

EXPLORATIONS IN FAITH BOOK CLUB
ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH

- Do you enjoy reading a variety of good literature?
- Are you interested in new venues for personal growth?
- Would you like to share your faith with a caring community?
- Are you open to exploring the thoughts and experiences of others?

We invite you to join us on the first Thursday of each month (March – October), 6:30-8 p.m., to discuss a short to medium-length book. We gather at St. Christopher Church in Jacobs Well, the lower level of the church. For personal economy, we focus on selecting titles available in the public library. In addition, the club is open to getting together at a member's home or go out for dinner and a movie to see the screenplay of a book we have read. We are always open to new ideas and opportunities to be in community. In November we meet for dinner out and go over book titles for the following year that members suggest and select together.

All are welcome to attend each month or only occasionally, as desire and your time permits. Meeting information, reminders and potential discussion questions are sent out in email each month. If no email, we can easily stay in touch by phone.

As you can see from the titles below, our reading themes are varied, from Catholic and other spiritual titles, to popular books with a values and faith message. The titles for 2018 are listed below.

March 1	<i>THE MIRACLE AT THE HIGHER GOURNDS CAFÉ</i> by Max Lucado
April 5	<i>THE NIGHTINGALE</i> by Kristen Hannah
May 3	<i>BRAIN ON FIRE</i> by Susannah Cahalan
June 7	<i>BEING MORTAL</i> by Atul Gawande
July 5	<i>TO HEAVEN AND BACK</i> by Mary C. Neal
August 2	<i>ORPHAN TRAIN</i> by Christina Baker Kline
September 6	<i>TREASURED GRACE</i> by Tracie Peterson
October 4	<i>RAY AND JOAN</i> by Lisa Napoli

We would enjoy having you join us!

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(See below for a brief description of each book)

2018 Explorations in Faith, Saint Christopher Book Club List

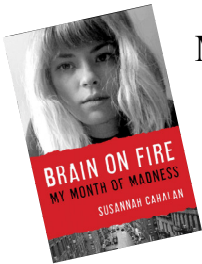


March 1 ***THE MIRACLE AT THE HIGHER GROUNDS CAFÉ*** by Max Lucado (Teri)

A divorcee steps out of the limelight and opens a small café where you can ask God questions. 192 pages

April 5 ***THE NIGHTINGALE*** by Kristen Hannah (Kathy)

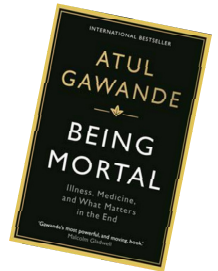
Told from the perspective of French women during World War 2 and their roles. 438 pgs.



May 3 ***BRAIN ON FIRE*** by Susannah Cahalan (Anita)

A 23 yr. old changes behavior dramatically in a matter of days. A large team of NYU Hospital physicians try to determine the cause. A very interesting page turner with some simple explanations of brain function. 250 pages

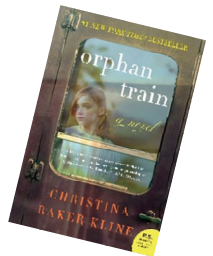
June 7 ***BEING MORTAL*** (medicine and what matters in the end) by Atul Gawande (Laura) Modern medicine affects the quality of life but what happens at the end? This physician argues that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. 282 pages



July 5 ***TO HEAVEN AND BACK*** by Mary C. Neal (Betty)

A true story in 1999 of an orthopedic surgeon who drowned and her story of how she moved from life to death and to eternal life and back again. 236 pages

August 2 ***ORPHAN TRAIN*** by Christina Baker Kline (Kathy)
A captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship, a 91 yr. old and a teenage girl. 278 pages



September 6 ***TREASURED GRACE*** by Tracie Peterson (Laura)

A widow uses her midwifery skills to help the natives in the untamed Oregon country, but not everyone welcomes her presence. 314 pages

October 4 ***RAY AND JOAN*** by Lisa Napoli (Betty)

An American tale of a struggling man with a vision for a fast food franchise that would become the world's most enduring brands and a beautiful woman willing to risk her marriage to promote controversial causes that touched her deeply. The Ray Krock McDonald's franchise story. 353 pages

