**). 11:30am-12:45pm. Presentations will begin at noon and end at 12:45. Room 132. Bring your lunch, or purchase a lunch in the Village Cup. **There is no charge for this course.**

BI.002 *Especially for Women*

Women of all ages are invited to join the lively discussion that takes place each Friday morning. The focus of the fall sessions will be a penetrating, highly readable book, Rabbi Jesus: An Intimate Biography, by Bruce Chilton. "Open this book and see Jesus as you've never seen him . . . This book is one heck of a good read. And it left me feeling better than ever about the Jesus we try to serve and follow."

The second book we will read and discuss is Einstein's God: Conversations about Science and the Human Spirit. "In this sparkling book of interviews, Krista Tippett demonstrates that science and religion both benefit from a genuine dialogue." Tippett is the creator of American Public Media's award-winning program, *Speaking of Faith*. Rev. Diane

Quaintance serves as facilitator. Fridays – September 10-December 17. 9:30-11:00am. Room 132. **Class will not meet on November 26.**

BI.003 *Misquoting Jesus*

Did the early scribes make changes as they copied manuscripts of the New Testament? Why might scribes have intentionally changed some texts that relate to women, Jews, pagan religions, and competing understandings of Jesus in the first centuries of Christianity? Provocative scholar Bart Ehrman, a Kansas boy who has risen to the top level of the field of New Testament studies, addresses these and other fascinating questions in his book, Misquoting Jesus: An Introduction to Textual Criticism. Based on Ehrman's best-selling book, this class will examine some of the most important "variants" in the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament and learn how scholars have arrived at the best versions of the original text. Taught by Gus Breyspraak, M.Div., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Ottawa University and Village Church member. Tuesdays – September 14, 21, 28 and October 5. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 232.

BI.004 *Brown Bag Bible Study*

Bring a sack lunch, or even better, purchase a lunch in the Village Cup, and gather to study the Common Lectionary passages for the week. The class will read, study and reflect on four scripture passages each week. A list of the scripture passages will be available in the Adult Ministry Office. Village Cup lunch menus will be e-mailed to registered class members Monday prior to the Tuesday class meeting. To insure a lunch is available, contact the Adult Ministry Office by Monday noon. Taught by Dr. Ron Patton, H.R. Tuesdays – September 28 – December 7 (**class will not meet on October 12 and November 9**). 12:00-1:00pm. Room 132. **There is no charge for this class** except for lunches purchased in the Village Cup.

BI.005 *Disciple Short-Term Bible Study: Look at Jesus in the Gospels*

"A Look at Jesus in the Gospels" is a ten-week bible study adapted from the popular Disciple second generation series. We will begin to recognize and discover how and when the gospels were written and begin to view different perspectives the four gospels provides of Jesus. Daily scripture readings, bible scholars' notes, video segments, and group discussions will allow participants to engage in the four Gospels with renewed curiosity and purpose. Led by Desiree Reinke. Sundays – September 12, 19, 26 October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and November 7, 14. 5:00-6:15pm. Room 126.

Environment

EN.001 *Weatherization 101: Simple Home Energy Performance Tips*

The presentation will focus on finding sources of energy loss in a home and determining the proper materials, tools and methods that a homeowner with average to-it-yourself skills can utilize to make energy improvements. Also, general energy saving measures such as replacing lamps with CFL's will be discussed. We will conclude with a brief overview of the state and federal programs and incentives available to assist homeowners to make larger but more costly energy improvements should they wish to go beyond the do-it-yourself level. Taught by Jim Beck from Greenpath Energy Solutions. Wednesday – September 29. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132.

Faith

FA.001 *Understanding Islam in Today's World*

To help us understand Islam and its significance worldwide, Margot Patterson, a local free-lance writer; and Ali Tunc and Eyyup Esen, both Ph.D. students from Turkey at the University of Kansas, will lead a two-week course.

I. The Fundamentals of Faith

This class will look at the Quran; the life and significance of the prophet Muhammad; the development of the Muslim umma (community); and the diversity to be found within it, both historically and today.

II. Controversies about Islam

Western commentators sometimes give the impression that Islam is a problem religion. This class will look at some of the topics that frequently crop up in negative depictions of Islam -- women's role in Islam, the meaning of jihad, the connection between Islam and violence, the rise of Islamism – and the misconceptions they foster.

Margot, formerly with the National Catholic Reporter, is the author of Islam Considered: A Christian Viewpoint. Ali and Eyyup are active in interfaith dialog. Wednesdays - October 6 and 13. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132.

Family

FM.001 *The Parallel: A Class for Young Adults/All Parents of Children in Kids' Kingdom*

What does Worship have to do with my life? How do I apply what I learn on Sunday to the other six days of the week? The Parallel is a class for young adults and for the parents of children in Kids' Kingdom that will help you connect those dots. Each Sunday, we'll introduce and explore the same theme that will be featured in worship, but with an emphasis on putting it into practice. This class will engage the Bible, theology, family life and current events. Taught by Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin. Sundays – September 12-December 19. 9:40-10:30am. "The Living Room" (Room 206). **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

FM.002 *Meeting the Challenges of Parenting a TWEEN*

The middle years are a challenge for both parents and tweens. Adults educate themselves for everything they do in life – business, sports, hobbies – why not spend some educational time for the most important job of parenting? Join us to explore some tools that will make your job of parenting tweens easier and better. Presenters will be Vivien Jennings, president of Rainy Day Books (serves as an on-going resource for family and parenting resources), and Roger Doeren, former Vice President of the Kansas Governors Commission on Education for Parenthood. Resources will be available for both preview and purchase. Tuesday - October 5. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132.

