



In the Loop

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'LORD, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:37-40

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Pastor's Point

“You’re the one who makes things out of other things, right?”

~A different character in every MacGyver episode ever

One of my vices in this world is cheesy TV crime dramas. *NCIS*, *CSI*, *Hawaii 5-0*, and lately, the newest iteration of *MacGyver*. I can’t help it. I’m addicted to the will-they, won’t-they romances between the annoying, over-confident man child and the Uber competent woman who always gets the bad guy. I love the camp of it all — the impossible technology, the heightened melodrama, the contrived plots filled with secret government conspiracies and almost-apocalypses. It’s brain candy when too much else in the world makes no sense. There’s comfort in the fact that Gibbs will get the bad guy or MacGyver will save the world with a paper clip. And well, lately, I’ll take my comfort where I can get it.

And while I wouldn’t call watching crime dramas a spiritual discipline, it seems to me that there are some spiritual lessons to be gleaned.

Everybody needs a team. Screenwriters may call it family, but when it is a faith community gathered to pray and worship, we call it the Body of Christ. In the Body, we are called to love, to welcome, to advocate for justice, to feed the hungry, and visit the prisoner. And no one does it alone. Part of being a follower of Christ is learning to love our neighbors, together.

Making something out of nothing, making a way out of no-way is what God does. God may or may not use a paper clip to wring life from death, but God’s leaders, biblical and otherwise, are most often the last people you would have chosen. Sometimes they’re people you never knew existed at all. Sometimes, that person is you. The Holy Spirit moves in unpredictable ways, calling us into ministry using the gifts we have and the odd parts in front of us.

Hope lives at the Lord’s Table. The end of any good episode finds our heroes gathered to celebrate their victory and reaffirm their bonds. Be it the diner in *Bones* or Mac’s back deck, drinks are poured, bread broken, and wisdom shared. All are fed, ready to be sent out into the world once again.

May God call you into ministry with the people around you, using the tools in front of you, and whatever table you find at the end. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Heather



Food Pantry Sunday September 12th

Your Outreach group is requesting your help with our local food pantries.

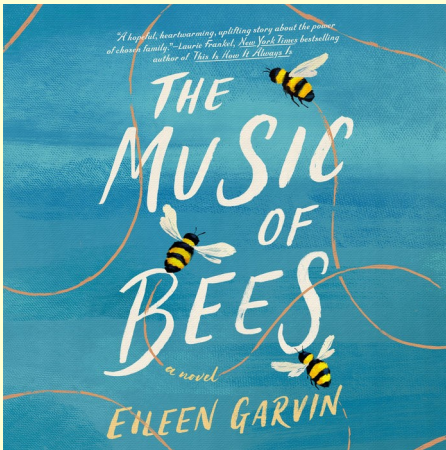
The second Sunday, September 12th, is officially pantry Sunday. When you come to church September 12th, please consider bringing an item or items of non-perishable food to place in the pantry box at the South entrance.

Thank you for helping your Christian brothers and sisters in need.



