### THE LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE OF LIVING BRANCHES



# Course Brochure

FALL SESSION

September to December 2025







Living U is the Living Branches lifelong learning institute. Recognizing the many benefits of lifelong learning, Living Branches established Living U to give older adults opportunities to broaden their knowledge and learn new things. The best part — no grades! Living U is for your pure learning enjoyment.

### **CURRICULUM COUNCIL**

Marvin Anders Maribeth Benner **Eileen Burks Rich Fiedler Richard Lichty** Carol Pratt Heather Scattergood Susan Shade Mary Ann Vettese **Phyllis Young** 

The Living U Curriculum Council consists of residents, future residents, and Living Branches team members. The purpose of the council is to assess interest in, organize, and promote lifelong learning opportunities that empower older adults to lead lives of inquiry, purpose, and joy.

### **GET IN TOUCH**

**Maribeth Benner** Living U Coordinator 215-368-4438 ext. 44204 Maribeth.Benner@ livingbranches.org

Brochure designed by **Emily Weber-Wood** 

### A Warm Welcome

Whether we like to learn actively with our hands and feet, through discussion with others, or through quietly listening and reading, we can joyfully discover new interests throughout our lives. Living U offers older adults opportunities to come together for classes and experiences that can inspire, enrich, and encourage. I am pleased this fall semester includes a wide array of engaging and helpful topics, including two free Active Aging Week classes. I invite you to take some time to browse through these courses and trip selections, and I hope many will appeal to you. Welcome to Living U!

### **Maribeth Benner**

Living U Coordinator

### Join Us for the Fall Session Kickoff

You are invited to attend a kickoff presentation on Wednesday, July 16, from 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. in Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods.

Living U coordinator Maribeth Benner will moderate as many of our instructors briefly introduce their courses. In-person class registration will take place immediately following the presentation. When you arrive for the kickoff, you will be offered a number to indicate your place in line for in-person registration. Light refreshments will be served.

Shuttle service will be provided from the other campuses. Please call or email Maribeth Benner to schedule a ride.

## **HOW TO ENROLL** IN LIVING U COURSES

From July 16-29, students may enroll in Living U courses:

- In person on Wednesday, July 16 at 2:15 p.m., immediately following the kickoff at Dock Woods. You can also bring your course checklist (pages 14-15) to one of the in-person registration times listed below.
- Online through the Living U link on the resident portal or at livingbranches.org/livingu starting at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16.
- Over the phone by calling Maribeth Benner directly starting Monday, July 21.

### SOUDERTON MENNONITE HOMES LOBBY

- Thursday, July 17, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 22, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 29, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### **Cost and Payment**

Living Branches residents may pay with a credit card or their Living Branches account. Dock Manor residents and all other students may pay by credit card. Registration costs are non-refundable.

Registration costs:

- 1-5 courses: \$30.00
- 6-10 courses: \$50.00
- 11 or more courses: \$75.00
- Active Aging Week classes are free

Some classes have extra costs listed in the course descriptions. Unless the class has an extra fee, Personal Care residents can attend free of charge by contacting your life enrichment coordinator or Maribeth Benner.

Register starting July 16 at 3:00 p.m. at livingbranches.org/livingu

**QUESTIONS?** We're here to help!

**EMAIL** Maribeth.Benner@ livingbranches.org

> CALL 215-368-4438 ext. 44204

### HEARTHSIDE BISTRO AT DOCK WOODS

- Wednesday, July 16, 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, July 17, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 22, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 23, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### **Transportation and Arrival**

When registering, Living Branches residents may sign up for shuttle service across our campuses. If you use the shuttle, a team member from Dock Woods will call the day before class to confirm your pickup time and location. Call 215-368-4438 if you need to change your plans. Doors open 30 minutes before class.

### **The Learning Environment**

Living U provides occasions for teachers and students to learn from each other's stories, knowledge, and perspectives. Course content and discussion are offered for discovery, enrichment, and educational purposes and do not necessarily represent Living U or Living Branches.



