

Adventures in Learning Program Guide

General Session

**Mondays, January 23 to February 27, 2012
(10:00 to 11:00 a.m.)**

Arts and Culture



January 23: Alexis Gordon, program director for the Charlotte International Cabinet (CIC) will detail for us how the CIC promotes Charlotte as an international city and serves as a resource to foster international relationships, highlighting Charlotte's eight sister-city partnerships.

January 30: Actor's Theatre; a treasure in our midst. Founded in 1989, Actor's Theatre of Charlotte is the region's only professional theatre company dedicated to presenting plays for mature audiences. Charles Decker, artistic director and Robert Touchstone, director of marketing and development, will provide details past, present and future of the Actor's Theatre of Charlotte.



February 6: Xiaomie Hou, certified Chinese instructor at the Confucius Institute at Pfeiffer University, will provide insight about the Chinese New Year and the art associated with the festival. Learn about the art displayed in homes and the cultural significance.

February 13: Meg Freeman Whalen, director of public communications and external relations for the College of Arts and Architecture UNC Charlotte, will share with us "Violins from the Ashes". Explore some of the stories



February 20: Meg Freeman Whalen returns for "Forbidden Music," a look at the music of the Holocaust, from the banned orchestral music of Mendelssohn and Mahler and the jazz of Benny Goodman to the chamber music composed in the Theresienstadt Ghetto.

February 27: Vi Lyles with the "Charlotte 2012 Committee," which is planning the Democratic National Convention, will speak about the effects of the convention on Charlotte and the surrounding communities.



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January: AARP Tax Aide Program, Jan Felts, Shepherd's Center of Charlotte coordinator

February: Addiction and Depression in Seniors, Jonathan Kromer, psychotherapist, Senior Health Connection

March: Shepherd's Center Program Review—Cliff Shelkofsky, Adventures in Learning committee chair; Art Nelson, Handyman chair and computer instructor; Pam Lampel, Travel Committee coordinator

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Adventures in Learning General Info

Welcome! Adventures in Learning (AIL) is an intellectually stimulating experience in an atmosphere of friendship. If you are new to the program, we welcome you warmly and appreciate your interest.

How to Register

- Complete the registration form on page 7 and return it with your check to **The Shepherd's Center, 3115 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211** by Tuesday, January 17, 2011.
- Make checks payable to ***The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte.***
- After January 17, hand-deliver your registration and check to The Shepherd's Center (by January 20) or register on the first day of class (January 23).

Where to go for AIL

- **Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, 1117 South Blvd.**, directly behind the Dowd YMCA.
- After parking, look for the signs directing you to the Gathering Place, an entryway to the Fellowship Hall.

What to do

- Arrive at 9:30 a.m. to pick up your nametag and enjoy fellowship with others.
- The General Session begins at 10:00 a.m.

Notice

- Sometimes a class is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case, we invite you to visit another class for that particular day.
- In the event of cancellation of an entire day of classes due to weather conditions, we will attempt to make up that day on the Monday following the last regularly scheduled Monday, provided that space is available at Pritchard.
- **No refunds are available. Please note: If Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be NO ADVENTURES IN LEARNING CLASSES!**

Lunch Information

- Lunch is served in the Fellowship Hall, 12:20–1:20 p.m.
- Lunch tickets must be purchased in advance and are purchased:
- By pre-paying (see registration form on page 7);
- By paying weekly at the registration table for the upcoming Monday;
- Or by calling **The Shepherd's Center at 704.365.1995** by Wednesday at noon for the upcoming Monday. You may also bring your own lunch.

Adventures in Learning Registration Form

Winter 2012 Adventures in Learning Today's Date: _____ New to Program? _____ Phone: _____
 Name: _____ Congregation: _____
 Preferred name on nametag: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Registration Fees: \$35.00 in advance for all 6 weeks, or \$38.00 at the door: \$ _____
 Prepaid lunch: \$7.25 per week (\$43.50 for all 6 weeks or check specific dates) \$ _____
 1/23 1/30 2/6 2/13 2/20 2/27 \$ _____
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Courses Requested

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Your signature represents your understanding that The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte is not responsible for individuals who may become ill or injured while participating in classes or programs associated with Adventures in Learning.

