

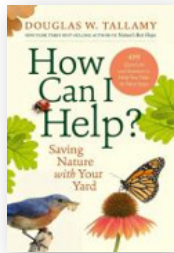
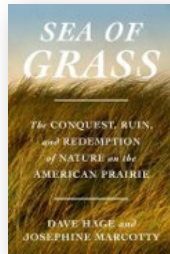


fall READING LIST

Continue your learning from recent and upcoming sermon series or read for fun with these recommendations from our pastors, Creation Care & Inclusion teams, and Messiah's Book Club:

Creation Care

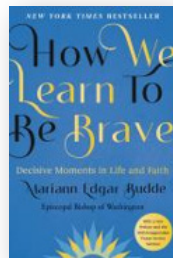
Sea of Grass: The Conquest, Ruin, and Redemption of Nature on the American Prairie by Dave Hage and Josephine Marcotty — Veteran journalists and Midwesterners follow the history of humanity's relationship with the incredible prairie land, offering a deep, compassionate analysis of the difficult decisions as well as opportunities facing agricultural and Indigenous communities. This is a vivid portrait of one of the world's most miraculous and significant ecosystems, making clear why the future of this region is of essential concern far beyond the heartland.



How Can I Help?: Saving Nature with Your Yard by Douglas Tallamy — The author tackles the questions commonly asked at his lectures and shares compelling and actionable answers that will help gardeners and homeowners take the next step in their ecological journey. Topics range from ecology, evolution, biodiversity and conservation to restoration, native plants, invasive species, pest control, and supporting wildlife at home.

Inclusion

How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith by Mariann Edgar Budde — The author offers an inspirational guide to the key junctures in life that, if navigated with faith and discernment, help us become our most courageous selves. She weaves together personal experiences with stories from Scripture, history, and pop culture to underscore the universality of these moments and the particular call each one of us must heed when they arrive.

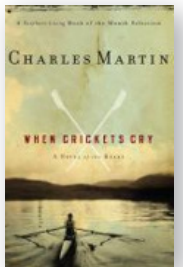


The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of Lying, Stealing, Writing, and Healing by Lara Love Hardin — In this harrowing, hilarious memoir, Hardin recounts her slide from soccer mom to opioid addict to jailhouse shot caller. Convicted of 32 felonies, she navigates prison's complex social hierarchy, earning the nickname "Mama Love." Hardin explores shame, redemption, self-forgiveness, and rebuilding a life within a system that makes it nearly impossible to move past your worst moments.
Note: Contains some profanity.

Messiah Book Club

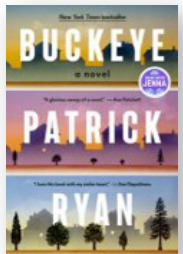
Check out the Messiah Women's Book Club! They meet once a month on Sundays from 4-5:30 pm in Heritage Hall (dates below). All book lovers are welcome!

When Crickets Cry by Charles Martin — (October 18 read)
The moving story of a heart surgeon who's hiding his own heart, a little girl whose heart won't last much longer, and a shared journey toward healing for both of them.



Mona's Eyes by Thomas Schlessler — (November 15 read) Ten-year-old Mona and her beloved grandfather have only fifty-two Wednesdays to visit one of Paris's renowned museums to see fifty-two works of art and commit to memory "all that is beautiful in the world" before Mona loses her sight forever.

Buckeye: A Novel by Patrick Ryan — (December 20 read) In the jubilant aftermath of the Allied victory in Europe, a man wounded not in war but by his inability to serve in it, shares a single, life-altering moment with a woman determined to outrun her past. What begins as a fleeting transgression becomes a complex secret across generations.



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