### F2501 Presidential Children WITH DAVID HUDIAK

Thursdays, September 4 (Part 1), September 11 (Part 2), and September 18 (Part 3) 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods

### This course is part of a collaboration with Widener University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and there is an extra cost of \$25.00.

Meet the children of our chief executives, from Washington to Trump. Some offspring enjoyed the spotlight, some wilted under the pressure, but almost all of them led interesting lives.

**David Hudiak** is a retired attorney who has shared his love of American history with students at Living Branches for the past several years. He is a faculty member of Widener University's Osher Lifelong Learning Program and has over 40 years of teaching experience. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Haverford College and a juris doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. F2502 Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony: Masterworks and Beyond WITH JANE NECHIN, JAMES DAY, EMILY GUGLIELMI, NANCY FRANCHETTI, AND BETH VILSMEIER

Tuesday, September 9 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Derstine Chapel at Dock Woods

Members of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Sympthony Orchestra will present an overview of the 2025-26 Masterworks and Chamber concert series through PowerPoint presentations, discussion, and live music. Each class member will receive a free ticket to one concert of their choice.

Jane Nechin (principal flute for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony Orchestra) graduated from West Chester University and teaches music in the Abington School District, where she has received commendations from the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association for excellence in music education. She is also principal flute with Orchestra Society of Philadelphia and directs the Chancel choir and Herald Ringers at Sanctuary Church in North Wales. Along with Jane, musicians James Day (past principal viola), Emily Guglielmi (principal second violin), Nancy Franchetti (past associate principal cello), and Beth Vilsmeier (principal clarinet) will perform for us.



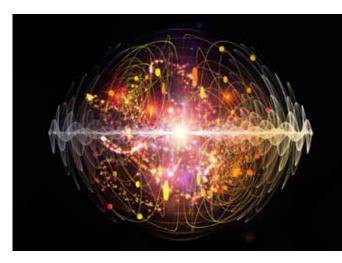
### F2503 The Wacky World of Quantum Mechanics

WITH JEREMY CARLO, Ph.D.

Monday, September 15 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Over the past century, astrophysicists and cosmologists have studied the universe's structure at the largest scales, while condensed matter and particle physicists studied at atomic and subatomic levels. At these very small scales, physicists have discovered a wild world of chance and probability in the realm of quantum mechanics, where even the definition of reality requires careful thought. What is the uncertainty principle? How is light both a particle and a wave? How can an electron be in two places at once? What's the deal with Schrödinger's Cat? Does God, despite Einstein's objection, indeed play dice with the universe? We'll explore the ideas that underpin the sciences of atomic, nuclear, and solid-state physics that make possible computers and electronic devices.

Jeremy Carlo, Ph.D., is an associate professor of physics at Villanova University. He earned his undergraduate degrees in physics and mathematics at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. in physics at Columbia University. His research involves "quantum materials" in which quantum mechanical interactions determine their magnetic and electronic behavior.





### F2504 Dulcimers and Other Folk Instruments: Their Stories and Music

WITH THE QUADAS DULCIMER CLUB

### Monday, September 22 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

The Quadas Dulcimer Club will play a selection of Celtic and folk music. After each tune, a member will briefly describe one of the instruments, its unique features, and history. The instruments we expect to cover include hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, courting dulcimer, psaltery, autoharp, bodhran, limber jack, and tin whistle.

**Quadas** formed in 2010, the second dulcimer club in southeastern Pennsylvania and the first to feature the hammered dulcimer. Primarily an informal club of self-taught Celtic music lovers that get together twice each month, they have played concerts in Montgomery and Bucks Counties and beyond. Dock Woods residents Obie and Bobbie Ralphs are members.

### F2505 **The Journey** WITH JUDGE HAKIM K. JONES SR.

Friday, September 26 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Judge Hakim Jones will share his personal journey to the bench and how a life of public service has given him much to be thankful for.

