

## Serving Through our Spiritual Gifts

Have you ever wondered about why you love reading but dislike speaking in front of a group, working on a mission project but not teaching vacation bible school, leading a project but not hanging out in a coffee klatch? These are my questions but regardless of your wondering, it's time to answer that "I Wonder" question.

We are offering a Spiritual Gifts Workshop where you will have an opportunity to identify your spiritual gifts and how to apply these gifts to your personal faith journey and effectively support our church community.

**September 15, 2026**

5:30 PM for pizza and salad

6:00 -8:00 PM a time for reflection and learning.

Reserve your spot with Laurie Palmer in the church office 843-757-3351.

## BUMC Book Group – Start Reading now!

We are hoping to start a book group for our BUMC Community. We will start reading now and meet the first week in October to start our first discussion. We have selected Books for the first few months and then will do book nominations and voting for future months.

At our first meeting we will discuss general guidelines and principles for book suggestions, discussion leaders and consistent timing for meetings.

Our first three books:

### **October – Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman**

A timeless coming of age novel set in the 1960s, Saving CeeCee Honeycutt explores the indomitable strengths of female friendship, and charts the journey of an unforgettable girl who loses one mother, but finds many others in the storybook city of Savannah. As Kristin Hannah, author of Fly Away, says, Beth Hoffman's sparkling debut is "packed full of Southern charm, strong women, wacky humor, and good old-fashioned heart." 356 pages

### **November - The Day Jesus Moved Next Door. by Sean Elliot Russell (Author)**

A small city becomes the focal point for a spiritual war when Jesus of Nazareth moves into an old farmhouse on Summit Avenue. 337 pages

### **December/January –**

### **The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Jan-Phillip Sendker and Kevin Wiliarty**

A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, The Art of Hearing Heartbeats spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be...until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will reaffirm the reader's belief in the power of love to move mountains.

### **Our First Meeting;**

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

If you would like to join but cannot drive at night please let us know and we will try build car pools!

Light snacks will be served but feel free to bring your dinner if you are just getting off work.

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