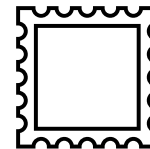


OASIS

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Welcome Students!

OASIS is a non-denominational educational enrichment program for adults aged 50 and older, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church of Union County in Blairsville GA.

Classes are held in the Fall, Winter, and Spring for eight weeks, and always on Thursdays. Some workshops are held on select Saturdays.

This Fall marked the beginning of the 25th year of OASIS here in Blairsville! If you are taking classes for the first time, we hope you find something in this list of classes that interests you enough to join us. **Many of the classes fill up quickly, so be prompt with your online application.**

We look forward to serving you. Alan Zimmerman, Director,
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Welcome to the OASIS 2024 Winter Session

Please read for info regarding online registration and administrative details.

We have moved the registration process to an online platform in Constant Contact. Please join me in welcoming Janice Walters as our registrar. She is available at oasis30512@gmail.com

Class dates for the Winter 2024 session are: Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 15, 22, 29, and Mar 7. We will not be meeting on Feb 8. Registration opened on December 6th and will run through and close at midnight on Jan 7 so class rosters and attendance sheets may be developed. Registration will reopen onsite at FUMC on Jan 11.

Classes are held at First United Methodist Church of Union County located on Hwy 515 across from Meeks Park, adjacent to North Georgia Technical College. There is plenty of parking available.

The catalog shows class #, name, instructor name and telephone, class limit, and room number. "M" classrooms are in the MAC accessible from street level or elevator. "O" classrooms are on the main floor in the original building. "L" classes are in the lower level of the original building, accessible by stairs or lower-level parking.

Registration Fee is \$ 25.00 per person, per session, even if you take more than one class or workshop. If you are **absolutely unable** to register online, that is if you are without a computer or email address, please call Janice at 706-897-3378 to discuss registration options.

Lunch is offered for those who choose and is always a highlight. The charge for each lunch is \$ 5.00 and the opportunity to reserve your lunch for opening day is provided. So that you know what to expect, the complete session lunch menu is provided at the end of this class listing. Bon Appetit!

Class limits have been pre-set in the online Course Catalog order form and the number of available slots remaining for each class is tracked and appears next to the course name. If are unable to register for a class because you see a zero quantity next to the Course Offering name, the class is already filled. Conversely, if you successfully complete your registration, you will immediately know, via confirmation email, that you are accepted into a class. No longer will you have to wait for a phone call regarding your acceptance into any particular class.

For those of you who are concerned about your personal and financial data, please rest assured that none of your credit/debit card information will be saved locally. The secure payment gateway is the only place that your information will be used, and you are in control of the data input. The rest of your contact information will be held in a Constant Contact OASIS database, and under no circumstances will your information be shared or sold without your express permission.

FREE OR FEE? For your convenience, and for the convenience of some instructors so that they have all of their supply funds before the class starts, we have included supply fees in the registration process. Other classes, because of the variability of the projects offered, have various fees, and are charged on the first day of class. You will see in each explanation if the charge is pre-paid or due on the first day of class. If you see **FREE** next to a class, it does not mean that the 8-week session is free, it merely indicates that either there is no additional supply fee for this class, or that there may be a fee due and payable on the first day of class.

In the event of inclement weather, it is possible that the church will close, and OASIS classes will be cancelled. Generally speaking, if Union County Schools close, so does the church. We will try to notify you by Constant Contact Email if classes are cancelled. You may also check the local TV channel for information or tap into the [Union County Schools Facebook page](#).

All of this information will also reside on the First United Methodist Church of Blairsville website, so you have perpetual access to the information. Visit www.firstmethodistblairsville.com/oasis.

Step by Step Instructions for registering online.

