

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING



Spring 2023 enrichment classes on Thursday mornings for four weeks

April 13 - May 4, 2023

at Peace Lutheran Church

1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

***Shepherd's Center is a perfect place to expand our friendships
as we connect with others in our community.***

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Shepherd's Center of South Brevard, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization.

Student tuitions and donations support our financial needs.

Curriculum each session depends on the availability of volunteer teachers.

Adult volunteers operate the program and teach or facilitate classes.

We always want to expand and offer fresh learning opportunities in our community.

We welcome volunteers who are able to share their knowledge about history, art, foreign languages, handicrafts, health topics, literature, philosophy, computers, financial planning, music, and so forth.

We also depend on participating congregations to educate their members about the opportunities we offer and, when possible, to host classes and board meetings.

Additional congregations are invited to participate.

Participating churches:

First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay

Joy Lutheran Church

Peace Lutheran Church

Riviera United Church of Christ

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Wesley United Methodist Church

Enrollment/Registration FORM

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING April 13 - May 4, 2023 Session

Name: _____
(Please Print) Last name First name (as you would like it to appear on your name tag)

Street address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email address: _____

Emergency contact (Name & phone no.): _____

By initialing here, _____, I consent to be filmed or photographed individually or as part of a group and I further consent to the publication of said photographs/film on the Shepherd's Center website and/or in publicity materials of Shepherd's Center of South Brevard.

Please enroll me in the following classes (place class number in the blank to the right of the class time):

Thursday 50-min classes: 9 a.m. _____ 10 a.m. _____ 11 a.m. _____

\$ _____ **Tuition: \$20.00** individual enrollment. This amount registers you for all the classes you take, whether you take one class or a class at each hour. Couples need to fill out two enrollment forms but may send a single check for \$40. For those needing financial assistance, scholarships are available. If you have registration or scholarship questions, contact Helga at 321-724-1365.

\$ _____ I would like to help keep tuition affordable for everyone. Therefore, I'm including this tax-deductible donation to the Shepherd's Center. (Gifts will be acknowledged.)

\$ _____ **TOTAL.** Make check payable to: **Shepherd's Center of South Brevard, Inc.**

Mail this page and your check for the TOTAL to:

Shepherd's Center of South Brevard Inc. 1801 Port Malabar Blvd. NE Palm Bay, FL 32905

Do not send to any other address.

Mailing two weeks before the first class should ensure it is received before the session begins.

Alternatively, you may register in person at Peace Lutheran Church on the first day of class (or the following week if you are unable to attend the first week). For on-site registration, be sure to arrive 20 minutes before your first class, so you'll be able to get to class on time and not disturb a class in progress.

*No refreshments will be offered at this session,
but you are welcome to bring your own coffee/tea/snack.*

Thursday enrichment classes, April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, 2023

Classes end at 10 minutes to the hour.

Please exit the room ASAP so the next class can set up and begin on time.

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

201: Potpourri. A variety of good topics.

April 13: **Medical Marijuana.** Monali Patel of Cannabis Space Coast will educate us about the benefits of medical marijuana. Included will be the history and science of medical marijuana, as well as product and dosing information.



April 20: **Aging Matters.** Alyson Elmasian will describe the in-home and community services available to qualifying seniors 60+ and their caregivers — case management, light homemaking, personal care, consumable medical supplies, emergency alert systems, delivered meals, and more. Essential information, whether you need it now or may need it in the future.



April 27: **Fire Safety for Seniors.** We all know some basic fire safety practices, but Jim Poulos, from the Palm Bay Fire Department, will give us valuable information to help seniors be safer. It's possible your home may need some safety modifications to accommodate vision, hearing, or mobility issues. Jim will provide information on programs that offer financial assistance. He'll have handy handouts, so you won't have to take notes.



May 4: **The Enduring Fountain Pen.** A few years ago Sandy Knox became enamored of fountain pens (remember those pens that appeared after dip pens and before ballpoint pens) and now has collected about 100 pens and about the same number of different inks. She uses them for travel journaling, drawing, and writing. Sandy says she'll be "penabling" us by providing each class participant with a pen, and a notebook in which to try different inks. This will be a fun experience.



10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

202: The U.S. Constitution. Rick Rakauskas will walk us through the Constitution, from Preamble to the final Amendment, highlighting the most important aspects of the "living" document known as the Constitution of the United States.



203: Crafting with Beads. Create special items with beads. Master crafter Minnie Vazquez will teach the class to make decorative chains to hold eyeglasses safely when you need to take them off; "ID" markers for wineglasses, custom keychain accessories — unique items you create for yourself or to give as gifts. Minnie will provide all materials. Class is limited to 10 students.



204: Mankind's New Best Friend? What are computers and where did they come from? And who do they think they are, trying to take over our lives? Are they really "labor saving conveniences"? These are a few of the questions that we'll take a rather light-hearted look at. We won't be learning programming or repairing computers, so leave your screwdrivers at home. Just bring curiosity about mankind's new best friend (and greatest frustration)!! Jim Collins is a retired scientist/engineer who enjoys explaining the world in which we find ourselves.



11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

205: The Gospels. Pastor Trexler will lead this closer look at Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These familiar books of the New Testament will take on even more meaning for us as we examine them together.



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11:00 – 11:50 a.m. *continued*

206: Russian History & Culture. We will examine the end of the Romanov dynasty, the ensuing revolution which took place as World War I raged, and the rise of communism and how it affected Russian culture. Participation in classes on the earlier history of Russia are not a prerequisite for this class, which stands on its own and provides a fascinating look at 20th century Russia. Mary Anne McMillen will facilitate.



207: German for Travelers. Helga Bromm will lead this class that is a refresher as well as a review course for travelers and for everyone interested in learning a new language. Returning students should bring their books or material previously provided. New students with a rudimentary knowledge of the German language are very welcome to join the class.



Your Shepherd's Center Curriculum Committee continues to plan upcoming sessions. If you have specific topics you hope to see offered (or repeated), please let us know. And of course if you're able to lead a class, we'd be pleased to find a space for you. Contact Linda Jump at RJUMP3@cfl.rr.com or call or text her at **321-482-4598**.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ◇ Our class gatherings will include social distancing, as well as masks for those not fully vaccinated (and boosted), and for the fully vaccinated who feel more comfortable wearing a mask while participating.
- ◇ Class brochures (including registration forms) are sent as an attachment to an e-mail message. To ensure that messages don't get bumped to your spam or junk mail, you may wish to add the following address to your e-mail address book: **shepctrosb@gmail.com**

If your e-mail address has changed or you are not sure that we have your address, send your correct e-mail address to **shepctrosb@gmail.com** [if you do not have e-mail, call 321-215-7928 to leave a message for Elaine with your mailing address; we will mail a brochure to you].

You may access registration forms and class descriptions for all future sessions on our website from your computer or your smart phone: **www.shepherdcenterofsb.org**

Directions to Peace Lutheran Church 1801 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Port Malabar Blvd. is approximately midway between Palm Bay Rd. (to the north) and Malabar Rd. (to the south). The church is located approx. 1½ miles east of Babcock, at the northeast corner of Port Malabar Blvd. and Clearmont Road. (There is a traffic light at that intersection.)

Entry to the church driveways is possible from either Port Malabar Blvd. or Clearmont Road.

REMINDER TO SELF I signed up for: **9:00**
[write in class number & name]
on Thursdays, **10:00**
April 13 - May 4, 2023. **11:00**