FM.003 *Being Married*

This course is held twice a week and is designed specifically for those preparing for marriage. During the five weeks we will focus on marriage expectations, communication and conflict, in-laws and out-laws, sex, money, and planning your wedding ceremony. Come meet other young couples who are on the way to making their vows. Learn how to build a secure foundation, avoid pitfalls and trust that God is at the center of your relationship. Taught by Rev. Meg Peery McLaughlin and Rev. Jarrett McLaughlin. Wednesdays – October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 232. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

Health/Wellness

HW.001 *Tai Chi*

This exercise class focuses on older adults. Tai chi is gentle physical exercise and stretching where you perform a series of postures or movements in a slow, graceful manner. It is non-competitive and self-paced. The goals of this class are to improve balance and health and to increase longevity. The only requirements are a positive attitude and a sense of humor! Students should wear loose, comfortable clothing. Taught by Adrian Mason. Mondays – September 13-December 27. 9:30-11:00am. Rooms 232/233. **THIS COURSE IS FREE, but donations are welcome and will be given to benefit the Village Church Emergency Assistance program.**

HW.002 *Heartsaver CPR/AED Class*

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

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

The course will teach the above skills as they apply to adults, children and infants. Upon completion of the class you will receive a Heartsaver AED certification card. Taught by Caryl Herman, certified CPR/AED instructor and Village Church member. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

Three separate sessions are available, and each will be held in Rooms 232 and 233. **PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:**

Saturday, September 18 - 9:00am-12:00pm; **OR**

Wednesday, October 20 - 1:00pm-4:00pm; **OR**

Thursday, November 18 - 9:00am-12:00pm

Life Skills

Where and How You Live: Choices, Decisions, and Planning Ahead

This series of classes focuses on the continuum of residential choices and decisions that many individuals, couples, and families face as we age. The range of topics can benefit older adults, relatives who are helping loved ones, family caregivers, or younger adults who wish to plan ahead.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR EACH CLASS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

LI.001 *The Journey from "Aging in Place" to Alternative Living:* *For You or a Loved One*

This is the first class in a new 6-part series. This class will cover the complicated factors that family members move through as they assess the changing needs, desires, and concerns relating to where and how an older person lives. Discussion will focus on decision making, how to have sensitive conversations with adult children, parents, a spouse, or a friend, the multitude of grief issues, and family dynamics that may surface when alternative living arrangements are explored. Taught by Therese Kearns McKechnie, LCSW, Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker. Wednesday, October 6, 1:30-3:00p.m., Rooms 132/133. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

LI.002 *Moving as an Older Adult: Rand McNally Doesn't Have a Map for This*

Moving to a new home or community represents a major life change at any age, but for those who are older, leaving behind a familiar setting and beloved neighborhood often involves far greater challenges. This class will focus on the particular challenges of relocation for those who no longer wish to maintain a home and yard and those with physical and/or cognitive problems. A range of situations will be covered including how moving can compound one's grief when working through the loss of a loved one. You will also learn strategies for finding resources, dividing the workload, keeping communication flowing, researching the 'best' location and how much information is "enough" to share with a loved one who has dementia and is moving to receive a higher level of care. This class is taught by Penny Shaffer, RN, BA, MA, Program Director for Health and Human Services at Johnson County Community College. Wednesday, October 13. 1:30-3:00pm. Rooms 132/133. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

LI.003 *The Choice to Stay Put*

Have you considered moving but have made the decision to stay put and continue living where you are, at least for now? While there are more choices in housing and retirement communities today than in the past, many older adults still want to stay in their own homes and never move. This class will explore what this decision means in terms of independence, level of social support, responsibilities in continuing to maintain a home or apartment, asking for help when you need it, and accessing community resources. There will also be an emphasis on ways to make your home more compatible with your changing needs, organizing, and preventing falls. Taught by Gayle Yelenik, Respite Care Coordinator. Wednesday, October 20. 1:30-3:00pm. Rooms 132/133. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

LI.004 *Stuff Accumulates: Managing and Downsizing Possessions*

Join us to learn how household possessions accumulate over time and why it is so difficult to part with them. Why keep so many things, and then, having gone to the trouble to keep things, how can one release them? Keeping or letting go, there is always work to do when possessions become connected to our sense of identity. This presentation will be based on a study of possession management and downsizing in later life, funded by the National Institutes of Health. The “Household Moves Project” study is being conducted at KU and also in Detroit. This class is taught by Dr. David Ekerdt, Director of Gerontology and Professor of Sociology, University of Kansas. A panel of Village Church members will also share their downsizing and moving experiences. Wednesday, October 20. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