1. Follow the link to the online platform for registration.
2. You are known in the OASIS online registration database **by your email address**; it is each individual's unique identifying factor; hence each OASIS participant must register separately. If you have a shared email address such as with your spouse, please contact the registrar Janice at 706-897-3378.
3. Fill in all of the required blocks on the form. Accuracy is the key in case we need to contact you for any reason regarding classes or fees – or to communicate future OASIS session information. We will also use your email address to try to contact you in the case of OASIS cancellation for inclement weather.
 - a. First Name, Last Name
 - b. Email address, Confirm email address
 - c. Street Address, City, State, Zip
 - d. Cell Phone
 - e. Alternate Phone such as home phone/landline
 - f. Promo Code – If you are an instructor, assistant instructor, or volunteer, you should have received a promo code in your invitation to register. Enter the code and **REMEMBER TO CLICK APPLY**
 - g. Will you require a name badge? If you are new to the program, or have lost your badge and need a replacement, please answer “YES” and one will be provided to you at no charge.
 - h. You have now come to the class offerings section. The first item is whether you want to have lunch on the first day, **which must be prepaid** in order for you to join for lunch.
 - i. If you want lunch, please enter a “1” in the Qty block.
 - i. Continue down through the course selections by entering a “1” in the block next to the class/classes you wish to take, making sure that you do not register for classes that are held at the same time.
 - j. At the end of the Class Offerings Section, you will see a check box to elect to receive any further emails regarding OASIS future class sessions. Click this block to stay in the loop.
 - k. Click the **CONTINUE** block at the bottom of the page to be taken to the payment screen.
 - l. You are now at the payment section of the registration and **there are three avenues to pay** for your purchase. Sometimes people do not remember if they have a PayPal account or not. When you get to the payment screen and enter your email address, if PayPal recognizes the email address, PayPal will ask you for your password to continue.
 - i. **If you have a PayPal account**, you may log in and finish the transaction through PayPal.
 - ii. **If you have a PayPal account but wish to pay with a debit/credit card**, log in to your PayPal account, and use the “add debit credit card” function and finish the transaction through PayPal.
 - iii. **If you do not have a PayPal account**, please select the option to “Pay with Debit or Credit Card”. Charges should appear on your statement as **OASIS Event Processing**
 - iv. Enter the email address of the primary registrant and click continue to
 1. Enter your mobile phone number
 2. Enter your credit card number (Visa, MCard, AMEX, Discover)
 3. Enter expiration date
 4. Enter the CVV 3- or 4-digit security code.
 5. Complete the billing address of the card.
 6. Under the ZIP Code block you will have the option to create a PayPal account. If you do not wish to do so, uncheck the box, and click “Continue as Guest” to finish the credit card processing.

OASIS 2024 WINTER SESSION CLASSES

Morning Classes 45 Minutes

Please sign up only for the line dance class that corresponds to your skill level so that everyone in the class may benefit from the same level of instruction.

101 – LINE DANCE 8:30 – 9:15 Rita Gallau 561-635-9090 Limit 75 GYM
THIS CLASS IS FOR LOW BEGINNERS ONLY WHO ARE NEW TO LINE DANCING. Learn the basic steps and easy dances. This is a preparatory class for 101B.

101A – LINE DANCE 9:15 – 10:00 Rita Gallau 561-635-9090 Limit 75 GYM
THIS CLASS IS FOR LOW BEGINNERS ONLY WHO ARE NEW TO LINE DANCING. Learn the basic steps and easy dances. This is a preparatory class for 101B.

101B – LINE DANCE 10:00 – 10:45 Rita Gallau 561-635-9090 Limit 75 GYM
THIS CLASS IS FOR HIGH BEGINNERS WHO HAVE TAKEN 101A AND MASTERED THE BASIC STEP PATTERNS. Dances are a step up in difficulty and the class prepares you for the intermediate class.

101C – LINE DANCE 10:45 – 11:30 Rita Gallau 561-635-9090 Limit 75 GYM
THIS IS AN INTERMEDIATE CLASS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKE 101 or 101A AND 101B OR WHO HAVE HAD SUBSTANTIAL DANCE EXPERIENCE. Learn more advanced dances at a faster pace than 101, A & B.

116 – CHAIR YOGA 8:30 – 9:15 Roger Mayer 423-322-3345 Limit 25 M-0
Gentle, Easy to Follow, Effective chair yoga designed for the needs of older adults. Movements improve muscular strength and flexibility, keep joints healthy, increase range of motion, and help develop a stronger sense of balance all done while seated in or standing beside a chair.

