

FBC News

“In a modern society, who is allowed to speak with authority is a political act.”

Dr. Tressie McMillan Cottom

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Let's Discuss *THICK: And Other Essays!*

We are excited to announce our new book, *THICK: And Other Essays* by Tressie McMillan Cottom. Our first conversation will be on Tuesday, January 18th at 7pm on Zoom. (Save Tuesday, Feb 1st for our second night on this book!) *THICK* is a showcase for Dr. Cottom's critical dexterity, investigating everything from Saturday Night Live, LinkedIn, and BBQ Becky to sexual violence, infant mortality, and Trump rallies.



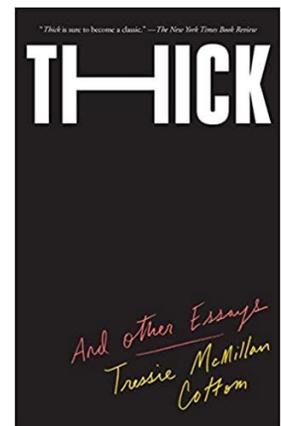
Dr. Cottom is an award-winning author, researcher, educator, cultural critic, and 2020 MacArthur "Genius" Fellow. She is internationally recognized for the urgency and depth of her incisive analysis of technology, higher education, class, race, and gender. She is the author of *Lower Ed* (2017), critically acclaimed for its analysis of for-profit colleges and social inequality and *THICK: And Other Essays* (2019), a 2019 National Book Award Finalist in Non-Fiction.

FBC is happy to pay for your book. Purchase it online or in a bookstore and send a copy of the receipt to office@fbcpottstown.org and indicate that it is for the book group. Please include an address where a reimbursement could be sent.

Even if you haven't read, please come on January 18th to hear a provocative conversation between our night's leader, Rev. Dr. Kadia Edwards and Black Historian and author, Dr. Kennetta Hammond Perry. Dr. Perry will be able to give us historical perspective on the book we'll be reading to enrich our conversation. I am so excited!

Please invite others to join this book group! The more readers and voices in the conversation the more each of us can learn, grow and be the change we need in the world! (Also, not for women only!) Invite someone! The link to join the meeting is on the [Group Life page of our website](#).

Looking forward to seeing you on January 18th!
Marcia



A Thank-You from Pastor Marcia

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so very much for the monetary gift for Christmas; your generosity is so much appreciated. It was delightful to be able to celebrate another Advent and Christmas season with you and to look forward to another year of doing ministry together in our community. I am grateful for your faithfulness and commitment to our life together.

Blessings,
Marcia

What's Happening at FBC!

Check out these upcoming events! Visit us online to find links at www.FBCPottstown.org.

- Jan 16th at 9:15am Learning Community – The Sermon on the Mount
- Jan 18th at 7pm Book Group – *THICK: And Other Essays*
- Jan 20th at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team
- Jan 23rd Annual Reports Due in the Church Office
- Jan 23rd at 9:15am Learning Community – The Sermon on the Mount
- Jan 23rd at 12pm Congregational Meeting to approve 2022 Budget
- Jan 25th at 7pm Guided Meditation
- Jan 30th at 9:15am Learning Community – The Sermon on the Mount
- Jan 30th at 10:30am Worship with guest pastor Rev. Dennis Landon
- Feb 1st at 7pm Book Group – *THICK: And Other Essays*
- Feb 6th at 9:15am Learning Community – The Sermon on the Mount
- Feb 9th at 7:30pm Board of Community Care & Connection
- Feb 13th at 9:15am Learning Community – The Sermon on the Mount
- Feb 14th at 4:30pm Board of Spiritual Life
- Feb 14th at 7pm Poetry Night with guest George Ritneur

Financial Info

We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen! Thank you!



Offering Income in Dec	\$ 5,565.13
Rental Income in Dec	\$ 7,066.28
Other Income in Dec	\$ 0.00
Total income in Dec	\$12,631.41
Expenses in Dec	\$14,363.68
Net Loss for Dec	\$ -1,732.27



Do you have anything you'd like to add to the next edition of FBC News?

Email details to the office at office@FBCPottstown.org by March 13th!