

GRAY MATTERS

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NEW THURSDAY LOCATION FOR OPEN UNIVERSITY

Starting this September, Open University has a new Thursday location! Thursdays will now meet at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 2333 Hilliard Road. Located in the northside of Richmond - not far from Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden - near the intersection of Lakeside Avenue and Hilliard Road. There is ample parking and you can enter from the side of the church.
(see pic below)

Mondays continue to meet south of the "rivah" at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 7757 Chippenham Pkwy.

Many thanks to Shepherd's Center volunteer Hal Costley for suggesting and helping to negotiate this new space for us.

TOP NEWS

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Open University's new Thursday location at Lakeside United Methodist Church, 2333 Hilliard Ave.

OPEN UNIVERSITY TUITION INCREASE



When you register for Open University this fall, you will notice a modest tuition increase of \$5. Member tuition has increased from \$45 to \$50, and non-member tuition has increased from \$75 to \$80. Membership with The Shepherd's Center remains \$25.

Open University is one of the Center's biggest sources of revenue, helping to defray increasing operating costs. Tuition has not been raised since the fall of 2018. This change was approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors in May, 2023.

Even with a small increase, Open University remains one of the best deals in town for lifelong learning! We appreciate your continued enthusiasm for and support of the Open University. See you in the fall!

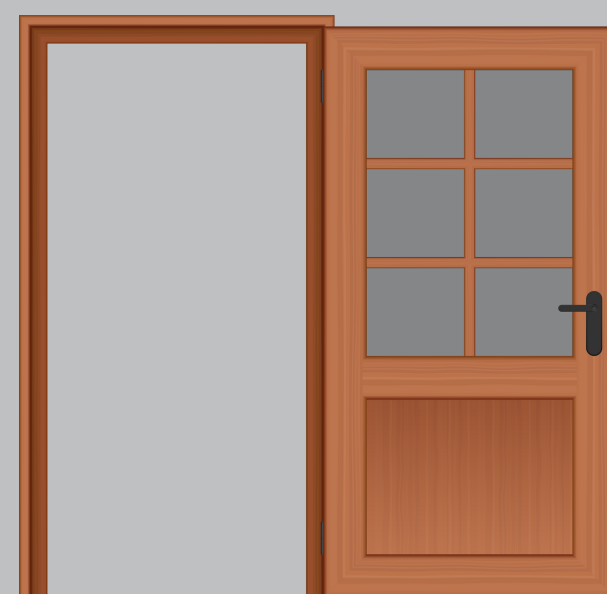
WILTSHIRE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Did you know the Center has an Open University scholarship fund?

It was established in 2012 by students of the Open University's Ooh-La-La Beginning French class, in honor of their teacher, Susie Wiltshire.

If you or someone you know wants to register for Open University and needs assistance, please reach out to the office at 804-355-7282 or email us at tscor@tscor.org.



Because the door to learning is always OPEN.

One Simple Thing

**YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER
WITHOUT SPENDING A DIME**

Like, share and comment.

If you spend time on social media, engage with The Shepherd's Center online. Like and comment on our posts and share those of most interest to you with others.

Word of mouth has always been the best way to introduce the Center to new people - people who become teachers, students, volunteers, donors...and the current word of mouth is social media!

The Center is working hard to "up our game" in this area. We have new PR volunteers revamping our FaceBook and Instagram pages, making posts and reels, and generally just getting the word out into the world!

One Simple Thing You Can Do is to follow us on social media and like, share and comment. Visit the Center on Facebook and Instagram!

On Instagram at
t.s.c.o.r.

On Facebook at:
Shepherd's Center of Richmond

**NEW!!
OPEN UNIVERSITY
COFFEE CUPS!**

**BUY A CUP.
FILL IT UP.
BRING IT BACK.**



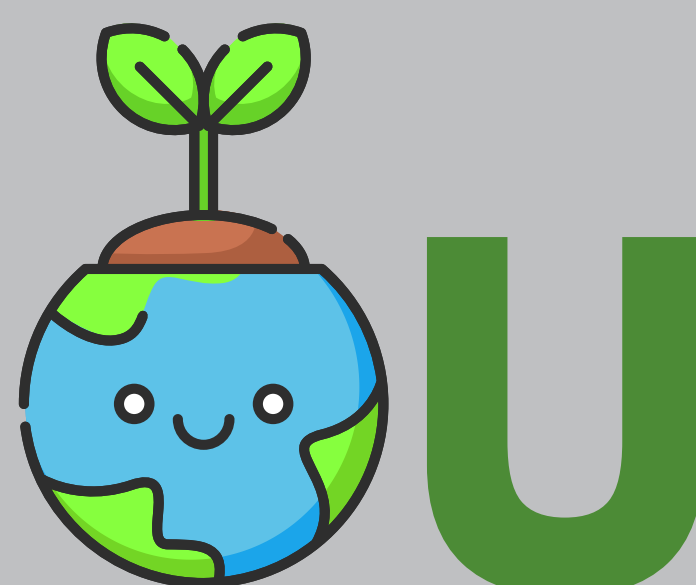
New reusable hot cups feature artwork on both the front and back.

Good news! We're bringing coffee (and packaged snacks) back to the Open University. And what better way to sip your brew and show your support than in a brand new reusable Open University coffee cup!

Disposable coffee cups are an expense for the Center - not to mention a burden for the environment. These 14 oz. user-friendly cups are double wall insulated with a slide top. Made in the USA.

Reusable cups will be sold for only \$12 ea. and available for purchase at the Open University snack table.

Show your support for the Center and Mother Earth - Buy a cup. Fill it up. Bring it back.



WANT TO GET INVOLVED? VOLUNTEER!

OPEN UNIVERSITY FRONT DESK GREETERS

Welcome students and provide general info. Open University sessions are for eight weeks in the fall, winter and spring. The time commitment can be flexible and the position is easy to learn.

OPEN UNIVERSITY HOSPITALITY TABLE

Set up refreshments and help serve coffee and snacks.

OPEN UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT (TA)

Volunteer in person on Mondays and Thursdays to set up A/V equipment and manage hybrid classes. Knowledge of Zoom and A/V equipment is helpful, but can easily be taught!



Volunteers are the beating heart of the Center. So give volunteering some thought. You're sure to make a difference and you'll definitely meet some interesting people along the way!

To volunteer or learn more, contact the office.

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Fall Open University schedules will arrive in mailboxes early next week. The schedule will be posted on the website and online registration will begin later this week!

Classes begin Monday, September 18th.

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**"The schedules are coming!
The schedules are coming!"**

IT'S OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR!

Founded in March of 1984, this spring marks the 40th anniversary of The Shepherd's Center of Richmond.

Be a part of our celebration by becoming a member and inviting others to join you.



The Shepherd's Center of Richmond

Encouraging older adults to remain active and independent through lifelong learning and volunteer service to their peers.

Made by, for and about older adults.