



**FBC News**

“I hope the truth and wisdom found here changes how people treat each other.”

From *Parable of the Brown Girl*  
Khristi Lauren Adams

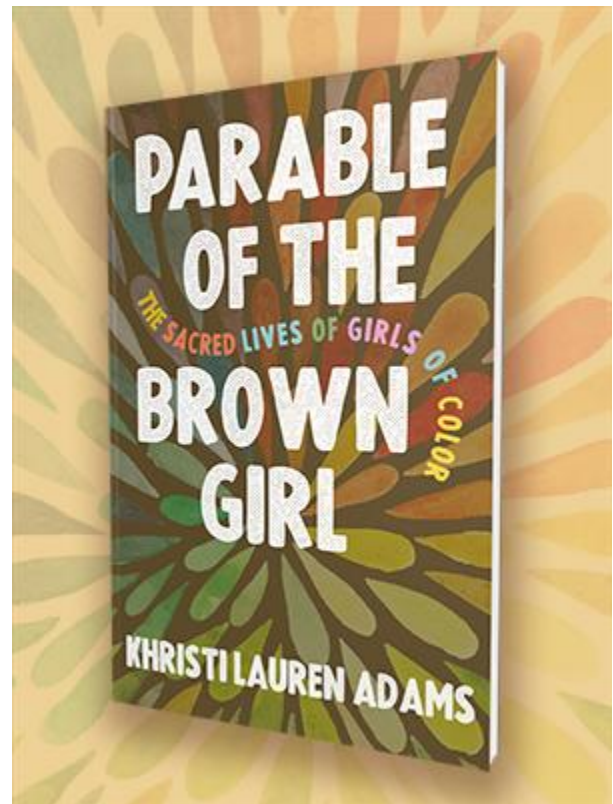
**AUGUST 2021**

## **FBC Reads!**

FBC is big into books these days, from our two Little Free Libraries (keep those book donations coming!) to our twice a month book group! It's time for you to get in on the action!

Plan now to join the FBC Book Group every other Monday night, beginning August 30<sup>th</sup> as we read [\*Parable of The Brown Girl: The Sacred Lives of Girls of Color\*](#). Published in 2020 by local author Rev. Khristi Lauren Adams (more on her in a moment), this book “magnifies the struggles, dreams, wisdom, and dignity” of the experiences of Black and Brown girls.

“I often imagine how any number of the girls I meet could find themselves in one of Jesus’ parables, the stories he used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson. He frequently focused his parables on the neglected and unnoticed, highlighting wisdom and strength where they had previously been ignored. These girls, too, are neglected and unnoticed. They are also wise and full of incredible strength,” writes Adams.



Rev. Adams is currently the Firestone Endowment Chaplain, an instructor of religious studies and philosophy, and co-director of Diversity at The Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Marcia has been in conversation with Khristi who plans to join us for one or more of our book sessions!

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite our Pottstown community to join us in conversation about the strength and promise of young women’s lives. We will be inviting our neighbors, other worshiping communities, and anyone you want, offering copies of books to FBC members and our Little Free Library users.

**C'mon, FBC! Let's read!**

## What's going on at FBC?

Check out these upcoming events! Find links for at [www.FBCPottstown.org](http://www.FBCPottstown.org) so visit us online often.

- July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team Meeting
- July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am Board of Technology & Communication Meeting
- July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Monday Meet-Up: Organize & Declutter with Jeanne Petrosky
- July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Guided Meditation Group
- July 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm Board of Community Care & Connection Meeting
- Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm Monday Meet-Up: Open-Mic Poetry Night with Dennis Landon
- Aug 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm Board of Spiritual Formation Meeting
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Guided Meditation Group
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Ministry Coordination Team Meeting
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm Book Study Group: *Parable of the Brown Girl*

Do you have an event or meeting for next month's newsletter? Email the details to the office at [office@FBCPottstown.org](mailto:office@FBCPottstown.org)!

## African Mission Initiative



From Rev. Eleazar Ziherambere:

“Greetings!

With your support, we have assisted 45 most vulnerable families in the flood-stricken area of Gatumba. We have provided to each family 10kg of rice, 10kg of beans, and 10kg of maize flour. They are waiting to be relocated in other regions of Burundi since Gatumba does not look to be safe anymore.”

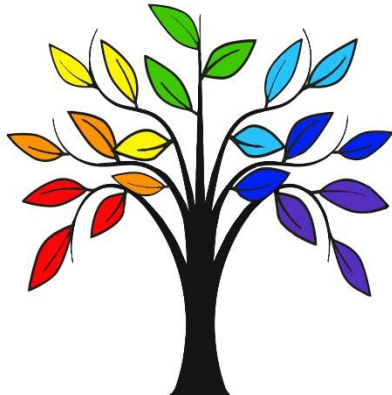
FBC has collected \$1501.32 to help with the relief efforts in Burundi. Thank you to all who have donated in support of Eleazar's African Mission Initiative.



## Financial Info

Our thanks to all who support the life and ministry of FBC. We continue to come together to do the work of ministry in our neighborhood and in the world. Your gifts make this happen!

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| Offering Income in June    | \$ 5,506.11       |
| Rental Income in June      | \$ 5,381.00       |
| Other Income in June       | \$ 0.00           |
| <hr/> Total income in June | <hr/> \$10,887.11 |
| <br>Expenses in June       | <br>\$12,130.08   |
| <br>Net Loss for June      | <br>\$ 1,242.97   |



**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](mailto:office@FBCPottstown.org) by Aug 13<sup>th</sup>!