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Morning Classes—11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Please indicate a first and second choice on the registration form

Charlotte-Mecklenburg History: 1940 to Present—This series will be presented through the eyes of the individual mayors of Charlotte and the key personalities that shaped the Queen City's heritage from 1940 to the present. Join us as Dr. Sasser leads us through the decades. **Instructor: James Sasser, retired CPCC history instructor**

Cold Reads— Dr. Gray returns to lead this impromptu acting class for those of us who long for the stage! For an hour you can live another life. Readers are assigned at random, no acting experience required. Find your inner creative spirit! **Instructor: George Gray, veteran actor, director and founder of Stage One**

Cooking with Deborah— Deborah returns to wow us with her kitchen skills! Memories are created in the kitchen and around the kitchen table—it's always more fun with food. Come and enjoy her tales, recipes and tasty treats. **Instructor: Deborah Rosser, co-owner of Capital Retirement & Rosser Ministries. Limit of 50 participants for this class**

Lesser Known Remarkable Women of the Bible—Katrina Miller will continue the journey exploring the women of the Bible and their gifts. Katrina will make you think, explore, research and participate! Come prepared for engaging conversation and learning. **Instructor: Minister Katrina Miller, Walking by Faith Community Church**

Line Dancing—If you think you can't dance it's time to learn and prove you can! This class is great for beginners as well as those who have a bit more dancing talent. Barbara will teach you the steps and turn you loose. No partner required but invite a friend or two. **Instructor: Barbara Kennedy, former performer with the Amity**

Yoga— Yoga exercises stretch and strengthen the entire body. Movement is coordinated with breath for meditative experience. Bring a **firm yoga mat** or a **thick blanket** to sit on. No perfume please. **Instructor: Mary Lou Buck, B.S. Physical Education, certified 500 hour professional level Kripalu Yoga teacher. Class is limited to 20 students.**

Afternoon Classes—1:20 to 2:20 p.m.

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Creative Writing— Want to write but not sure where to start? Experienced—but stuck, blocked? Mary Crews offers a variety of enjoyable, innovative ways to coax your memories, ideas and insights to the page, generating new expression in any form. This approach works for all levels. Enjoy a safe, supportive atmosphere for your creativity. **Bring an 8 1/2 x 11 spiral notebook, easy-writing pen (no pencils) to class. Class limit 12. This class will run an additional 25 minutes. Instructor: Mary Crews, A.B., English, Queens University, published writer of non-fiction and poetry**

Grief— An interactive course that will combine both information and exercises to deal with one's own experience of this universal emotion. Sandy McGeachy, now a retired pastor of 50 years and personal counselor, will lead us through this study. **Instructor: Sandy McGeachy, retired Presbyterian minister**

The Bible in English—Celebrating 400 years of the King James Version— One of the Hallmarks of the Reformation was the translation of the Bible into the vernacular. We'll explore the early translations into English leading up to the King James version, and look at the influence of that landmark down through the ages. **Instructor Dr. Luther Wade, professor emeritus of speech and theater, Southeastern University**

Watercolor— This class is ideal for those who want to continue to learn and build on the fundamental skills such as choosing your materials, prepping your workspace, understanding colors, hues, working with pigments, laying down your foundation with various washes and brush strokes, the difference between wet and dry painting as well as the different materials to lift and blot colors. Time to enjoy and create! **Instructor: Genny Platon Johnson**

The Iliad by Homer—Dr Reed will take us through the Iliad in six weeks! You may have read this long ago. It's time to refresh your memory and review this epic poem. Paperback copies will be available (15% discount) at Park Road Books—Penguin Classic version translated by Robert Sables. **Instructor: Dr. Charles Reed, professor of history and political science at Queens University**

Travel Talks—Cliff Shelkofsky is back with our travel program! Come and explore the world through the eyes of our guest speakers. We will motorcycle around the world; see Arizona in the fall; visit Normandy, France, Turkey; paddle boat on the Columbia River and as always there's a surprise week. **Cliff Shelkofsky coordinator and AIL committee coordinator**