



The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee. This book was nominated for Best Non-Fiction (2021). **The book study starts on February 11th at 11:30am after church in the Parlor.**

Join us each Sunday for an in-depth discussion. We will read two chapters each week. The book talk will run for 5 weeks. The book is readily available at your local county library, available on Amazon or wherever you get your books.

Synopsis:

Heather McGhee's specialty is the American economy--and the mystery of why it so often fails the American public. From the financial crisis to rising student debt to collapsing public infrastructure, she found a common root problem: racism. But not just in the most obvious indignities for people of color. Racism has costs for white people, too. It is the common denominator of our most vexing public problems, the core dysfunction of our democracy and constitutive of the spiritual and moral crises that grip us all. But how did this happen? And is there a way out?

McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm--the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others.

But in unlikely places of worship and work, McGhee finds proof of what she calls the Solidarity Dividend: gains that come when people come together across race, to accomplish what we simply can't do on our own.