Judge Hakim Jones is a Montgomery County and Norristown native who currently serves as one of Montgomery County's 29 Magisterial District Judges and formerly served as a Norristown Councilman. Jones is a proud graduate of the Norristown Area School District and holds a bachelor's degree in public relations journalism with a second concentration in French studies from West Virginia University. *Prior to becoming a judge, Jones successfully* completed the Minor Judiciary Education Board



### F2506 **Inspiring the Next Generation for** Work

WITH KYLE LONGACRE

Wednesday, October 1 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods** 



certification course in Harrisburg and received more than 80 percent of the community's vote in 2023. Jones has just completed his first year on the bench and looks forward to many more. Jones is a proud husband, father of two, and community supporter who enjoys paying it forward.

Workforce and economic development are grounded in helping job seekers find jobs and job employers find talented and motivated workers. At the core of this equation is our youth and young adults trying to find their calling and hopefully attaining a family-sustaining wage in today's economy.

In this session, we will discuss ways our community can inspire young people to work while also brainstorming ways that businesses and non-profits can create work-based learning opportunities for young people.

*Kyle Longacre* is an education and workforce development leader with 30 years of teaching and administrative experience in high schools, intermediate units, and community colleges. Kyle created the MontcoWorks NOW youth workforce program for Montgomery County and served on the Montgomery County Workforce board for over a decade while chairing the youth workforce committee. Kyle lives with his wife, Maggie, and their two children on their farm in Harleysville.



F2507 **Redefining Groundcovers with Shade Loving Natives** WITH PAMELA HERCEG

Thursday, October 2 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

This course is limited to 50 students.

F2508 **Chocolate and Your Health** WITH JILLIAN PHILLIPS AND DANIELLE KRONMULLER-HARVEY

Friday, October 3 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

This course is limited to 50 students and has an extra cost of \$5.00 for supplies. Students who took this class in the spring are asked to not take it again so that others may participate in the fall class.

Who knew – chocolate can be good for you! This course will explore the health benefits of chocolate and share how it can positively impact your health. Samples will be provided!

Think about groundcovers in a new way! This class describes the process of creating layered and diverse native perennial and shrub combinations and the wildlife they support. Not only will they support a healthy landscape, but they will attract birds, butterflies, and beneficial insects.

**Pamela Herceg** has served as a Montgomery County Master Gardener for the past 14 years. She trained in ornamental horticulture and landscape design at Longwood Gardens and Morris Arboretum. She has been designing and planting with natives for 25 years.



Jillian Phillips received her master's degree in community nutrition this spring from West Chester University. Dr. Danielle Kronmuller is an assistant professor at West Chester University. She received her Doctor of Health Science from A.T. Still University in 2020, and her Master of Arts in nutrition education and counseling from Immaculata University in 2013.

# **ACTIVE AGING WEEK**

These classes are free to attend as part of Active Aging Week, an educational celebration founded by the International Council on Active Aging, from October 6-12.

### F2509 Benefits of Tai Chi and Yoga for Seniors WITH CHRISTINA M. COOK, MARK

CASHATT, AND LINDA SCOTT

Tuesday, October 7 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods

### This Active Aging Week course is free to attend.

Tai chi and yoga offer significant benefits for seniors by improving flexibility and strength, which in turn reduces the risk of falls. Gentle movements and mindful breathing techniques make them ideal exercises for adults of all fitness levels. We will discuss the basics of tai chi and how the movements contribute to a healthy body and mind.

*Christina Cook*, fitness coordinator at Dock Woods, is a geriatric fitness specialist with a special interest in cancer survivorship and neurological disorders. She believes that no matter where you are in your life journey, health and wellness can play a major role in keeping your mind, body, and spirit at its best. *Mark Cashatt* of Happy Thought Tai Chi is a master trainer in his field. Linda Scott is a 25-year veteran of AEA/ATRI.

### F2510 Nothing We Eat Is Natural: The Genetics of Food WITH SCOTT POETHIG, Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 8 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

### This Active Aging Week course is free to attend.

The animals and plants we eat usually bear only a passing resemblance to their ancestors. Ever since humans became farmers 10,000 year ago, we have been consciously and unconsciously modifying the organisms we eat. This class will explore the many ways that both farmers and scientists have created the ingredients of everything you find in a supermarket.

