

Women Transcending Boundaries Monthly Newsletter

Bringing women of faith together after 9/11



All information also available on our website

June 2021

“Celebrating Ourselves and Others” ...singin’ in the rain!

It takes more than a little rain to dampen at WTB celebration! About 20 people gathered under a pavilion at Mill Run Park on May 23rd to share music, song, poetry, and positive stories about our experiences during this pandemic shutdown and upcoming summer plans.

Huge thanks to the Kenya Hoya Kelzmer Band (including our own Rosalie Young on poyk) for braving the raindrops with their instruments and enthusiasm. Their wonderful, lively music had us on our feet – we got to “dance in the rain”! Carol Lipson read Joan Burstyn’s poem “Discordant Music.” Though Joan has moved to Madison, Wisconsin she graciously sent this to us for our special re-gathering. Many shared positive things to come out of their pandemic experiences. Lorraine Markley rediscovered her love of bead stitching and knitting and brought some of her exquisite creations. Joy Pople nurtured her love of trees, hiking local woodlands and posting unique photos and information about the beautiful variety of trees on Instagram tree.geek. Zoom brought far flung families together for virtual gatherings and old friends reconnected through online book clubs and church studies. Diane Lansing brought her guitar and led a sing-a-long of a “very WTB” song “Could you love me, if I don’t look like you?”

When the rain let up, the kids were able to head to a somewhat soggy, but still fun playground while others shared snacks and conversation under the pavilion.

Thanks to all who came out...it was fun to be together! Here’s to sunny skies ahead ☺

Written by Barb Bova





LOTS OF FUN
at
The May 23rd Meeting



At the May 23rd meeting, Diane Lansing sang *Could You Love Me?*, a song written and performed by Matt Watroba. He says: “This is a little song I wrote after realizing that, in 2017, half of my friends on social media unfriended the other half of my friends on social media. It just poses some questions.”

We found the song to embody the mission of WTB. Thus, we wanted to share it with all of you. The words are printed below and if you click on the photo below, you’ll see the video.



Could you love me, if I don't look like you?
Is it deeper, is it stronger, something hidden, something true?
If I stare a little longer will I see myself in you?
Could you love me, if I don't look like you?

Could you love me, if I don't think like you?
Is it deeper, is it stronger, something hidden, something true?
If I stare a little longer, will I see myself in you?
Could you love me, if I don't think like you?

Could you love me, if I don't pray like you?
Is it deeper, is it stronger, something hidden, something true?
If I stare a little longer, will I see myself in you?
Could you love me, if I don't pray like you?

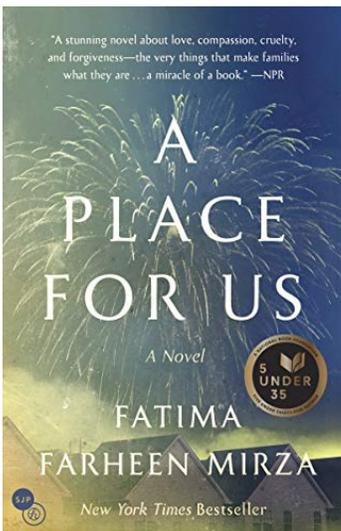
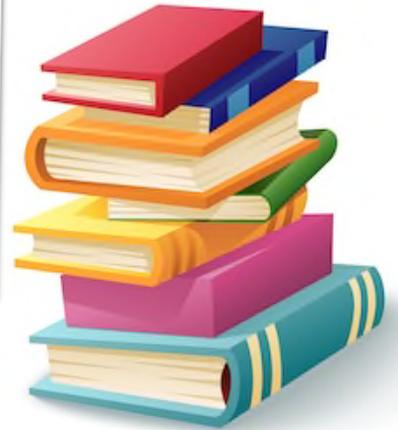
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BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 14
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Zoom meeting

To be added to the Zoom meeting, email
Anne Flaherty, annebflaherty@gmail.com.



An Indian–Muslim family is preparing for their eldest daughter's wedding. But as Hadia's marriage – one chosen of love, not tradition – gathers the family back together, there is only one thing on their minds: can Amar, the estranged younger brother of the bride, be trusted to behave himself after three years away?

A Place for Us tells the story of one family and all family life: of coming to terms with the choices we make, of reconciling past and present and of how the smallest decisions can lead to the deepest betrayals.

Our book club continues to meet via Zoom generally on the second Monday of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We select books that shed insight into social issues and the impact of faith in our world today. The following books will be discussed.

- Jul. 12 – *Caste*, by Isabel Wilkerson
- Aug. 9 – *A Giver of Stars*, by JoJo Moyes
- Sept. 13 – *The Making of a Racist*, by Charles Dew
- Oct. 11 – *North of Dawn*, by Nuruddin Farah

UPCOMING PROJECT: PANTRY PARTNERS



WTB is excited to become a Pantry Partner!!

This program began under the auspices of the Round Table of Faith Leaders' Community Campaign for Love. It began with milk distribution during the pandemic, but has expanded to encompass food hubs and sub-hubs in houses of worship, and now includes exciting plans to build and support community gardens to provide fresh, healthy food options.

WTB has committed to becoming a partner with a Southside church and is exploring how we can support them in their food pantry mission. It will be an opportunity to build relationships as we do a small part to alleviate food insecurity in our city.

Food Pantry? Gardening?

Would you like to become part of this effort? We welcome your talents and ideas, creativity and energy as we find our role supporting our pantry partner!

More details to follow!

If you'd like to be involved please email

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[Pictured \(top two\): SU students, Interfaith Round Table of Faith Leaders and community members begin work on the community garden at Apostolic Church-Jesus Christ on Cortland Ave.](#)



COMMUNITY GARDEN PICKUP



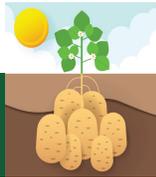
a project of the Community Campaign for Love, a program of InterFaith Works



Saturday, June 12, 2021



12 noon - 2 p.m.
Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ
347 Cortland Ave., Syracuse, NY



What You'll Get:

Supported by



- Tips on growing your your own community vegetable garden
- A free bucket garden with vegetable seedlings for your porch or yard
- Plants and tires for your tire garden, including growing tips

For information: Colette Matthews-Carter, 315-449-3552, ext. 111



The WTB Award Committee is excited that we have selected two graduating seniors as winners of 2021 Women Transcending Boundaries Interfaith Awards. Each of these young women has demonstrated, through service, her understanding of and commitment to interfaith and intercultural diversity in her school, community and/or faith tradition. Each will receive a one-time thousand dollar monetary award to be used on further education or training.

Awards will be presented in early June. We'll announce the winners in next month's WTB newsletter!

Spring Hike

--Sue Savion

Trout lilies decorate the sides of our narrow path
Stately, tall pine trees like soldiers in a row
Are sentinels planted 80 years ago.
Un-tillable farmland transitioned to state forests

Rocky streams with many bends,
Strewn with brown leaves
Leftover from winter,
Wend through the Tully Land Trust

High overlooks with views
Of tumbling waterfalls;
Slabs of grey slate layered
Through the millennia

Steep inclines and deep gorges
Spotted through curtains of branches
With delicate new green leaves
Decorated with bright white balls of blossoms

Above, a perfect blue sky
With perfect puffy clouds
With delicate rays of sunshine
Basking the elders and alders below

On to Kettleball State Forest
Where a logging road is our venue
And the tall trees of the Heiberg Mile Trail--
All ending too soon on this Spring Perfection Day

We pause in a glen and perch on logs to eat our lunch;
Share gorp, cookies, jokes;
Find a tree to squat behind;
Head for home with smiles abounding.