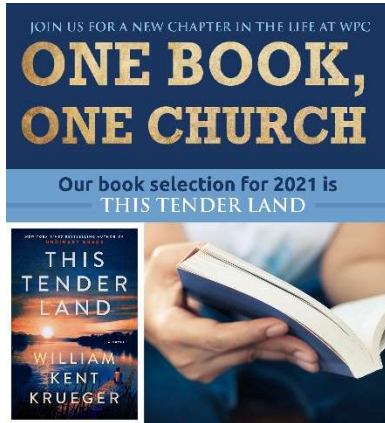


One Book, One Church



Since 2014, we have gathered together as a church family to read a common book; to discuss, share, and learn from the characters' journeys. These readings have given us opportunities to walk in the shoes of others, experiencing different time periods, class, gender, and ethnicity. What better way to welcome everyone back to church in the fall, then to read an epic book this summer as we venture out of our homes to visit the shore or the mountains with family and friends.

This year's selection is *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger! Set against the backdrop of the depression, this story follows four orphans as they flee an abusive life at an Indian boarding school in Minnesota and canoe down the Gilead River. During the journey south, they encounter folks from desperate situations who pose danger and folks, who despite their own troubles, offer them help and rest. They each have their own wounds to heal, fears to face and talents to contribute to their survival.



Programing for This Tender Land will begin in September and run for several Sundays. We are excited to announce a Zoom visit with Kent Krueger, the author, on September 26th! You may remember him from when he visited us in 2016 to discuss that year's selection *Ordinary Grace*. He remembers us fondly and is excited to discuss *This Tender Land* and answer any questions we might have for him!

We will keep you informed of specifics this summer through News and Views, the website and of course the Wayne Press!