**Scott Poethig, Ph.D.**, is the John H. and Margaret B. Fassitt Professor of Biology at the University of Pennsylvania. His laboratory has studied many aspects of plant development, but his primary interest is the mechanism of the juvenile-to-adult transition. Dr. Poethig obtained his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1981, received post-doctoral training at Stanford University and at the University of Missouri, and joined Penn's department of biology in 1983.



### F2511 Listening, Supporting, and Grief WITH REV. SUE CONRAD HOWES

Tuesday, October 14 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

We all experience loss and grief, but not all of us have experience helping others through it. This class will discuss ways we can all better support each other and ourselves as we face loss. Topics will include ways to offer support, things to say (and not to say), and spiritual and practical considerations when loss happens.

**Rev. Sue Conrad Howes** is the staff chaplain at St. Luke's Penn Foundation. She is a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is ordained in Mennonite Church USA. She earned a master's degree in speech communication at Penn State and is a graduate of Goshen College. She grew up in Perkasie but has spent most of her adult life living in Indiana and Lancaster. Five years ago, she returned to Bucks County with her husband, Michael, who is the pastor of West Swamp Mennonite Church, where Sue is a member.

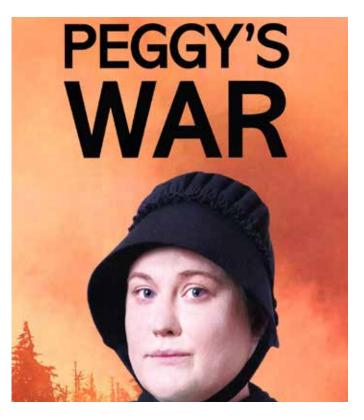
### F2512 Refusing to Fight? Non-Resistant Mennonites in the Civil War

WITH KARL RHODES

Tuesday, October 21 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Most Virginia Mennonites refused to fight in the Civil War, and many worked with the Dunkers (Brethren) to create an underground railroad to transport their young men to the North. Peggy Rhodes ran a busy depot on this underground railroad. She concealed five or six men at a time in a secret cellar under her bedroom floor while taking care of her five children, her dying husband, and the family's farm.

*Karl Rhodes* has been a writer, editor, and researcher for more than 40 years. Most recently he worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond as a senior managing editor. Since retiring he has focused on being a great-greatgrandson of Margaret "Peggy" Rhodes, the protagonist of his fact-based Civil War novel, Peggy's War.



### F2513 Field Trip to Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Wednesday, October 22 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (plus travel time) Ivy Hill Equestrian Center in Perkasie

This course is limited to 20 students and has an extra cost of \$31.00, which includes the ground session and shuttle service from any of our campuses. Ivy Hill's barn is fully handicapped accessible.

Join us for a trip to the Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center where we will enjoy a ground session (no horse rides). We'll meet the horses and learn how they are cared for, participate in a grooming session in which we will learn how to brush a horse, and a horse artwork activity in which one of the horses will paint a picture for us to take home.



### F2514 Who Cares for the Children? Refugee Children in War-Torn France

WITH NANCY R. HEISEY, Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 29 (Part 1) and Thursday, October 30 (Part 2) 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes



**Ivy Hill** provides equine-assisted services to all individuals in an inclusive and accessible environment designed to promote independence and confidence. Regina and Lee Greaser of Telford started Ivy Hill's therapy riding program for their autistic foster son, Michael, when conventional therapies failed to help him successfully interact or communicate at home or in school.

Aid groups often use pictures of children when they seek support to respond to the ravages of armed conflict, natural disaster, immigration crises, or epidemics.

These presentations will focus on a small village in southern France, where Jewish and Spanish refugee children were sheltered during and after WWII. We'll learn about the fascinating and very different people who joined in efforts to care for the children. Included are profiles of two Mennonite Central Committee workers: Lois Gunden (later Clemens) and Elsie Bechtel.