Morning Classes 1 HOUR

102 – BLUEGRASS BANJO I 8:30 – 9:30 Ken Sampson 706-994-7100 Limit 6
This is a BEGINNER class. Learn banjo tuning, basic rolls, and chords. Play simple bluegrass tunes together in a group. Class requirements: 5 string banjo, picks, music stand and tuner.

103 – BLUEGRASS BANJO II 9:30 – 10:30 Ken Sampson 706-994-7100 Limit 6
This is an advanced BEGINNER class. Prerequisite Bluegrass Banjo I. Learn more challenging bluegrass tunes, rhythms, and incorporate new rolls and basic licks while playing together to build on timing and accuracy.

109 – CONV. GERMAN 10:00 – 11:00 Judy Supinie 706-745-9094 Limit 10 M-7
This is not a class for beginners. Ongoing conversational German with emphasis on grammar, conversation, reading and vocabulary.

122 – ZUMBA GOLD 9:30 – 10:30 Laura Hutt 352-601-4888 Limit 15 M-0
Zumba Gold is a fabulously fun fitness program based on exciting Latin and International dance styles, performed at a lower intensity level to be more accessible. Zumba Gold is intended for active older adults, beginners, fitness newbies, and others that may need modified exercises; it is excellent exercise for healthy aging. Bring water, a towel, and a smile!

Morning Classes 2 HOURS

- 201 – CHAIR CANING** 9:30 – 11:30 Joe Kennard 706-745-2021 Limit 10 M-3/5
Learn to weave a new seat using a traditional Seven Step Hand Caning method. For other chairs, Herringbone pattern and a few other variations are taught. New stool frames are available for purchase by contacting the instructor prior to class. **There is a supply fee charged for this class based on the style of caning, usually about \$ 20.00 payable on the first day of class.** (No large outdoor rockers, please).
- 212 – CARD PLAYING** 9:30 – 11:30 Ann Powell 864-323-5797 Limit 16 O-1
Learn some easy old-fashioned fun card games that will make you a quick winner.
- 213 – TABLE TALK BRIDGE** 9:30 – 11:30 George Curran 727-480-1349 Limit 16 O-4
Talk across the table Bridge continues learning the basics of Bridge playing. Improve bidding and playing skills by participating in real games. This is a no stress environment where you can ask questions and discuss the hands at play. This class is for new and returning players.
- 217 – DOMINOS** 9:30 – 11:30 Ro Robbins 706-897-1958 Limit 14 M-22
Learn to play Mexican Train Dominos
- 221 – MTN DULCIMER III** 9:30 – 11:30 Carolyn Wade 828-835-6064 Limit 8
This is an INTERMEDIATE class. Play songs of the season and other tunes written in various modes and tuning, including some tabs arranged for multi-parts. Learn to strum flat pick and use a noter, plus discuss chord shapes and how they impact playing. Class requirements: Dulcimer, music stand, tuner, pick, binder, pencil, and highlighter.
- 228 – BEADWEAVING** 9:30 – 11:30 Jocelyn Bowers 706-781-1537 Limit 10 L-4
This class works mostly with bicone crystal and seed beads, starting with a beginner level bracelet. A materials list for the first project will be sent to you prior to the first class.
- 230 – PAPER CRAFTING** 9:30 – 11:30 Becky Belt 706-374-6484 Limit 10 M-32
Make cards, gift boxes, bookmarks, and the like. **A supply fee of \$ 5.00 is charged for this class.**
- 240 – SKETCHBOOK FUN** 9:30 – 11:30 Paula Ferrell 863-528-2914 Limit 10 O-1
Learn to express your feelings with visual imagery and experiment with mixed media in a book format. No art experience necessary. We will use materials such as colored pencils, marker, acrylic paint collage and more! You will need a simple sketchbook with multi-surface or drawing paper (minimum size 7"x10") available at Walmart or Amazon. (Spiral Bound Sketchbooks work best) Returning Visual Journal students please bring your sketchbook from prior class. **A supply fee of \$ 20.00 is charged for this class.**
- 247 – MAH JONG & BEYOND** 9:30 – 11:30 Susan Reaser 706-994-2513 Limit 16 O-2
This is an INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED CLASS. Take this class after completing Beginning Mah Jong with the opportunity to ask questions during play and get hints for better playing in order to ramp up skill, confidence, and strategy.
- 260 – NANTUCKET BASKETS** 9:30 – 11:30 Diane Oliver 772 559-7508 Limit 15 L-1
Come and learn how to weave one of the famous Nantucket Lightship Baskets. **A supply fee of \$ 35.00 is charged for this class.**

