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**First Congregational
United Church of Christ**

**Join us in July and August
For Worship on the Labyrinth**

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Come Read With Us

“The book store is one of the only piece of evidence we have that people are still thinking”

Jerry Seinfeld

The UCC book club will be starting a new year in the fall and have picked some titles that we hope will be worthy reading. These are some of the books we read this last year and highly recommend: **Eruption** about the St. Helen's eruption; **Ove**, a curmudgeon who just wants to die but life humorously interferes; **Thomas Jefferson and the Barbary Pirates**, about US trying to set up commerce in the Mediterranean Sea without pay the Emirs in North Africa; **The Underground Railroad**, a young slave girl trying to escape the Antebellum South.

We have selected 4 books to start for next fall.

September—**And Every Morning The Way Home gets Longer & Longer** by Fredrik Bachman. *A novella to be savored & reread about a boy, his dad and his grandpa as they learn to say good-bye. (if you don't want to buy it, grab a latte at B&N and just read it there if you are not afraid of tearing up in public!)*

October—“**The Book of Joy; Lasting Happiness in a Changing World**” By the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu *“This beautiful book takes us on the journey of their friendship and give us the gift of their wisdom. A bright spot of hope and love in this world”* Sir Richard Branson

November/December—**Reality Is Not What It Seems, the Journey To Quantum Gravity** by Carlo Rovelli. *Some physicists, mind you, not many of them, are physicists-poets. Carlo Rovelli, the Italian physicist and author, is one of them. Rovelli's book is a gem. It's a pleasure to read, full of wonderful analogies and imagery and, last but not least, a celebration of the human spirit”* NPR, Cosmos & Culture.

January—**All The Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doer. *Pulitzer Prize Winner. The stunningly beautiful book about a blind French girl and a German orphan boy whose paths collide in Occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of WWII. “A novel to live in, learn from, and feel bereft over when the last page is turned”* Booklist.

The book group meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 10 am at Elmer's Restaurant 7105 NE 40th ST off Andresen Road. We don't meet in December. So **Come and join us:** John Fite, Joy Gerlitz, Jean Mathews, Tom Renner, Alice Rowe, Shirl Zent and, hopefully, you!!!

If you want to be on our email/phone list, please call Alice Rowe: 360-989-4398.

“Anyone who says they only one life to live must not know how to read a book” unknown



Pride In the Park Vancouver

Join us at our annual booth as Vancouver celebrates at Pride in the Park. Free, family friendly fun.

Show your support for our LGBTQI+ friends and families. You can sign up for a shift in our booth after worship on Sunday.



Mission & Outreach July Special Offering

“Friends of the Carpenter” is a faith-based day facility that provides safety, structure, and purpose for the vulnerable in our community. It began almost 20 years ago as a vision of simple welcome and personal interaction between volunteers from local churches and the vulnerable. Wood items (some for sale after worship during July) are made at the Friendship Center, but the main product is relationships--helping people see themselves as people of worth.

The Friendship Center is located at 1600 W 20th Street in Vancouver and is open Monday through Friday. The 2nd Chance Thrift Store, located at 52nd St. and St. Johns Blvd. is open Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed at both locations. You can learn more at <http://friendsofthecarpenter.org/>.

Your donation will help meet the needs of this local ministry. You may write a check to the church and note “Friends of the Carpenter” on the memo line.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 Worship on the Labyrinth	3 Office Closed 3:00 Spirituality Group	4  © Can-Stock Photo - cap110432	5	6	7	8 9:30 Women's Breakfast Group At the Peachtree
9 10:00 Worship on the Labyrinth	10	11 1:00 Membership	12 12:00 Communica- tions	13 10:00 Prayer Shawl	14	15
16 10:00 Worship on the Labyrinth	17 3:00 Spirituality Group	18	19 7:00 Deacons	20 Mission and Outreach	21	22
23 10:00 Worship on the Labyrinth	24	25	26 6:00 Property and Finance	27 10:30 Memorials 7:00 Council	28	29
30 10:00 Worship on the Labyrinth	31	Offsite Meetings: Worship: The Labyrinth 1220 NE 68th St Spirituality: 3:00 PM 1st and 3rd Mondays: Home of Michele Holden				



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