



Off The Pews Newsletter Spring 2021



The Winter 2021 Program Is in Progress

The winter program started with an orientation on Saturday, February 13th. It was an opportunity for everyone to meet each other, find out what would be happening during class, what was expected of the participants, and just say hello.

On February 20th, artist and instructor Chloe Anne Kelly began her five Saturday morning sessions guiding the participants through a series of collage projects with different themes.

Participants were provided with a kit of materials to help with the collaging projects, but had to find materials to work with beyond what was provided, and of course, they had to bring their creativity to each project. The video above gives a small glimpse into what some of the participants have shared.

The last three class sessions will be devoted to ShopTalk taking place in-person (limited participation) and virtually. Those sessions will be led by Donnell Williams from Sunshine Gospel Ministries with the assistance of a few mentors to start and facilitate the conversations.

The program will culminate in a Final Wrap-Up Celebration on April 10th. We hope to have more to share in the summer newsletter, and please visit our blog to see additional pictures from the classes to date.

Planning just got under way for the Summer Program!

—Nan Mellem, Programming Committee and OTP Web Administrator

African American Women Leading the Vaccine Movement

Read more about (clockwise from the right) Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Loney Clinton Gordon, and Sandra Lindsay on the Off The Pews blog.

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National Women's Month

Emily Howland (1827–1929)—A National Women's Hall of Fame Inductee for 2021

Known for her activism and interest in education equality, women's rights, and the temperance movement, Emily Howland was a formidable woman. Born in 1827 to a family of the Society of Friends in Sherwood, NY, Howland's valuing of human equality was encouraged by her father, Slocum, an Underground Railroad stationmaster. Throughout her life, Howland practiced the teachings of the Quaker community and continued to actively fight for equality...

—Joyce Butts, Contributor

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Woodson Regional Library is partnering with SHARE Network of the University of Biological Sciences by providing resources for older adults on the South Side. This support group is open for individuals who service as caregivers for individuals with dementia.

The group will meet from 3-5 pm on these dates: May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17. Preregistration is required.

[Go to chipublib.org Events Page to Register](#)

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