*Nancy Heisey, Ph.D.* studied at Messiah College for her undergraduate degree and during that time spent a year in France. That experience made France and the French language of lifelong importance to her academic and churchrelated work. She taught for 25 years at Eastern Mennonite University, and during that time she and her sister, M.J. Heisey, published a book based on the diaries of post-WWII MCC worker Elsie Bechtel. Nancy maintains contact with francophone friends in France and Africa. F2515

Who Is My Neighbor: A Snapshot of the Changing Demographics of Montgomery County in 2025 WITH STEPHEN J. CARP, Ph.D.

Monday, November 3 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods

In the last century Montgomery County has evolved from an ethnically homogenous farming community to a multiethnic, multi-

### F2516

Lebanon: People, Economy, Religion, History WITH SUZI BERRY

Thursday, November 6 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Explore the geography and demographics of contemporary Lebanon and step back in time for a look at ancient Lebanon, the Phoenicians, the Lebanese Civil War and its aftermath, and other important historical and social movements.

With over 35 years of experience, travel has fulfilled **Suzi Berry** in her career and personal life. She emigrated from Beirut, Lebanon, in 1992 and began working for Travel Haus in 1993. In 2005, she proudly became the owner of Travel Haus, continuing its tradition of exceptional service. As a bilingual professional fluent in both English and Arabic, she brings a unique ability to connect with clients and offer tailored travel experiences that resonate with their cultural and personal interests.

religion suburban community with diverse employment ranging from high-tech to family farms. This class will reintroduce you to your Montgomery County neighbors and explore the socioeconomic, immigration, and social determinants facilitating these changes.

**Stephen Carp, Ph.D., PT, GCS** is a professor of physical therapy at DeSales University and an acute care practitioner in a Philadelphia hospital. He is a board-certified geriatric specialist whose research interests include non-government support of the poor, immigration medicine, and implicit bias and clinical decision making.



### F2517 Deepening Meaning and Purpose After Retirement

WITH ELLA ROUSH

Wednesday, November 12 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

### This class is limited to 25 students.

For many of us, our sense of identity hinges on what we do (or did) for a living. Nearing or after retirement, it's common to wonder, "Who am I now?" This session will guide you on an adventure of self-exploration to help you rediscover submerged talents, passions, and missions.

*Ella Roush* is a long-time member of the board of Generations of Indian Valley. She serves on the grant review committee for the North Penn VNA Foundation and has served in senior leadership for communication and strategic planning in the for-profit and nonprofit sectors, continuing to accept work in these fields.

### F2519 William Penn and the Founding of Pennsylvania WITH DOUGLAS A. MILLER

Wednesday, November 19 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods

William Penn took his vision for a better world and tried to put it into action with the creation of his own proprietary colony. Within 20 years of its founding, colonial Pennsylvania had become the fastest growing of the colonies. In this class, explore William Penn and his journey to make his colony "the seed of a nation."

**Douglas A. Miller** has been a director of museums in Pennsylvania for over 35 years. He formerly led

### F2518 The Mighty Atom and Slim the Hammer Man WITH LARRY COHEN

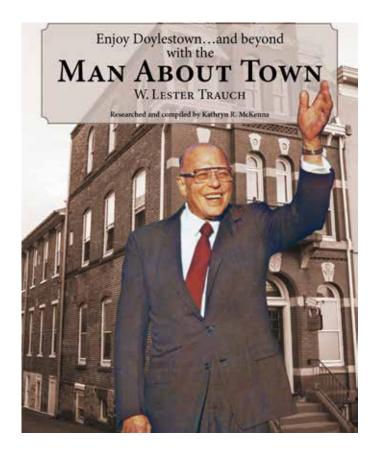
Thursday, November 13 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. Fisher Auditorium at Dock Woods

Discover the remarkable friendship and local connections of the world's strongest men: "The Mighty Atom" (born Joseph Greenstein) and Larry "Slim" Farman, who grew up in Norristown and later moved to the Pottstown area.

Born and raised in Pottstown, **Larry Cohen** served in the U.S. Foreign Service in the Department of State from 1980 to 2016. His overseas assignments included Mexico, Honduras, India, Hungary, Nigeria, Brazil, and Afghanistan. Among his teaching and training activities, he created the Foreign Service Institute's training program for Afghanistan familiarization and pre-deployment. Among other activities, Larry currently serves on the boards of the World Affairs Council of Greater Reading and the Pottstown Historical Society.



