Adult Education, Fall 2023 (8-2-23)

Sessions start at 9 am in the Seminar Room

Sept 24 Sharenda Barlar, Spanish professor at Wheaton College. “Pilgrimage.”

Barlar describes her experience leading students on the Camino de Santiago. She speaks internationally on the idea of recreating pilgrimages.

Oct 1 Troy Medlin, Grace Associate Pastor. “Theological Influences”

Pastor Troy shares his theological influences with the congregation

Oct 8 Jill Baumgaertner, Wheaton College Dean Emeritus. “A Reading.”

Baumgaertner reads from two new books on poetry and faith: *From Shade to Shine: New Poems*and *Taking Root in the Heart: and 34 Poets from the Christian Century,* where she is editor.

Oct 15 Linda Street, Grace Refugee Director. “The Refugee Program at Grace”

An update on Grace’s support of refugees in Chicago, from our director.

Oct 22 Ted Anton, DePaul University Professor Emeritus, “Programmable Planet” Anton speaks on his new book, *Programmable Planet: The Synthetic Biology Revolution* (Columbia University Press, 2023). The ability to transform life in the lab is leading a way to sustainable foods, clothing, medicine and other crucial products, but what are its dangers in changing our relation to the natural worl

Oct 29 Michael Marissen, Swarthmore College Professor Emeritus, “The Relation of Scripture to Bach’s Music” The author of *Bach and God* explains how shows how Bach's pitches, rhythms, and tone colors can make contributions to a scriptural work's plausible meanings that go beyond the setting text

Nov. TBD

Jan. 2024 Homilist, Bach Cantata