LI.005 *Living Alone: Challenges, Tips, and Strategies*

Household demographics in the United States have shifted dramatically over the past few decades, with an increasing number of people now living alone. This may be a personal choice or it may not be by choice but rather due to the death or move of a loved one. What does this mean in terms of how and where you live, and is it different for men and women? This class will focus on health and wellness habits, the importance of connections and relationships, meaningful activities, adjustments, practical skills and problem solving, emergency preparation, personal safety, and security precautions. Taught by Gayle Yelenik, Respite Care Coordinator, and Adam Grace, Johnson County Med-Act. Wednesday, October 27, 1:30-3:00p.m., Rooms 132/133. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**

LI.006 *Moving as an Older Adult: Rand McNally Doesn't Have a Map for This*

Whether you are an older adult who is considering a move or you are a son or daughter who is helping a parent, this class will benefit you. Moving to a new home or community represents a major life change at any age, but for those who are older, leaving behind a familiar setting and beloved neighborhood often involves far greater challenges. This class will focus on the particular challenges of relocation for those who no longer wish to maintain a home and yard and those with physical and/or cognitive problems. A range of situations will be covered including how moving can compound one's grief when working through the loss of a loved one. You will also learn strategies for finding resources, dividing the workload, keeping communication flowing, researching the ‘best’ location and how much information is “enough” to share with a loved one who has dementia and is moving to receive a higher level of care. This class is taught by Penny Shaffer, RN, BA, MA, Program Director for Health and Human Services at Johnson County Community College. Wednesday, October 27. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132. **THIS COURSE IS FREE. IT IS IDENTICAL TO THE OCTOBER 13 DAYTIME CLASS.**

LI.007 *No Child Should Grieve Alone*

Whether it is the death of a pet or a parent or a grandparent, adults always have a difficult time talking with children about death. Through the resources of Solace House – A Center for Grieving Children and Their Families, this course will help equip adults to understand how to deal with this sensitive subject. Led by trained professionals and volunteers from Solace House (www.solacehouse.org). Wednesday, November 10. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132.

Literature

LT.001 *Great Books Discussion*

Are you interested in reading selections that stimulate your critical thinking? If you are, come share in reading and discussing many of the great authors and their ideas which support our western civilization. Books are ordered from The Great Books Foundation, and we will begin with Great Conversations 4. The Great Books Group will welcome you on the first Tuesday of each month. Facilitated by Betty Long. You may contact her at 913-859-0392 or e-mail btlong81@gmail.com for more information. Tuesdays – September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7. 2:00-3:30pm. Room 127.

LT.002 *Journeys with Chaucer*

Fourteenth Century English poet Thomas Occleve called his idol Geoffrey Chaucer, "the firste fyndere of our fair langage." This course will examine Chaucer (in modern English, of course) as the father of English literature. We will facilitate discussions about culture, religion, art, history, relationships, and everything else Chaucer has to offer, including the legacy of The Canterbury Tales. Please come to the first class having read (or reread) "The General Prologue" and "The Knight's Tale", which we will study during the first week of the course. The next five weeks, we will select other tales to read and discuss. We will use the Signet Classic versions of the text, which are very scholarly (i.e. inexpensive), though any annotated versions of the tales will work. Instructors: Kelly Fast and Steve Himes. Thursdays – September 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 14 & 21. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 232. **(NOTE: The class on September 16 will meet in Room 132.)**

Music

MU.001 *Organ Crawls*

Have you ever wondered how ordinary air, metal, wood and leather create the beautiful music of an organ? Dr. Elisa Bickers, Principal Organist of Village Church, will offer an organ crawl that will help answer these questions. This is not a classroom course. The class will "get up close and personal" with the chosen instruments around the Kansas City metropolitan area. It will be an opportunity to hear, see and "touch" these unique creations of master organ builders. Date, times and places will be shared after the class has been formed. Class size is limited. Questions? E-mail Dr. Bickers at elisa.bickers@villagepres.org. **There is no charge for this class.**

Social Issues

SI.001 *Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery*

UNICEF estimates that 1.2 million children WORLDWIDE are trafficked within and across borders according to an article in "HORIZONS: The Magazine for Presbyterian Women," March/April 2010. In the same issue, Cheryl Queen, Myers Park Presbyterian, North Carolina, writes of workers in Immokalee, Florida who each harvest 2,000 lbs. (one ton) of tomatoes a day for only \$10,000 a year, most of which goes to pay for basic room and board. It may be hard to imagine that slavery exists close to home, but the Kansas City Star reports that victims are all around us. The Midwest in particular seems to be an emerging hub. More alleged traffickers (36 in the past three years) have been prosecuted by Federal authorities in Western Missouri than anywhere in the nation. On September 15 join us to hear Kansas City Star investigative reporters Laura Bauer, Mike McGraw, and Mark Morris. The following Wednesday evening, September 22, learn from speakers Cynthia Cordes, Human Trafficking Coordinator and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the U. S. Department of Justice's U. S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Missouri, and FBI Special Agent James Deloatch, Civil Rights Special Agent for the Kansas City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Wednesdays – September 15 and 22. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 132. **THIS COURSE IS FREE.**