**Join the Banned Books Book Club!**

We are seeing a rapid acceleration of book censorship occurring across the US. More than 2,500 different book bans have taken place over the past year, according to the American Library Association.

**Book Club Overview:**  Over this church year we will read and discuss books that are frequent targets of censorship. We will meet in Nov, Jan, Mar and May.

* Pick the meeting time that fits for you - daytime in-person or evening via Zoom.
* Pick a book that appeals to you. For each topic there will be at least 3 selections to pick from. Read one or all.
* Open to the community, invite friends and family!

**First meeting Wednesday, November 16. Pick your meeting time:**

* 10 AM in person at church or
* 7 PMvia zoom (Zoom link will be available on our First Parish website Sunday 11/13)

In November we will discuss books related to gender, books which have been the most frequently challenged of the past 2 years.

For the first meeting read one or more of the following:

***Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*** by Susan Kuklin. The author interviews six transgender or gender-neutral young adults, and includes photographs, helping us understand the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken.

***Melissa*** by Alex Gino.(Previously published as ***George***.)This short novel isaimed at middle graders. When people look at Melissa, they think they see a boy named George. But she knows she's a girl. “Timely, touching... *George* may be the most right-now book imaginable." -- *New York Times Book Review*

***Gender Queer*** by Maia Kobabe. This memoir about being gender nonbinary is in graphic novel form.

Hope to see you on November 16th!