Afternoon Classes 1 HOUR

- 307 – YOGA I** 2:00 – 3:00 Pat Tomczyk 706-781-6580 Limit 25 M-0
This is a BEGINNER class with gentle slow-paced yoga. Chairs are available for those who do not sit on the floor. Class requirements: Exercise mat, large towel, or blanket. Blocks and straps are encouraged. (Certified Yoga instructor)

313 – TAI-CHI & QIGONG 1:00 – 2:00 Pat Tomczyk 706-781-6580 Limit 30 M-0
Slow relaxing movements promote relaxation while building strength, improving balance and focus. Class starts with a short tai-chi form and then moves to Qigong.

Afternoon Classes 2 HOURS

401 – CHAIR CANING 1:00 – 3:00 Joe Kennard 706-745-2021 Limit 10 M-3/5
Learn to weave a new seat using a traditional Seven Step Hand Caning method. For other chairs, Herringbone pattern and a few other variations are taught. New stool frames are available for purchase by contacting the instructor prior to class. **There is a supply fee charged for this class based on the style of caning, usually about \$ 20.00 payable on the first day of class.** (No large outdoor rockers, please).

402 – KNITTING 1:00 – 3:00 TBD 706-745-7882 Limit 15
Beginning knitting students or those who wish to work on a project of their own choosing are welcome. Learn basic casting on, stitches, and reading patterns.

403 – PRICK AND STITCH 1:00 – 3:00 Sarah Sorenson 404-953-8366 Limit 10 M-32
Learn to complete unusual hand-stitched greeting cards. Patterns are inexpensive. All skills levels welcome. **There is a supply fee charged for this class based on pattern, payable on the first day of class.**

404 – BEADING FOR FUN 1:00 – 3:00 Cheryl Fair 404-953-8366 Limit 10 L-4
Bring your beads and patterns or unfinished projects to complete. Make a bracelet, necklace, or earrings. We will share ideas and learn from each other.

413 – VIKING WIRECRAFT 1:00 – 3:00 Denise Taranto 904-327-2445 Limit 8
Viking wirecraft knitting is a type of weaving by interconnecting lengths of wire chains. Students will make bracelets. **There is a supply fee charged for this class based on pattern, payable on the first day of class.**

416 – ACOUSTIC JAM 1:00 – 3:00 Pat Rice 706-745-8473 Limit 15 M-22
This is an INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED class. If you have not taken this class before, please contact the instructor prior to registering. Class requirements: Tuned stringed instrument and stand. Must provide own music and/or be able to share music electronically.

432 – BASKETS FOR FUN 1:30 – 3:00 Diane Simonsen 706-745-0004 Limit 10 L-1
Intermediate/Advanced Basket Weaving. **There is a supply fee charged for this class based on pattern, payable on the first day of class.**

435 – GREAT BOOKS 1:00 – 3:00 Fritz Simonsen 706-745-0004 Limit 24 ConRm
Class requirements: Students must provide their own copy of Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man and The Sea".

438 – PICKLEBALL I 1:00 – 3:00 Margaret Ralph 425-260-9241 Limit 8 GYM
This is a BEGINNER level class. Basic Instruction includes Pickleball skills and rules. Students must have some mobility and good balance. Prior experience with paddle or racquet sports is advised. All equipment will be provided.

