

UUSD BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS FOR 2023

January 9— A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg; Discussion leader: Bobbi Gauthier

The *New York Times* bestselling author has written an enchanting Christmas story of faith and hope for all ages that is sure to become a classic.

February 6 - Four Thousand Weeks: Time Management for Mortals by Oliver Burkeman;
Discussion leader: John Hayes

The average human lifespan is absurdly, insultingly brief. Assuming you live to be eighty, you have just over four thousand weeks and this book delivers an entertaining, humorous, practical, and ultimately profound guide to time and time management.

March 6 - Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America by Pekka Hämäläinen; Discussion leader: Pat Bartels

Shatters the most basic assumptions about American history. A reviewer noted: “[T]he single best book I have ever read on Native American history.”

April 3 – Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng; Discussion leader: Bobbi Dunham

An inspiring novel about a mother’s unbreakable love in a world consumed by fear. A New York Times notable book of 2022.

May 8 – You Should Have Known by Jean H. Korelitz; Discussion leader: Marie Fletcher

Dismayed by the ways in which women delude themselves, Grace cautions women to really hear what men are trying to tell them. But when a chasm opens in her own life, she is horrified by the ways in which she has failed to heed her own advice, Grace must dismantle one life and create another for her child and herself.

June 5 – Virgil Wander by Leif Enger; Discussion leader: Karen Lunstead

The first novel in ten years from this award-winning, million-copy bestselling author, this is an enchanting and timeless all-American story that follows the inhabitants of a small Midwestern town in their quest to revive its flagging heart.

July 10 – The Sentence by Louise Erdrich; Discussion leader: Bobbi Dunham

Asks what do we owe to the living, the dead, to the reader and to the book? Its mystery and proliferating ghost stories during this one-year period propel a narrative as rich, emotional, and profound as anything Louise Erdrich has written.

August 7 - G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century by Beverly Gage;

Discussion leader: Jonathan Bartels

A major new biography of J Edgar Hoover that draws from never-before-seen sources to create a groundbreaking portrait of a colossus who dominated half a century of American history and planted the seeds for much of today's conservative political landscape.

September 11 - The Ministry for the Future: A Novel by Kim Stanley Robinson; Discussion leader: John Hayes

A masterpiece of the imagination, using fictional eyewitness accounts to tell the story of how climate change will affect us all. Chosen by Barack Obama as one of his favorite books of the year; will change the way you think about the climate crisis.

October 2 – Mistakes and Miracles: Congregations on the Road to Multiculturalism by Nancy Palmer Jones and Karin Lin; Discussion leader to come.

Selected by UUA as the 2022-2023 Common Read, it shares how congregations encounter frustrations and disappointments, as well as wonder and hope, once they commit to the journey to create multicultural, anti-racist Beloved Community.

November 6 – Book still to be determined.

December 4 – Pot luck supper to select books for 2024!