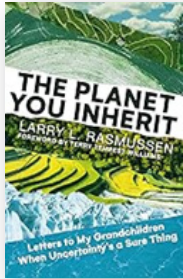


summer READING LIST

Continue your learning from our Creation Care sermon series and the Honoring our Differences speaker series, or read for fun with Messiah's Book Club selections:

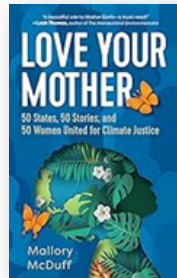
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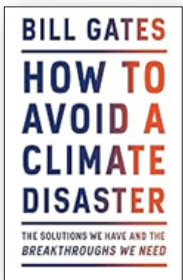
The Planet You Inherit: Letters to My Grandchildren When Uncertainty's a Sure Thing by Larry Rasmussen — As a grandfather invested in green earth and climate justice as well as a scholar of faith-based earth ethics, Rasmussen writes to the future about climate change, global citizenship, democracy, and legacy.

Love Your Mother: 50 States, 50 Stories, and 50 Women United for Climate Justice by Mallory McDuff — From elder voices

opposing the Dakota Pipeline to young people running for office to advocate for change, every day we see real-life stories about how women are making a collective difference on climate justice. Their work lights the way for conversation and action in our homes and in the world.



How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and The Breakthroughs We Need by Bill Gates — Bill Gates shares what he's learned in more than a decade of studying climate change and investing in innovations to address the problems, and sets out a vision for how the world can build the tools it needs to get to zero greenhouse gas emissions.



Silent Spring by Rachel Carson — The 1962 classic that launched the Environmental

Movement. The outcry that followed its publication forced the banning of DDT and spurred revolutionary changes in the laws affecting our air, land, and water.

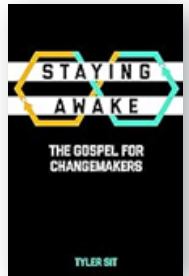


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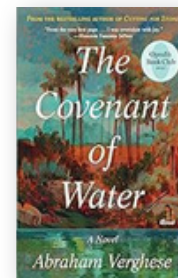
Native: Identify, Belonging, and Rediscovering God by Kaitlin Curtice — This book is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, the author encourages us to embrace our own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories so we can build a more inclusive and diverse future. Each of our stories matters for the church to be truly whole.

Staying Awake: The Gospel for Changemakers by Tyler Sit — Jesus asks his followers to stay awake, which begs the question: stay awake to what? Staying awake is a practical exploration of Christianity for people who want to show up for justice and stay in the movement. Complete with stories, worksheets, poetry, original cartoons, and a commitment to centering queer people of color, this book is here to support you in staying awake.



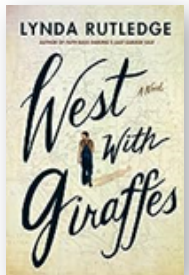
Messiah Book Club

Check out the Messiah Women's Book Club! They meet once a month on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm in Heritage Hall (dates below). All book lovers are welcome!



The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese — (June 23 read) Set in Kerala, South India, following three generations of a family seeking the answers to a strange secret. Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, follows a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning, and in Kerala, water is everywhere. *The Covenant of Water* is a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding.

West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge — (July 21 read) An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America. What follows is a twelve-day road trip to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals and the kindness of strangers.



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