

READING LIST FOR FIRST THURSDAY BOOKGROUP: 2026-2027

August 4: *Redefining Freedom: Thoughts on Bridging Divides and Renewing the American Promise* by Sophia A. Nelson

September 1: *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone

October 1: *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder

November 5: *Separation of Church and Hate: A Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible* by John Fugelsang

December 3: *The Future is Peace: A Shared Journey Across the Holy Land* by Aziz Abu Sarah & Maoz Inon

January 7: *Purple Church, Red State: Finding Common Ground in an Age of Polarization* by Greg Allen-Pickett

February 4: *The Fix: Saving America from the Corruption of a Mob-Style Government* by Barbara McQuade

March 11: *Practice the Pause: Jesus' Contemplative Practice, New Brain Science and What It Means to be Fully Human* by Caroline Oakes

April 1: *Paper Girl: A Memoir of Home and Family in a Fractured America* by Beth Macy

May 6: *Dusk Night Dawn: On Revival and Courage* by Anne Lamott

June 3: *Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed and Lost Idealism* by Sarah Wynn-Williams

July 1: *Journey to Eloheh: How Indigenous Values Lead Us to Harmony and Well-Being* by Randy & Edith Woodley

The First Thursday book group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 via Zoom. Although we like to encourage people to become regular members of our discussion group, visitors are always welcome to attend when a particular book is of interest. For more information, please contact Janet Cruz at (503) 350-1578 or jcruzmx@yahoo.com