If you need assistance from the OLLI office staff, the best way to contact us is via email, either individual staff emails or olli@furman.edu. You may call the main line at 864.294.2998 and leave a voicemail message. We are checking voicemail as we can, but you should expect a delayed response. Currently the Furman campus is closed to the public including the Herring Center, the PAC, Duke Library, and the lake walking paths.

OLLI@Furman Summer20 Term News
Summer Term starts Tuesday! We are thrilled to welcome so many of you to online learning with OLLI. You should have received an email with the Zoom link that works for all 4 class meetings. We will send reminder emails with the Zoom link for your class each Monday in June. If you were unable to attend the class orientation held this week and have questions about your class, email us at olli@furman.edu.

Summer 20 Registration remains OPEN. Take a look at the online brochure HERE, complete your registration and get ready to “Zoom” into learning. Social distance doesn’t have to mean social isolation. This is also a great time to share OLLI with friends. There are two ways to register, either online or by mail. If you need to register by mail and cannot print out the registration form, just send us a note with your course selection, name, email address, and a check with payment. The summer term runs June 2-26.

Are you interested in OLLI’s online courses, but unsure about Zoom? Now is a great time to jump in with other members and learn! We are offering OLLI Zoom Orientation Sessions. The next one-hour session is Monday, June 1 at 2 p.m. The purpose of these sessions is to give you a chance to try Zoom, ask questions, and confirm you may join a class on your device. Click the link to join: https://furman.zoom.us/j/96882255769 Meeting ID: 968 8225 5769 New to Zoom and need information on how to access? Follow this link for a ZOOM tutorial.

There is ROOM for you! Check out these Summer Term Friday Bonus Events. Sign up online or email OLLI@Furman.edu.

BTE114 Yoga & Nutrition for Seniors, June 5
BTE1538 Goats for Goodness, June 5
BTE1104 Local Author up Close & Personal, June 12

OLLI Happenings
Teaching Online...easier than pie!
If you have considered teaching an OLLI class, but never dreamed it could be from the convenience of your own home, we invite you to come explore the possibility of teaching online. Don’t be intimidated by the Zoom platform. It is simple and you use your own equipment (laptop, desktop, iPad, etc.) so there is no reason to fear the A/V equipment at the Herring Center.
Interested? Email Pam Roberson, We will set up a series of Zoom meetings to give everyone a chance to see how simple it is to teach from your favorite chair at home with all the coffee you can make!

CALL FOR STREET, ARCHITECTURAL & LANDSCAPE PHOTOS FOR OFF-CAMPUS EXHIBIT:
OLLI photographers have an opportunity to exhibit framed photos in the Community Gallery at the Greenville Center for Creative Arts (GCCA) July 3-Aug. 26. The exhibit, “Urban and Landscape Explorations,” seeks street, architectural and landscape imagery. The reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. August 7 and will coincide with the city's "First Friday” events, depending on COVID-19 advisories. Plans are to accommodate up to 40 framed prints in this non-juried show. You may submit two entries, but the OLLI Photo Display Committee will make selections if there are too many for the gallery space. All prints on paper should have a black frame with a wire on the back; metal prints do not require a frame, but do need a wire. All mats need to be white. We prefer prints in 16 x 20 frames, but will do our best to hang slightly larger frames and framed panoramas. GCCA will accept framed prints from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at its location: 101 Abney St, Greenville. Photographers will pick up prints 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, August. 27.

Focus your mind and body with Furman. To support the Furman community in these challenging times, the Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection and the Office of Alumni & Parent Engagement have partnered to
offer Furman Community Mindfulness Sessions on Thursdays, 7:30-8:00 a.m. June 4–July 30. These FREE weekly drop-in sessions are open to the entire Furman community (students, staff, faculty, alum and friends). Each 30-minute Zoom session will include guided mindfulness meditation practice and some gentle mindful movement. Dr. Meghan Slining in the Health Science Department and Dr. Min-Ken Liao in the Biology Department will be the facilitators for these sessions. All are welcome! Register for each session here.

The Alumni Learning Consortium will present the webinar Policing in a Pandemic on Tuesday, June 9 12-1:00 p.m. with Dr. Brittany Arsiniega, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Furman University, as she discusses her research on the dangers of policing, including a discussion of how American policing (including both federal and state/local law enforcement) has been impacted by the COVID-19 virus. For more information and to register, please visit the Alumni Learning Community homepage. Please be sure to check this site frequently, as new events are added regularly.

Discover what is happening on campus. Check out the new Spring edition of the Furman Magazine ONLINE!

New ways to stay engaged and learning
Library Talk for OLLI Members from OLLI@UMICH on Friday May 29, 1:30-3 p.m. 'Over There' With the American Expeditionary Forces in France During the Great War Over 2 million Americans served overseas during WWI. In this talk, UMICH Clements Librarian, Louis Miller, examines the experiences of American soldiers in France during the "war to end all wars." Miller will discuss some of the exceptional and heartbreaking stories from that conflict using original documents and artifacts mostly pulled from Clements Library collections. No registration. Link HERE: https://umich.zoom.us/j/93368891769 Webinar ID: 933 6889 1769

The Longest History Lesson EVER! So many of our members are major history buffs. This week we have a treat for you from OLLI@University of North Texas. In 2018, UNT History Professor Andrew Torget set a Guinness World Record for the World's Longest History Lesson. Dr. Torget's record-breaking lesson lasted 26.5 hours, covered Texas History from prehistory through the Great Depression, and raised funds to support The Portal to Texas History. The entire lesson is archived online, divided into units of about an hour or less for easy viewing. Click HERE to access links to each unit, along with the topics covered.

The New York Historical Museum is currently closed due to COVID-19, but virtual presentations of the collections and select exhibitions are available online! Join in for a live, interactive journey through history, as Museum docents and curators answer your questions and walk you through a slideshow of objects and imagery via Zoom. The upcoming, scheduled presentations for individuals are listed on the website HERE and include Lincoln & New York, Women March, WWII & N.Y.C., and Bill Graham and the Rock & Roll Revolution.

OLLI@UMICH is offering a Zoom lecture on Tuesday June 2, 10-11:30 a.m. with Jeff Bernstein, EMU Professor of Political Science, A Bucket of Warm (Spit): Electoral and Policy Implications of Vice-Presidential Selection. Long-derided in American politics, the vice-presidency comes into sharp focus every four years when presidential nominees make their selections. Who do they select, and why? Do these selections have consequences for election results? How consequential will Joe Biden's selection be in 2020? Ultimately, does it matter who sits in this position that John Nance Garner, FDR's first vice-president, derided as being "not worth a bucket of warm spit." (Note: he didn't actually say "spit.")

Link to Jeff Bernstein's talk: https://umich.zoom.us/j/93969183125 Webinar ID: 939 6918 3125

Although all library system locations remain closed at this time, GCLS will expand of services beginning May 27 with drop off book returns at all 12 Greenville County Library System locations, as part of a phased reopening. Curbside holds pickups will begin June 1 at the Hughes Library and June 8 at other branches. Visit the GCLS website HERE for more information.

Witness the magic of fireflies from the comfort of your own home! Link here to this YouTube event which will premiere on Monday June 1st at 8 p.m. ET. Join Discover Life in America in cooperation with Radim Schreiber, for an evening of fireflies! Learn about fireflies from entomologist Will Kuhn and then sit back and enjoy collections of stunning footage of synchronous and other firefly species from the Smokies and beyond, set to the relaxing sounds of nature.