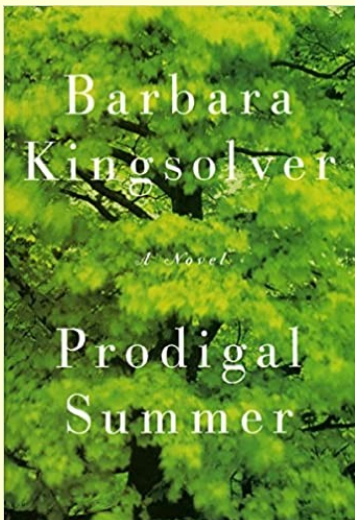
UPCOMING BOOK CLUB

No Club meeting in September



October 21, 6:30PM at the home of Kay and Geoff Davis

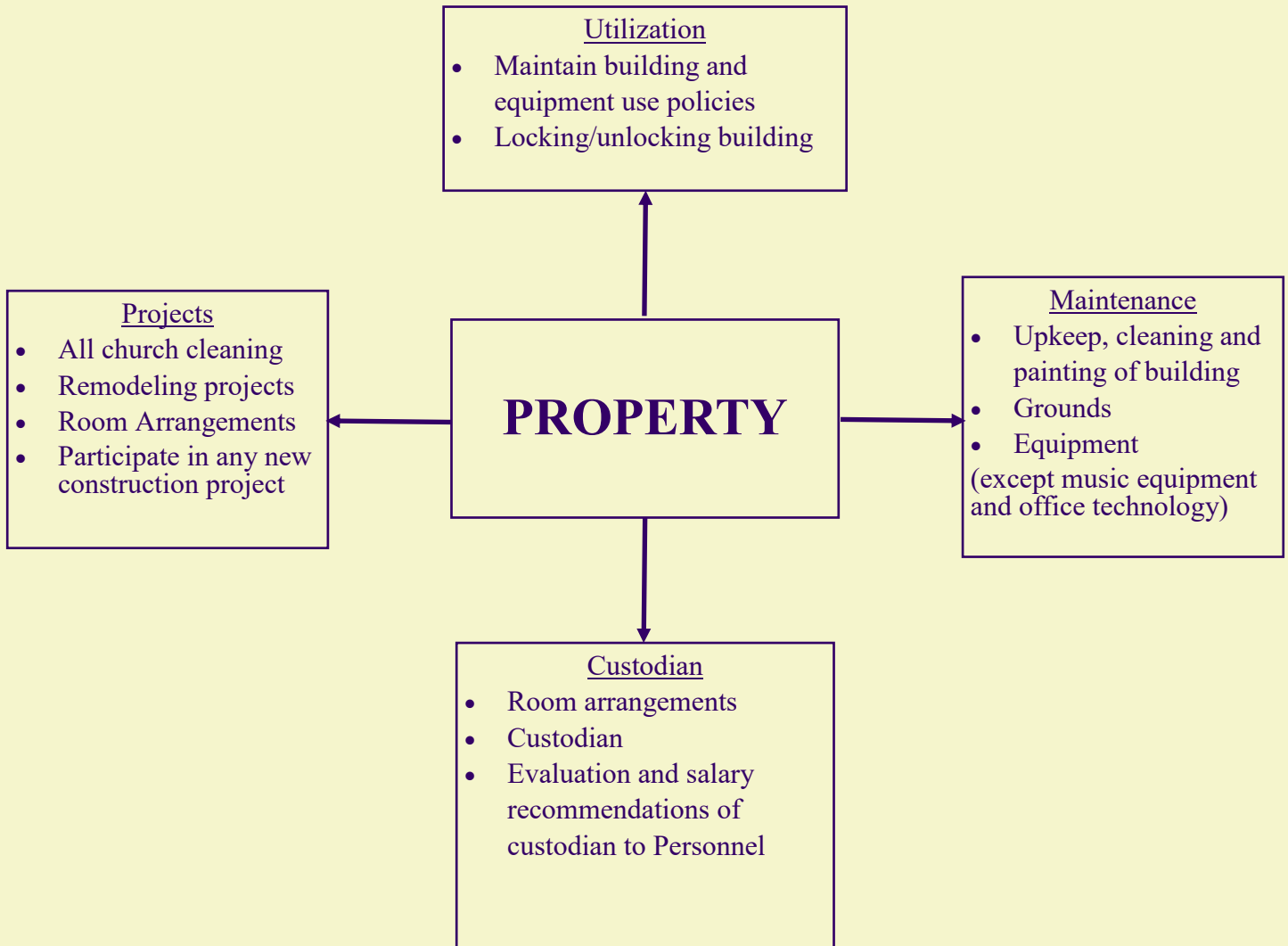
The Music of Bees follows three lonely strangers in a rural Oregon town, each working through grief and life's curveballs, who are brought together by happenstance on a local honeybee farm where they find surprising friendship, healing—and maybe even a second chance—just when they least expect it.



November- date when known , 6:30PM at the home of Beth and Mark Rupe

Prodigal Summer weaves together three stories of human love within a larger tapestry of lives amid the mountains and farms of southern Appalachia. Over the course one humid summer, this novel's intriguing protagonists face desperate predicaments but find connections to one another and to the fauna which they necessarily share a place.

