November, 2018 Church Library Announcements

**November 4**  Along with our sermon series “Getting Honest with Jonah” this month, each week we will introduce to you a very different book to go deeper into understanding the Biblical prophet Jonah. Three books will be from Presbyterians, two of which are Scottish and the other one the well-loved American author Timothy Keller. The fourth author is a talented Dutch Jewish artist who with his father were imprisoned during World War II. We start with commending to you the updated and annotated book from the great theologian Patrick Fairbairn of 19th century Scotland. His book *Jonah: His Life, Character and Mission* has endured as the mainstay book from our Presbyterian heritage for over two centuries.

**November 11**  Today we highly encourage families and especially junior and senior high youth to explore the illustrated work by Peter Spier on Jonah. This Dutch Jew used the medium of pen and ink with watercolors to imaginatively document the whole life of Jonah in the context of facing God’s call to preach to Nineveh. His beautifully illustrated work *The Book of Jonah* entertains with humor to give some joy within the serious, tough and challenging messages of Jonah and helps us face our honesty with God along with Jonah.

**November 18**  Current-day Scottish theologian and scholar Sinclair B. Ferguson of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, has given us a book with contrasting style to the 19th century Patrick Fairbairn. The inviting title and art on the book’s cover reinforces the preached messages here at Lake Grove Church to add interest in exploring and reading this book. It is *Man Overboard! The Story of Jonah*.

**November 25**  Finally, we commend to you the very timely newest book by Presbyterian Timothy Keller of New York City. His book *The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God’s Mercy* released on October 2. This is the second book Keller has given us with the word “prodigal” in the title. His other book *The Prodigal God* is also about another one who runs away from God, a son from his father, but in both Keller books, God’s loving mercy triumphs over our human efforts at trying to escape Him.