

United Methodist Reading Program 2007-2008

There are four categories of books for the 2007-08 UMW Reading Program:

- Education for Mission
- Nurturing for Community
- Social Action
- Spiritual Growth

Some of the books can be found in St. Paul's Library on the 'UMW cart,' and others in Montgomery County library system (marked MC with call numbers).

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EDUCATION FOR MISSION

God's Golden Acre: A Biography of Heather Reynolds by Dale leVack
Heather Reynolds gave her life to God, then waited for the call to serve. While visiting South Africa, she encountered the human and social devastation of the HIV/AIDS pandemic and knew this was God's call.

Miniskirts, Mothers and Muslims: A Christian Woman in a Muslim Land by Christine Mallouhi. This book reveals the conventions that govern Muslim society and charts the unwitting mistakes Westerners can make when meeting Muslims. The author's stories come from a Muslim culture invisible to many in the West.

NURTURING FOR COMMUNITY

For God and Country: Faith and Patriotism Under Fire by James Yee
(MC, 6 copies, ISBN 1586483692) James Yee's memoir tells how as a patriotic West Point graduate, he found himself facing capital charges, subject to abusive treatment and imprisoned in solitary confinement without any basis in truth. One of the first Muslim U.S. Army chaplains, Mr. Yee's story shows the dark side of an unregulated war on terror.

Grace Matters: A Memoir of Faith, Friendship and Hope in the Heart of the South by Chris Rice. This is the true story of the journey of members of Voice of Calvary Church in Jackson, MS, to become a people of common dreams, desires and destinies.

I Choose to Stay: A Black Teacher Refuses to Desert the Inner City by Salome Thomas-El. The challenges of working in an urban school are not for every teacher. This book is a real-life story of mentoring, making a difference and how the reformation of the U.S. educational system can start with just one school.

Who's Raising Your Child: Battling the Marketers for Your Child's Heart and Soul by Laura Buddenberg & Kathleen McGee. This book explores today's hyper-commercialized society and the damage it is doing to children as they grow from toddlers to teens in a culture of consumption.

SOCIAL ACTION

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario. (MC, 9 copies, 305.23 NAZ) and UMW.

This astonishing true story recounts the unforgettable journey of a Honduran boy who braves hardship and peril to find his mother in North Carolina. With gritty determination and a deep longing to be by his mother's side, Enrique travels through hostile unknown worlds. This is a timeless story of families torn apart, the yearning to be together again, and a boy who will risk his life to find the mother he loves. (Available in Spanish at MC)

Hard Line: Life and Death on the U.S.-Mexico Border by Ken Ellingwood.

This is a vivid portrait of a place and its people, and a moving story of the West that has major implications for the nation as a whole. Told through stories of undocumented immigrants and the border agents who track them through the desert, human-rights workers who aid migrants, ranchers taking the law into their own hands and Native Americans divided between two countries.

What Wrong With the Christian Right? by Jan Linn. The Christian Right has become a major player in the political life of the United States. What was once thought to be a fringe movement within Christianity has become the dominant Christian voice, with political clout greater than anyone imagined possible 25 years ago. This book documents this movement and its impact on U.S. society.

When the Rivers Run Dry: Water- The Defining Crisis of the 21st Century by Fred Pearce. (MC, 12 copies, 333.91 PEA) Fred Pearce traveled to more than 30 countries to examine the state of crucial water sources like the Indus River in Pakistan, the Colorado River in the U.S., and the Yellow and Yangtze Rivers in China. He reveals the most daunting water issues we face today, and although dire, tells us that they are not without remedy.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Jesus' Parables of the Lost and Found by James Moore. This book examines six of Jesus' parables of the lost and found to see if readers can find themselves and God's truth in these stories. It includes a study guide.

Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino by Joyce Rupp.

At age 60, Joyce Rupp didn't know what she was getting into when she began a 37-day pilgrimage along the Camino de Santiago in northern Spain. Joined by her walking friend, Tom, a retired pastor, Ms. Rupp learned lessons that can help readers travel life's up-and-down journey with more grace.

LARGE PRINT OR REGULAR- SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life by Queen Noor.

(MC, large print, 8 copies; regular print, 7 day loan only, 2 copies B NOOR)

This is the story of a U.S. woman who became wife and partner to an Arab monarch. And it is the story of a mother coming to terms with the demands the king's role as a world statesman places on her family's private life. Most of all, it is a love story- the intimate account of a woman who lost her heart to a king and the king's people.