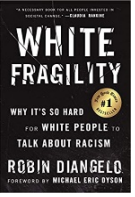
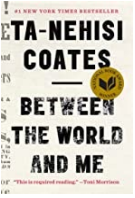

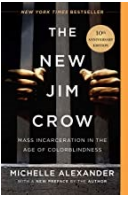
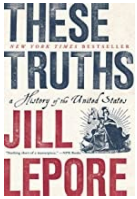
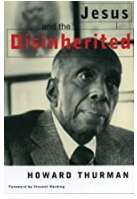


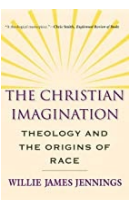


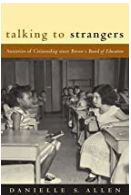
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	<p><b><i>Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism.</i></b> by Drew Hart</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke, Rev. Bob Hunter</p>	<p>***note: John Franke's 8am Adult Ed class, Theology, Thoughts, and Coffee is currently discussing this book via Zoom</p> <p>Bob: Powerful insight from a Black pastor and scholar</p>
	<p><b><i>White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism</i></b> by Robin DiAngelo</p>	<p>Dr. David Chaddock, Rev. Bob Hunter, Rev. Kelley Jepsen, Celia Booher</p>	<p>***note: Blessed Messiness class at 9:30 on Sunday is reading <i>White Fragility</i> and discussing on Zoom.</p> <p>David Chaddock: The CenterPoint staff is discussing the book as a group during supervision time for both personal and professional growth.</p> <p>Bob: The author takes on the various arguments used by whites to claim exemption from systemic racism.</p>
	<p><b><i>How To Be an Anti-Racist</i></b> by Ibram X. Kendi</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers, Dr. John Franke, Celia Booher</p>	
	<p><b><i>Between the World and Me</i></b> by Ta-Nehisi Coates</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers, Rev. Bob Hunter</p>	<p>Bob: Eye-opening!! Penetrating! Truth.</p>
	<p><b><i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</i></b> by Bryan Stevenson</p>	<p>Rev. Chris Henry, Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	
	<p><b><i>The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness</i></b> by Michelle Alexander</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke, Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	



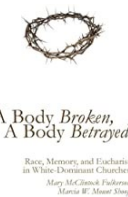
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	<p><b><i>These Truths: A History of the United States</i></b> by Jill Lepore</p>	<p>Rev. Chris Henry</p>	<p>Suggested by Rev. Dr. Bill Enright. The book weaves the reality of racism deeply into the American story. It is moving and challenging.</p>
	<p><b><i>Jesus and the Disinherited</i></b> by Howard Thurman</p>	<p>Rev. Gracie Payne, Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	<p>Gracie: This is a work I return to regularly as Thurman answers the question, “What is the word of the religion of Jesus to those who stand with their backs against the wall?” Just as Thurman’s work shaped the civil rights movement, I believe they ought to shape our hearts, minds, and Christian practice for the living of this day.</p>
	<p><b><i>A Kid's Book about Racism</i></b> by Jelani Memory</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers, Kat Green</p>	
	<p><b><i>Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness (Ordinary Terrible Things)</i></b> by Anastasia Higginbotham</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers, Kat Green</p>	
	<p><b><i>Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism from the Inside Out</i></b> by Ruth King</p>	<p>Carol Baker</p>	<p>Carol: Written by a mindfulness teacher, the book is a hopeful guide for transformation and healing by helping the reader notice our habits of harm and gives the reader tools to support their transformation. I am still on my "Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity" journey, and hope to contribute to a world where everyone feels safe, seen and beloved.</p>
	<p><b><i>The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race.</i></b> by Willie James Jennings</p>	<p>Rev. Bob Hunter</p>	<p>Bob: An in-depth account of the trajectory of racism as it intertwines with Colonial and Christian expansion from European and American sources.</p>

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	<b><i>The Fire Next Time</i></b> by James Baldwin	Rev. Chris Palmer	Chris: Published in 1963, I would wager that it's almost impossible to understand race relations in this country without reading this book. Baldwin's prose is at once beautiful and stirring. Racism, according to him, is a poison that runs through every organ of our common life as a nation — from the way we vote to the way we love. Racism is an undeniable social problem, and this book is an indispensable guide.
	<b><i>Talking to Strangers: Anxieties of Citizenship since Brown v. Board of Education</i></b> by Danielle Allen	Katherine Ellis	Katherine: Employing the language and value of sacrifice, Allen challenges readers to think about how our citizenship calls us to better political friendship – to recognizing and reciprocating acts of sacrifice which enable a more just and trustful society.
	<b><i>Art on My Mind: Visual Politics</i></b> by Bell Hooks	Katherine Ellis	Katherine: A beautiful and poignant collection of essays on art criticism, art, and aesthetics in within the Black community
	<b><i>Have You Seen Luis Velez?</i></b> by Catherine Ryan Hyde	Lisa Enright	Lisa: It's a novel we read and finished right before George Floyd was killed. We all loved the book and were so glad we read this in light of what has been going on. It's about a boy from a biracial family with parents who divorced and he doesn't feel like he belongs. He ends up helping a blind older woman neighbor who is struggling as Luis Velez used to help her and he disappeared so she is now isolated and trapped in her home. It has several racially diverse narratives going on through the story. It's a great read and gives you hope.
	<b><i>March (Graphic Novel Trilogy)</i></b> by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin	Rev. Brian Shivers	This trilogy of graphic novels shares the story of the Civil Rights movement from the perspective of Rep. John Lewis.