What Does the Property Committee Do?



Responsible for church building and grounds

Co-Chairs: Steve Lienhop and Bill Wetzel

Members: Dan Frizzell, Sharon Frizzell, Sue Miller

Meets on the third Monday at 11:00AM in Fellowship Hall



Date	Scripture
September 5	Luke 9:10-17
September 12	Genesis 1:1; 2:4a
September 19	Genesis 21:1-3;22:1-14
September 26	Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Join us for virtual Worship on Sundays at:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/centennialcc.org>
Or in-person worship beginning at 10:15 AM

Musicians
 Joe and Gwen Peebles

Sound Technician
 Michael Schoeninger

Video Recording
 Jack Keefe

Serving Elders for September
 Gwen Peebles, Sarah Todd

Children’s Moment for August

September 5.....Sarah Todd
 September 12..... Pastor Heather
 September 19.....Julie Hatten
 September 26.....Gwen Peebles

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 Outdoor Vespers 6:30P	30	31 CWF 9:30A-FH	September 1 Bridge 12P-GH	2 Outreach 5P-FH TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	3 Labor Day Camp begins →	4 Bridge 12P-GH
5	6 Labor Day → Labor Day Camp Ends	7 CWF 9:30A-FH	8 Bridge 12P-GH	9 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	10	11 Bridge 12P-GH
12 2 nd Sunday Food Pantry	13 Trustees 11:00A-library	14 CWF 9:30A-FH Worship Cmte. 6:30P-librarty	15 Bridge 12P-GH	16 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	17	18 Bridge 12P-GH
19	20 Property 11:00A-FH	21 CWF 9:30A-FH	22 Bridge 12P-GH	23 Ladies Lunch 11:30A TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Men's Dinner 6:00P	24	25 Bridge 12P-GH
26 Reconciliation Sunday Installation of Officers-10:30A	27	28 CWF 9:30A-FH Elders 6:30P-GH	29 Bridge 12P-GH	30 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	October 1	2 Bridge 12P-GH



Prayers of Petition

Diane Armstrong, Peggy Bates, Ricky, Calista, Cole, Muriel Dawson, Terry Foland, Rae Geske, Scott Griffith, Jim Hawkins, Joan, Tammy Leonard, Penny, Lexi Peterson, Lily, Mary Ann, Pete Rasmussen, Fern Scaggs, Cindy Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Kathy Scott, Barbara Short, Rhonda Smith, Marian Wrinkle

At Home/Assisted Living

Anita Poling (Westminster), Pat Watson (Hollybrook)

Nursing Home

Heritage Manor-Tom (Billy) Robey, Rev. Barbara Short, Don Short; Martin Health -Earl McIntyre

Military

Mark Brienem, Keyla Folsom, Troy Guyran, Benjamin Horn, Michael Iverson, Adam and Angie Lienhop, Clay Short, John Thomas, Darrell Walton, Glen Whitecotton, Christopher Wilson-Poston

Prayer Requests

Tim, a family member of Larry and Kay Carius, has blood cancer. Prayers of healing and strength are needed for Tim.

Mary Margaret fell last weekend and is in a boot. Prayers for fast healing.

Prayers for CCIW congregations and ministries: NAPAD Ministry(2 weeks): Korean Christian, Springfield; Living Stone CC, Evanston; Chicago Christian Church Des Plaines; Happy Christian Church North Brook.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries		September Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Jim and Esther Sengpiel	09/01	Kim Shepherd	09/12
Pat Watson	09/03	Denny Pritchard	09/14
Harrison Matej	09/05	Sandee Simmons	09/16
Lucerne Brienem	09/07	Steve and Sandra Lienhop	09/20
Sandra Lienhop	09/07	Sarah Todd	09/21
Barbara Short	09/11	Brenda Stockum	09/29
Bret and Brenda Foland	09/11	Bill Wetzel	09/29
Jan Dill	09/12		