



First Presbyterian Church

Monthly Book Club

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

October 21 - *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan - Historical Fiction - 2021

Two years into World War II, Britain is feeling her losses: The Nazis have won battles, the Blitz has destroyed cities, and U-boats have cut off the supply of food. In an effort to help housewives with food rationing, a BBC radio program called “The Kitchen Front” is holding a cooking contest—and the grand prize is a job as the program’s first-ever female co-host. For four very different women, winning the competition would present a crucial chance to change their lives.

November 18 - *Trauma and Tenacity in Vietnam: A Surgeon's Story* - by Mary Jane Ingui, PhD - 2017

Dr. Ingui is the mother of FPC’s organist Tom Ingui and will join us for the discussion. Her book captures the defining period in the medical life of Capt. Sheldon Kushner, MD, while stationed in Vinh Long, Vietnam, from 1968-69. Through letters, reel-to-reel tape recordings, slides and the personal interviews that recounted his experience, the story of a young surgeon is revealed. When we think of Vietnam and medicine, there is a natural tendency to think of the M*A*S*H image of treating American soldiers wounded in combat. However, unlike the TV doctors who helped our servicemen, Sheldon used his medical skills to care for wounded Vietnamese civilians. This role represents a new part of the story that is Vietnam.

December 16 - *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote - Holiday Fiction - 1996

These three holiday stories celebrating the unique bonds of friends and family were regarded by the author as among his greatest works of short fiction. They were inspired by Capote’s early years with a family of distant relatives in rural Alabama and by a reunion with his estranged father in New Orleans.

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