



## WESLEYAN *Wesleyan Academy for Lifelong Learning*



Dear WALL Members

As we continue to monitor the COVID-19 virus, WALL, with Wesleyan, has determined that we will not be able to complete the Spring semester as planned, but we are looking at alternatives to this dilemma.

At least two classes, *Slavery in Christianity* and *Social Media: Navigating Today's Information Landscape*, will be presented utilizing the platform ZOOM. This is an exciting new venture for WALL and a great opportunity to continue to share some of the classes with our members. The opportunity to be a part of the classes will also be made available to those members who did not initially register for those two classes. We are updating the class schedules to allow for more members to register.

These classes have already been rescheduled for Spring 2021: *Pleasant Hill*, *Cut It Out*, and the *Acrylic Paint Class*. The board is working to recruit instructors and revise course offerings for online instruction. If you have any problems, questions or suggestions, please email me at [stharpe69@gmail.com](mailto:stharpe69@gmail.com).

Another consequence of the COVID-19 virus is the cancellation of WALL's annual meeting and the election of new officers. The Board has voted to approve the following volunteers for the 2020 - 2021 term:

- President - Vince Coughlin
- President-Elect - Sloan Oliver
- Secretary - Garnett Lindsay
- Curriculum Chair - Sandy Tharpe
- Curriculum Chair-Elect - Ken Heller
- Finance Chair - Ken Heller
- Editor WALL Newsletter - Bill Hargrave.

As we travel this new journey together, we will be expanding our discussion to ensure that we bring to you, our valued members, the continuing education and experiences only WALL can offer. Stay tuned for more updates and please be safe.

Sandy Tharpe  
WALL President

**Our course offerings are reduced while we figure out how to deal with *Shelter in Place* during COVID 19. Two ZOOM courses are planned for April. Dates/Times are not firm at this point. Firm information will be disseminated as soon as it is available. ZOOM instruction will be offered soon - watch this space!**

### **COMING SOON ON ZOOM**

*Slavery in Christianity* - This course will be presented by Dr. Tyler Schwaller, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Chaplain at Wesleyan. It will examine the early Roman context of Christianity and the dynamics of slavery using the parables of Jesus and the writings of Paul. It will present slavery as seen in real life and as viewed metaphorically.

*Social Media: Navigating Today's Information Landscape* - This course will be presented by Amanda Wiggs, digital communications officer for Wesleyan. She will review the social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Linked In. Using real-world examples, it will explore censorship, privacy-settings, and new terms in the media.

### ***Great Decisions to Resume in October***

*Competition and Cooperation in the Red Sea Region*  
~ will present at **Wesleyan** on Wednesdays October 7, 14, 21 & 28 and November 4 & 11 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM - room number to be announced

~ will present at **Carlyle Place** on Fridays October 9, 16, 30 (NOT on October 23) and November 6, 13 & 20 in Activity Room A from 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Note: members currently registered for this course (including single-course and semester members) will be welcome to attend. No new members will be accepted.

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Dr. Mary Keating taught WALL members the wonder of *Porgy and Bess* tracing its development from newspaper article to opera.



Dr. Jan Lewis provided insight to why everybody enjoys shows by Andrew Lloyd Webber



Vince Coglin paid rapt attention in anticipation of his next culinary adventure.



Dr. Watson put a real face on the Odyssey. She actually trod the ground with archeologists.



Dr. Alhaj-Yaseen pondered a question on cryptocurrency



Madeline got some tips for starting a home brewery for Ed and the residents of Carlyle.