



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEASURE TIME BOOK CLUB

We are a group that meets at Covenant Presbyterian Church on the third Thursday of each month at 11AM for one hour (usually in Room F205). We invite anyone in the community to attend. There is no sign up sheet (except for when we invite local authors to speak).

Our Book Club meets year round. Everyone has a say in the selection of the books we read. We do try to vary the list by including many kinds of book genre. We try to have the next three books chosen in advance so that we have plenty of time to find and read them. At least one copy of each book is available for lending in our Covenant Library. We do share our personal copies through our Covenant Library book-waiting list so that we all get a chance to read the book of the month.

About Our Book Club Name

JoAnn Leasure

The original name of Covenant's Book Club was the *Brown Bag 'n Book Club*. The idea was that people could come in with their lunch or snack and sit for an hour to discuss the book selection of the month.

After the loss of our Book Club Leader, **JoAnn Leasure**, in the summer of 2017, members decided to honor her by naming the book club after her. A little play on words, but we know that she would get a kick out of our "Leasure" Time Book Club!

JoAnn never had to look up discussion ideas for any book. She was a natural at drawing folks into the conversation and weaving each person's perspective into the book. JoAnn was a leader in so many aspects in the life of Covenant Presbyterian Church. We like to think that our Book Club was her favorite fellowship activity, because she loved to read and share books!



Road Trip!

Our Book Club also enjoys going on Road Trips! For example, after reading "The Allure of Immortality: An American Cult, a Florida Swamp, and a Renegade..." by Lyn Millner, a faculty member at Florida Gulf Coast University, we went to tour the Koreshan State Park in Estero, FL. The Koreshan State Park is the home of the Koreshan Unity Settlement, the pioneering colony (or cult) that led the development of Estero in the mid 1890's. We learned a different view point from the tour at the State Park, then we did from the book author who was a speaker at our Covenant's Wednesday Morning Live Series in 2017.



Koreshan State Park, March 2017

One of our favorite places to visit is the Sandman Book Company in Punta Gorda. Wonderful rooms filled to the brim with used books.... AND a delightful seafood restaurant in the same shopping plaza!



Sandman Book Company, July 2017



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