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The Summer Reading List



Once again, here is my list of books I would recommend for summer reading. I've tried for a mix of heavier stuff, to make you think, as well as lighter fare—just for fun!

First up is *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, by Rev. Dr. Mark Achtemeier. The Session spent 2015 prayerfully discussing same sex marriage, and this was one of the resources we used. Achtemeier is a Presbyterian minister, and professor, an Evangelical who had long opposed same sex marriage on what he thought were Biblical grounds. His contacts with his gay and lesbian students and their struggles to live faithfully made him go back to Scripture for a new way to think about the issue. This is an important read for all who search the Bible for Good News about God's love in Jesus Christ for their gay neighbor. Or child. Or self.

High Tide in Tucson, by Barbara Kingsolver. This collection of essays, published in 1994, is vividly relevant 22 years later. Kingsolver writes, in glowing prose, about our world and the need to protect it. The title essay is about bringing a hermit crab home to Tucson to keep as a pet. Somehow, it manages to survive!

Trumbo, by Bruce Cook. A biography of Dalton Trumbo, the blacklisted Hollywood screenwriter. They say those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. With the political situation in our country today as vitriolic as it is, now is a good time to think again about the McCarthy era and the lives and freedoms it destroyed. This book is the basis for the movie of the same name.

Felicity by Mary Oliver. This newest collection of poems from one of America's best-known living poets is a joyful volume of poems about things Oliver treasures most: nature, love in all its forms, and God. Perfect to dip into on a hot summer day.

Finally, one just for sheer pleasure: *The Bachelor Brothers' Bed and Breakfast*, by Bill Richardson. Very short fictional stories by a wonderful Canadian humorist that tell the tale of Hector and Virgil, two extremely non-identical twins who run a B&B on an island somewhere off the coast of British Columbia. These are gentle stories of the folks who populate Richardson's imagination and their lives in a mythic valley where the titular Bed and Breakfast caters to folks (like me) who think a week's vacation spent in the hinterlands doing nothing but reading is a foretaste of heaven. A great book for the bedside table, this one promotes sweet dreams!

Happy reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori' with a flourish underneath.

And the Winner is...
People to People Food Pantry!



The people have voted, and the results are in: the proceeds of our Special Pentecost Offering this year will benefit **People to People Food Pantry**. New Hempstead Presbyterian Church has long been a supporter of **People to People**, with

our Youth Group's ongoing food drive. Now more than ever, it's important to support **People to People** with your gifts to the Pentecost Offering:

- **People to People** is Rockland's largest food pantry, and nearly 50 percent of those helped are children;
- Rockland families need additional food support in the summer months, when children are not in school;
- In addition to food support, **People to People** supports Rockland's children through their "Back to School with Dignity" program, their Clothes Closet, and their "Project Joy" holiday program.

People to People meets the needs of Rockland children year round, and your support is essential. Thanks for voting, and thanks for giving to our **Special Pentecost Offering!**



Our Talented Congregation

Jane Craig Sebok



For the month of June, we have four listings. Remember to let me know when you have performances coming up, either at janesebok20@gmail.com, or during coffee hour.

Here is the listing for June:

June 3, 8 PM – Barbara Zacheis –
Adelphi Orchestra.

"Ode to Joy" and "Arsmusica".

St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church,
Hillsdale, NJ.

June 5, 3 PM – Jane Sebok –
Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra,
Features works by Mozart, Weber, and Hayden.

Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Rd.,
Bloomfield, NJ.

June 5, 4 PM – Sue Rentz –
"Salonmusik."
Features Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes.

Clarkstown Reformed Church,
107 Strawtown Rd., West Nyack, NY.

June 9, 7:30 PM – Barbara Zacheis –
Adelphi Orchestra,

"Celebrating a Grand Legacy Gala."

Merkin Concert Hall, New York, NY.



Spring Tag Sale

The annual spring Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, June 11 this year. While you're doing your spring cleaning, it's a good opportunity to de-clutter your home, and the Tag Sale is the perfect place to send those things that you don't use or need anymore. We'll accept housewares, furniture, home décor, books, DVD's, clothing, tools, toys, etc. You can drop off your donations at the church anytime – we have lots of storage space in the barn.

Memorial Service

My name is Suzie Weaver and my father, the late Reverend Peter Weaver, was the pastor at New Hempstead from 1973 to 1983. I am informing you that his wife, and my mother, Beverly Weaver, passed away peacefully in her home on Friday, July 24, 2015. Please find below the link to the obituary.

http://bairdfuneralhomes.com/tribute/details/837/Beverly_Weaver/obituary.html#content-start

We have finally scheduled my mother's memorial service. The service will be held on Saturday June 11 at 11 AM at the Trinity Federated Church in Naples, NY, with a luncheon following.

Celebrating? Remembering?

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary or friendship? Honoring a relative or friend?

Consider sponsoring flowers for the Sanctuary using the flower calendar in the Colonial Room.

