



First Presbyterian Church

Monthly Book Club

*Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 10 a.m.
in the church parlor*

January 16 – *The Lyra and the Cross* by Elizabeth L. Sammons – Historical Fiction, 2018

This story of friendship, forgiveness and faith looks deeply into two world views, the Hellenic and the Jewish. Along the way, stories of slaves becoming freedmen, people seeking their roots, and souls questioning their beliefs intersect with the start of a new faith later called Christianity. The author will be joining us for the discussion!

February 20 - *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman – Mystery, 2020

In a retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case. They might be pushing 80 but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves.

March 19 - *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict – Historical Fiction, 2023

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world. Their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

April 16 - *Gator Country: Deception, Danger, and Alligators in the Everglades* by Rebecca Renner – Nonfiction, 2023

This astonishing book moves as fast as a hungry gator slicing through the water! This page-turning true story tells of an underground operation into the mysterious world of alligator poaching and its larger than life Floridian characters.

May 21 - *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry – Fiction, 2023

When a woman discovers a rare book that has connections to her past, long-held secrets about her missing sister and their childhood spent in the English countryside during World War II are revealed. An astonishing twist ultimately reveals the truth about the bond between sisters, the complications of conflicted love, and the enduring magic of storytelling.

June 18 - *Noon at Tiffany's* by Echo Heron – Historical Fiction, 2012

The author artfully blends fact with fiction to draw the reader into the remarkable life of one of America's most prolific and extraordinary women artists: Clara Wolcott Driscoll, the hidden genius behind the iconic Tiffany lamps. Her pivotal role in his multi-million dollar empire remained one of Tiffany's most closely guarded secrets.

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