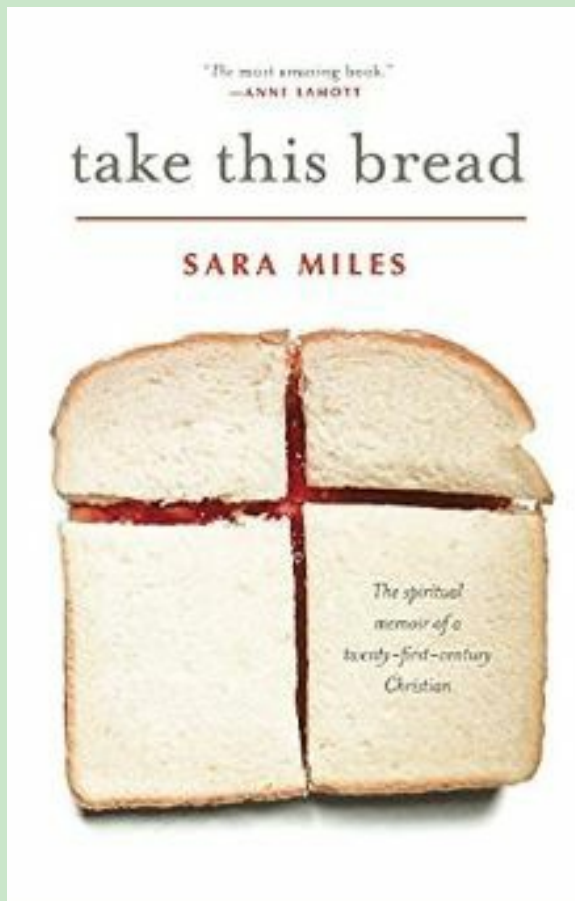




In our diversity we find strength...  
No matter where you've been, or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome and needed here!

## FCC Thursday Note from Reverend Karla, September 7th, 2023



Hey there FCCH~~

I am excited to invite you to participate in the Pastor Spiritual Memoir Book Club. What is that? It's a *benevolent dictator* book club where I get to choose the books, you get to read them, and we can come together and talk about them. Everyone is welcome to join, however you can. Our first meeting will be in October (TBA), but you can get started reading the book, "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles. Sara Miles was raised as an atheist and lived an enthusiastically secular life until, one morning, she wandered into a church.

"I was certainly not interested in becoming a Christian," she writes, "or, as I thought of it rather less politely, a "religious nut." But she ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine, and found herself radically transformed. A left-wing journalist who covered revolutions

around the world, Miles was not the person her friends expected to see suddenly praising Jesus. But religion for her was not about angels or good behavior or piety; it was about real hunger, real food, and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away...and the story continues.

There are several copies in the library, and you can order a used copy from Amazon fairly inexpensively. It's definitely worth the read, I promise. Please sign up for the book club by contacting Jo, our church administrator at [office@fcchendersonville.org](mailto:office@fcchendersonville.org).

Our Forum this Sunday, September 10 @ 9:00 am, is going to be beyond interesting, "Forensics and Psychology in Death Penalty cases" with Richard Vickers and Dr. Sharon Pearson. Richard and Sharon met when Richard retained Sharon to work on a death penalty case he was litigating. According to the federal judge who ultimately decided the case, it was Sharon's testimony that won the case for the client. Richard will discuss forensics, and Dr. Pearson will speak about psychological issues. Don't miss this!

And if that weren't enough, cellist Ben Smith will be joining us for worship, along with our own Linda Laderach. I will tell you a story about a coffee war in a church, and touch on the subject of conflict based on Matthew 18 15-20 in my sermon, "Where Two or Three are Gathered". Our coffee hour is hosted by Bruce Mills and Jim Hollingsworth, who are celebrating their 42nd anniversary with us. Wowie! Congratulations Jim and Bruce.

See you soon, and until then, be kind.  
Love and peace,  
Karla



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Please feel free to contact us with any input or concerns.

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