440 – BASIC DRAWING 1:00 – 3:00 Nancy Smith 706-254-6542 Limit 10 M-1
Fundamentals of drawing will be taught including shapes, lines, shadowing, and perspective. Students will use pencils, ink, and charcoal to portray objects, fruit, and animals. Class requirement: 11 x 14 sketch pad or larger, 2 graphite pencils, polymer eraser. **A supply fee of \$ 5.00 is charged for this class.**

Afternoon Classes 3 HOURS

501 – ART AS YOU LIKE IT	1:00 - 4:00	TBD		Limit 10	M-7
Work in the media of your choosing for this class. (Acrylics, oils, charcoal, color pencil, etc.)					
503 – BRIDGE FOR FUN	1:00 – 4:00	George Curran	727-480-1349	Limit 24	O-1
<u>This is an INTERMEDIATE</u> class for experienced payers. Learn party bridge, rubber scoring.					
505 – HEARTS	1:00 – 4:00	Jim Wiley	706-781-2680	Limit 7	O-1
Review the basics of playing hands with help from fellow students and instructor.					
507 – PINOCHLE	1:00 – 4:00	Bill Kolb	706-487-9892	Limit 24	O-1
Learn basic rules, scoring, and playing hands. All skill levels welcome.					
508 – CANASTA	1:00 – 4:00	Kathie McMillan	702-408-8437	Limit 16	O-1
Learn Canasta as you play. All skill levels are welcome.					
509 – MAH JONGG BEG	1:00 – 4:00	Ann Powell	864-323-5797	Limit 16	O-4
This is NOT the Mah Jongg you play on the computer. If you want to learn American Mah Jongg or you are a novice/beginner player, this is the class for you. You will gain a basic understanding of the game's fundamental components, including pieces, rules, and playing strategy.					
511 – HAND AND FOOT	1:00 – 4:00	Glenda Adams	706-400-5699	Limit 16	O-2
<u>This is the STANDARD version.</u> All skill levels welcome. Learn basic rules, dealing, and scoring.					
512 – HAND AND FOOT	1:00 – 4:00	Elaine Malone	706-745-9851	Limit 12	O-3
<u>This is the PROGRESSIVE AND SEVENS version.</u> A more aggressive form of Hand and Foot with more cards and hand changes. All skills levels welcome.					
515 – MAH JONG FOR FUN	1:00 - 4:00	Bev Schutt	706-745-8541	Limit 16	L-2
Must know how to play and be able to complete a game in 20 minutes.					

Saturday Workshops

705 – GOURD BIRDHOUSE	10:00 – 3:00	Linda Vanderlaan	828-664-0805	Limit 15	
<u>DATE: March 2.</u> Make a birdhouse from a gourd. <u>A supply fee of \$ 20.00 is charged for this class.</u>					
719 – QUILTING	9:30 – 2:30	Alice Russell	706-897-0225	Limit 8	
<u>DATES: January 13, 20, and February 3, 24.</u> Learn the sewing techniques to create a beautiful quilt using one block. Choice of fabric and the size of the quilt will be the student's choice. Required: Sewing machine in good working order and the sewing machine guide (if you have it) plus fabric to practice with. Techniques and practice will begin the first session.					
733 – LEATHER WORKING	10:00 – 4:30	Tom Slavicek	570-899-6818	Limit 15	
<u>DATE: February 3.</u> You will make a beautiful leather shoulder bag, complete with adjustable strap and tassel, which you may decorate with artwork of choice or learn how to colorize it. You will learn techniques of cutting leather, tool use, and stitching styles. No artistic ability or previous leather working experience needed. All materials are provided; please bring your own lunch. <u>A supply fee of \$ 72.00 is charged for this class.</u>					
734 – TURKEY WING BROOM	11:00 – 1:00	Denise Taranto	904-327-2445	Limit 4	
<u>DATE: January 20 - OR - February 24.</u> Make a whisk broom from turkey feathers. <u>A supply fee of \$ 40.00 is charged for this class and choose your date on the registration form.</u>					

Winter Session Lunch Meal Offerings

Jan 11	Turkey Sub Sandwich, Potato Salad, Cookie, Beverage
Jan 18	Baked Ziti Casserole, Salad, Fried Pie, Beverage
Jan 25	Grilled Chicken Tacos, Rice, Beans, Tres Leches Cake, Beverage
Feb 1	Chick Fil A, Chips, Cookie, Beverage
Feb 15	Choice of Cream or Broth Soup, Tuna Sand, Cupcake, Beverage
Feb 22	Elliott Cohen's Burger Bash, Chips, Cookie, Beverage
Feb 29	Roast Beef Sub Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Cookie, Beverage
Mar 7	Chili Dogs, Mac/Cheese, Fried Pie, Beverage