

# CARLA'S SUMMER READING/LISTENING RECOMMENDATIONS

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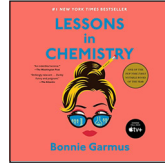
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### **Demon Copperhead**

by *Barbara Kingsolver*

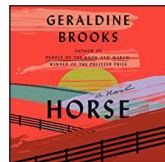
Rev. Catherine Stark-Corn loaned me this book and I could not put it down. Set in Appalachia, it traces the life of one little boy and the journey is painful but the writing was achingly beautiful. I was astounded by the writing and thrilled to see it win this year's Pulitzer.



### **Lessons in Chemistry**

by *Bonnie Garmus*

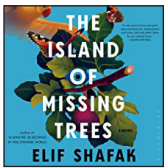
Laugh out loud funny but also a serious story about a brilliant woman scientist who lived before women were taken seriously as professionals.



### **Horse**

by *Geraldine Brooks*

I just started this but can already tell that it will challenge and engage while telling a story that needs to be told.



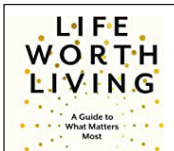
### **The Island of Missing Trees**

by *Elif Shafak*

About a family who immigrated from Greece to London, there is a mystical quality to this beautiful story.

## NON-FICTION

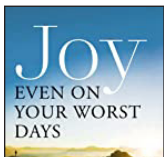
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### **Life Worth Living, A Guide to What Matters Most** by *Miroslav Volf and*

*Matthew Croassum, and Ryan McAnnally-Linz*

This new release has already sold out so buy it on kindle or order it. Following in the tradition of the classes Dr. Mike Graves has taught in recent years, this book raises the question "What is worth wanting" in this life. Very accessible work from the Yale Center for Faith and Culture which was led by our own Phil Love for several years.



### **Joy on Your Worst Days** by *Tom Are*

My friend who leads Village Presbyterian has written this short compelling book that meets us all where we live. This would be great for a small group discussion or personal devotional reading.

## PODCASTS

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*Some of us need to multitask, podcasts and YouTube are great ways to "listen" for wisdom.*

**Kate Bowler "Everything Happens"** (especially the interviews with Elaine Pagels and Beth Moore). Bowler teaches at Duke Divinity and is a fresh marvelous voice on faith from the perspective of a young mom who was diagnosed with cancer in her 30's. Find her on Apple or Spotify

**"On Being" with Krista Tippett** (took a hiatus but has resumed). I liked the ones with: Surgeon General Vivek Murthy; Barbara Brown Taylor on the hunger for holiness; and award winning author Isabelle Wilkerson.

**"Pray as You Go"** A brief daily guided reflection on a scripture with soulful music.

**YouTube @cccckc "Questions Christians Ask"**. This is a shameless plug for the 7 part video series filmed at Country Club Christian by our extremely talented Dan Warneke. Each one features a member of our clergy in a brief (10-20 minute) conversation on a challenging faith question. [CLICK HERE TO START WATCHING!](#)