



First Presbyterian Church

Monthly Book Club

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

March 17 - *The Day The World Came To Town* by Jim DeFede (Nonfiction), 2002

This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness on 9/11 have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill. The true story behind the events on 9/11 that Inspired Broadway's Smash Hit Musical *Come from Away*.

April 21 - *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn (Historical Fiction), 2024

In 1950s Washington DC, five women form unlikely friendships at Briarwood House boarding home until violence threatens their sanctuary, forcing them to confront potential enemies among themselves. Capturing the paranoia of the McCarthy era and evoking the changing roles for women in postwar America, it's an intimate and thrilling historical mystery of secrets and loyalty put to the test.

May 19 - *The Violin Maker's Secret* by Evie Woods (Fiction), 2026

Deep within Heathrow Airport's vast Lost and Found, thousands of forgotten belongings quietly gather dust. Hidden among them is an extraordinary violin—an object of rare craftsmanship with an uncanny ability to change the lives of those who come into possession of it. By chance, the violin finds its way into the hands of three very different people who sense that the violin holds far more than music within it. They are drawn into uncovering its origins and confronting the question of whether its power is a blessing, a test, or something far more dangerous.

June 16 - *Marriage At Sea* by Sophie Elmhurst (Nonfiction/Biography), 2025

True story of a couple whose Pacific sailing adventure turns catastrophic when a whale damages their boat, forcing them to survive months at sea while testing their marriage. Pairs an adrenaline-fueled high seas adventure with a gutting love story that asks why we love difficult people, and who we become under the most extreme conditions imaginable.

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