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	<p><b><i>The Hate U Give</i></b> by Angie Thomas</p>	<p>Celia Booher</p>	<p>Celia: This short novel is a quick read offering the perspective of a Black teenager behind the headlines.</p>
	<p><b><i>The Women of Brewster Place</i></b> by Gloria Naylor</p>	<p>Rev. Gracie Payne</p>	<p>Gracie: The writer Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie says, “The consequence of the single story is this: it robs people of dignity... When we reject the single story, when we realize that there is never a single story about any place, we regain a kind of paradise.” I believe it is vital work for the Christian to listen with humility to the unique experiences of others; fiction is one way to listen and be transformed by empathy. Naylor’s collection of seven stories, about women who all reside in Brewster Place, depicts the challenges and resiliency of Black women in America without giving into sentimentality or despair.</p>
	<p><b><i>A Body Broken, A Body Betrayed: Race, Memory, and Eucharist in White-Dominant Churches</i></b> by Mary McClintock Fulkerson and Marcia W. Mount Shoop</p>	<p>Rev. Gracie Payne</p>	<p>Gracie: I was first introduced to the work of these women in seminary and Mount Shoop’s writings have been central to my understanding of embodiment, suffering, and the Body of Christ. This particular work begins and ends at the Table where they invite white-dominant churches to consider how our practices of the Eucharist might be disembodied from Christ’s suffering and actually reinforce our racialized silos by “creating a sacrament out of sameness.” A challenging work of research and writing but I will never “take and eat” the same way again.</p>
	<p><b>Podcast: “New Way”</b> hosted by Rev. Sara Hayden (<a href="http://www.newchurchnewway.org">www.newchurchnewway.org</a>)</p>	<p>Rev. Chris Henry</p>	<p>This podcast is in its fifth season, and much of seasons four and five take on topics of race and faith, along with the challenges of COVID-19. The episode with Zeena Regis is especially powerful. The podcast is available on iTunes, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.</p>

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	<p><b><i>Don't Call Us Dead</i></b> by Danez Smith</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers</p>	
	<p><b><i>No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black and Free in America</i></b> by Danell L. Moore</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers</p>	
	<p><b><i>I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness</i></b> by Austin Channing Brown</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers</p>	
	<p><b><i>Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery</i></b> by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	
	<p><b><i>Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America</i></b> by Ibram X. Kendi</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	
	<p><b><i>We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy</i></b> by Ta-Nehisi Coates</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	
	<p><b><i>The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America</i></b> by Richard Rothstein</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	
	<p><b><i>The Cross and the Lynching Tree</i></b> by James Cone</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	

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	<p>Taylor Branch Trilogy—detailed history of MLK and the civil rights movement:  <b><i>Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954-63</i></b> by Taylor Branch  <b><i>Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963-65</i></b> by Taylor Branch  <b><i>At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years 1965-68</i></b> by Taylor Branch</p>	<p>Dr. John Franke</p>	<p>John: Detailed history of MLK and the civil rights movement</p>
	<p><b><i>Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race</i></b> by Debby Irving</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. John Koppitch</p>	
	<p><b><i>A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota</i></b> by Sun Yung Shin</p>	<p>Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	
	<p><b><i>America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America</i></b> by Jim Wallis</p>	<p>Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	
	<p><b><i>Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation</i></b> by Jennifer Harvey</p>	<p>Rev. Kelley Jepsen</p>	
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	<p><b><i>The American Church in Black and White: Navigating Minefields to becoming God's Intercultural Community</i></b> by Gregory Emanuel Bryant</p>	<p>Catherine Carvey</p>	
	<p><b><i>Are Prisons Obsolete?</i></b> by Angela Davis</p>	<p>Hannah Arnold Davis</p>	
	<p><b><i>Please Don't Touch My Hair!</i></b> by Tyrisha L. Blackwood</p>	<p>Kat Green</p>	
	<p><b><i>Don't Touch My Hair!</i></b> by Sharee Miller</p>	<p>Rev. Brian Shivers</p>	
	<p><b>Movie: "American Son"</b></p>	<p>Lisa Enright</p>	