

St. Mark Book Club 2022

Meetings 1st **Tuesday** of the month at 7 pm in the Upper Room.

January – No meeting in January - Happy New Year!

February 1st – Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers - A retelling of the Biblical story of Hosea, setting it in the 1850 in during the California gold rush.

March 1st – The Women of the Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell – Set in 1913 in Calumet, Michigan the life of a family working in the copper mines.

April 5th – The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides – Recommended by fans of The Woman in the Window, a psychological thriller.

May 3rd – The Confidence Men by Margalit Fox – How two POWs engineered the most remarkable escape in history.

June 7th – The Last Blue by Isla Morley – Based on a real event regarding the Blue people of Kentucky..

July 5th – The Pursuit of Love by Nancy Mitford – Written in 1945, this classic satirizes the British aristocracy in the 20s and 30s. It is the first in a series.

August 2nd – A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles – In 1922 an aristocrat is sentenced to house arrest in a hotel across the street from the Kremlin.

September 6th – The Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel – The extraordinary story of the last true hermit.

October 4th – The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd - Raised in a wealthy family with ties to the ruler of Galilee, Ana is rebellious and ambitious, with a brilliant mind and a daring spirit. Ana is expected to marry an older widower, but a chance encounter with eighteen-year-old Jesus changes everything.

November 1st - A Woman's Place by Lynn Austin- This Christian author lives in Holland, Michigan. Set in Michigan, women are working in a factory during WWII.

December 6th - The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave - Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his new wife, Hannah: *protect her*.

Other book ideas for 2022

Vortex by Catherine Coulter – Latest installment in her FBI thriller series.

Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult – In her usual style she tackles race and prejudice.

The Pull of the Stars by Emma Donoghue – Set at a Dublin hospital during the 1918 flu pandemic.

The Gathering Table by Kathryn Springer – A chef takes a job in a small town when her life takes an unexpected turn.

The Keeper of Lost Things by Ruth Hogan – An elderly man who has been rescuing lost items throughout his life bequeaths his collection to his assistant.

Wild Women and the Blues by Denny S Bryce – 1925 Chicago is the jazz capital of the world. The story follows the life of a woman working at the Dreamland Café.

The Copper Divide by Beth Kirschner – Friendship tested by labor strike that resulted in the 1913 Italian Hall Disaster.

Bootstrapper: From Broke to Badass on a Northern Michigan Farm by Mardi Link – A memoir of her life.

Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini – Based on real women in Hitler's Germany.

State of Terror by Louise Penny and Hillary Clinton – A novel just released in October 2021, an international thriller.

Chasing Shadows by Lynn Austin – This Christian author depicts a family in occupied Netherlands in WWII and how they were hiding many Jewish people in their homes.

Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee – A young woman in the South takes a job with the Federal Writer's Project interviewing former slaves during the depression.

Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan – A Michigan author sets her story in India where a 13 year old girl faces an arranged marriage.

Terror in the City of Champions by Tom Stanton – A Michigan author set in Detroit in the mid-1930s.

A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving – A classic on PBS Great American Read list.

The Heirloom Garden by Viola Shipman – Set in Grand Haven, this story has some interesting ties to the town we know and also some information about gardening.

Warped Ambition by Debbie TenBrink – Investigator solving cases in Grand Rapids, MI