Curtin Village (Center County), Hope Lodge and Graeme Park (Montgomery County), Washington Crossing Historic Park (Bucks County), and Brandywine Battlefield (Delaware and Chester Counties). He is currently the museum director of William Penn's home, Pennsbury Manor (pictured above), in lower Bucks County.



### F2520 Man About Town WITH KATHRYN RICHEY McKENNA

Thursday, November 20 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Summit View Auditorium at Souderton Mennonite Homes

Doylestown's W. Lester Trauch, newsman at The Intelligencer for 51 years, wrote the "Man About Town" column for 26 of those years. Kathryn McKenna worked with the Doylestown Historical Society to weave together some of the best of his columns into a book, *Man About Town – W. Lester Trauch*. This class will explore his fascinating takes on landmarks, celebrities, little-known people, places, events, and many offbeat topics.

Kathryn McKenna is retired from her career as a teacher and educational consultant. She holds a certificate in historic preservation from Bucks County Community College and has written three other books of local interest: The Mercer Museum A to Z, Stories Behind Peace Valley, and A Treasured Legacy: Stories of the James-Lorah Memorial Home.



### F2521 Music of the Christmas Season: 2025 Edition

WITH JIM SMITH

Wednesdays, December 3 (Part 1) and December 10 (Part 2) 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Derstine Chapel at Dock Woods

Once again we will be listening to some beautiful Christmas music to help you kick off this festive time of year. In the first session we will focus on secular music, and the second session will feature grand and glorious sacred music and Christmas carols. Come join us for this annual class that will lift your spirits this holiday season!

*Jim Smith* earned a degree in music education from Commonwealth University-Mansfield. A retired elementary vocal music teacher, he is an organist at Sanctuary United Methodist Church in North Wales. Jim and his wife, Sue, live at Dock Woods.

### **FALL 2025**

Prefer to register in person? Bring this completed checklist to one of the registration sessions on page 3.

**COURSE CHECKLIST** 

Shuttle? Course Title

Please be prepared to provide payment and contact information (including your phone number).

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		F2502 Southeastern Pennsylvania Symphony: Masterworks and Beyond	Tuesday, September 9 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Derstine Chapel Dock Woods	
		F2503 The Wacky World of Quantum Mechanics	Monday, September 15 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes	
		F2504 Dulcimers and Other Folk Instruments: Their Stories and Music	Monday, September 22 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes	
		F2505 The Journey	Friday, September 26 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes	
		F2506 Inspiring the Next Generation to Work	Wednesday, October 1 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Fisher Auditorium Dock Woods	
		F2507 Redefining Groundcovers with Shade Loving Natives	Thursday, October 2 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes	
		F2508 Chocolate and Your Health	Friday, October 3 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes	
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Wednesday, October 29 Thursday, October 30 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes
Monday, November 3 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Fisher Auditorium Dock Woods
Thursday, November 6 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes
Wednesday, November 12 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes
Thursday, November 13 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.	Fisher Auditorium Dock Woods
Wednesday, November 19 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Fisher Auditorium Dock Woods
Thursday, November 20 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.	Summit View Auditorium Souderton Mennonite Homes
Wednesdays, December 3 and 10 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.	Derstine Chapel Dock Woods



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Living Branches is a not-for-profit system of retirement living and affordable housing communities dedicated to providing quality, life-enriching services on three campuses in southeastern Pennsylvania. As residents of life plan communities, residents have access to a wide variety of services and amenities on our vibrant, inclusive campuses.

Souderton Mennonite Homes and Dock Woods offer Residential Living, Personal Care, and Health Care, as well as Serenata Memory Care. The Willows of Living Branches provides Personal Care, and residents have access to Health Care within the Living Branches system. Living Branches also offers affordable housing for older adults and families who qualify for HUD housing rental assistance at Dock Woods.

For more information visit our website at *livingbranches.org/care-services/ residential-living*