

2014 UMW Reading Program books

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Education for Mission:

AWAKE: DOING A WORLD OF GOOD ONE PERSON AT A TIME (813049) Author: Yeatts, Noel Brewer. This story-driven book urges us to open our eyes to the needs of a hurting world and get involved in realistic, positive change. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 170 Pages.

DRESSMAKER OF KHAIR KHANA (813056) Author: Lemmon, Gayle Tzemach. Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe. The story of a family living in Afghanistan under the Taliban. LARGE PRINT. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: AS. 326 Pages.

HISTORY OF THE ROMANI PEOPLE (813058) Author: Kyuchukov, Hristo and Hancock, Ian. This book gives readers a glimpse into the lives lived by the Romani in the past and present, helping us to understand and appreciate this distinctive culture. A full-color picture book for older children and adults. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: EMHYAS. 32 Pages.

ON THIS SPIRIT WALK: THE VOICES OF NATIVE AMERICAN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (813062) Author: Mann, Henrietta and Phillips, Anita. This small group study examines a variety of topics and is written by a variety of Native American authors, including two from the Illinois Great Rivers Conference: Carol Lakota Eastin and Phyllis Singing Bird. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 119 Pages.

ST. MARK'S AND THE SOCIAL GOSPEL (813048) Author: Blue, Ellen. Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895 - 1965. This book looks at the contributions of St. Mark's Community Center and St. Mark's Methodist Church, in particular the important role played by women (especially deaconesses) as the church confronted social issues through the rise of the social gospel movement and into the modern civil rights era. Includes index. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 303 Pages.

TWIST OF FAITH: AN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN'S QUEST TO HELP ORPHANS IN AFRICA (813054) Author: Donnelly, John. The story of a man who planned to build an orphanage in Malawi, but after learning to listen to the villagers, ended up building a school and feeding center instead. *2014 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Education for Mission OR 1 Education for Mission and 1 Social Action Age: A. 190 Pages.

ZIMBABWE BOUND: A WOMAN'S JOURNEY THROUGH AFRICA (813055) Author: Killian, Larita. Born in 1882, Anna grew up, married a South African rancher, and homesteaded in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). Tragedy led them to Mt. Selinda Mission where they labored to improve medicine and agriculture for all Rhodesians. Through her letters, we share the tragedy and inspiration of her African journey. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: A. 179 Pages.

Leadership Development:

BACK TO ZERO: THE SEARCH TO REDISCOVER THE METHODIST MOVEMENT (812059) Author: Rendle, Gil. The lifeblood of a United Methodist is passion rather than organizational neatness, entrepreneurial freedom rather than denominational restraint, and agility rather than staid institutional dependence. But if United Methodists want to change and be the church we say we want to be, what must we risk and how can we challenge current practices? Chapter titles: We've all got skin in the game; What holds us together; Breaking rules; It's time to testify; Citizenship in the movement -- voting against one's self-interest; Can David live with Goliath? -- Can a movement live inside an institution?; The new Wesleyan movement. Part of the 'Adaptive Leadership Series.' *2014 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 104 Pages.

KING PEGGY (813057) Author: Bartels, Peggilene and Herman, Eleanor. An American Secretary, Her Royal Destiny, and the Inspiring Story of How She Changed an African Village. This book tells the story of Peggilene Bartels, who suddenly finds herself king to a town of 7,000 people on Ghana's central coast. Includes photos. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 334 Pages.

LORD, I LOVE THE CHURCH AND WE NEED HELP (812077) Author: Bassford, Virginia. This book addresses the distinctive challenges and profound opportunities for the United Methodist Church today. Chapters: 1) In the beginning GOD - relationships with God and God's people; 2) Relationships of accountability, support, trust, and integrity; 3) Relationships with those around us; 4) Relationships with the unexpected and burnout; 5) Relationship to leadership and a future with hope; 6) Relationship to the vocation of ministry and full-time Christian service; 7) Relationship to the Source of All Life. Part of the 'Adaptive Leadership Series.' Slightly larger than average print. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 100 Pages.

WOMEN, SPIRITUALITY AND TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP: WHERE GRACE MEETS POWER (813059) Author: Schaff, Lindahl, Hurty, Cheen, editors. Topics: How do I express being an empowered woman of spirit and faith?; How do my spiritual values inform me about living with the challenges and blessings of diversity?; How do we stand for the greatness of each other?; How do we catalyze our collective transformational power as women of spirit and faith? Includes bibliography. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Leadership Development Age: A. 269 Pages.

Nurturing for Community:

PLEASE LOOK AFTER MOM: A NOVEL (813038) Author: Shin, Kyung-Sook. Told through the voices and perspectives of a daughter, son, husband, and mother, this novel is a picture of contemporary life in Korea and a universal story of family love. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 254 Pages.

POWER OF SERVING OTHERS: YOU CAN START WHERE YOU ARE (813037) Author: Morsch, Gary and Nelson, Dean. Packed with examples, the authors prove that we all have something to share, no matter where you are in life or your skills or resources. Includes index. This copy is in regular-sized print. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 130 Pages.

POWER OF SERVING OTHERS: YOU CAN START WHERE YOU ARE (814105) Author: Morsch, Gary and Nelson, Dean. Packed with examples, the authors prove that we all have something to share, no matter where you are in life or your skills or resources. Includes index. This copy is in LARGE PRINT. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: AS. 193 Pages.

SIMPLY SALSA: DANCING WITHOUT FEAR AT GOD'S FIESTA (813039) Author: Eckles, Janet Perez. The author, a woman with numerous challenges in her life, shares her story. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: YAS. 143 Pages.

SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE: ADVENTURES IN LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

(813040) Author: Starbuck, Margot. With a list of resources, a study guide, and a six-week 'Adventure Challenge,' as well as plenty of stories from the author's own life, this book will open your eyes to the people around you and the huge impact you can have on them through small acts of love. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: A. 239 Pages.

UP: A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER'S PEAKBAGGING ADVENTURE (813041) Author: Herr, Patricia Ellis. The author recounts the adventures of climbing New Hampshire's mountains with her young daughter. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Nurturing for Community Age: YA. 237 Pages.

Social Action:

BREAK THE CYCLE: HEALING FROM AN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIP (813050) Author: Deitz, Tracy. The author, a trained advocate for victims of domestic violence, tells the story of Lydia, a survivor who offers a lifeline to anyone who feels trapped in a destructive dynamic. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: A. 204 Pages.

FINDING HIGHER GROUND: ADAPTATION IN THE AGE OF WARMING (813051) Author: Seidl, Amy. The author explores climate change and our capacity for adaptation. *2014 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Social Action OR 1 Social Action and 1 Education for Mission Age: A. 199 Pages.

INVISIBLE THREAD (813045) Author: Schroff, Laura and Tresniowski, Alex. The True Story of an 11-year-old Panhandler, a Busy Sales Executive, and an Unlikely Meeting with Destiny. The story of a relationship that has lasted almost three decades. Includes photos. LARGE PRINT. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: AS. 361 Pages.

OUR GOD IS UNDOCUMENTED: BIBLICAL FAITH AND IMMIGRANT JUSTICE (813053) Author: Myers, Ched and Colwell, Matthew. The perspective of the immigrant offers fresh eyes for reading the Bible, which in turn offers a new way of seeing the plight of the stranger and sojourner among us. Includes subject and Scripture indexes. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: A. 228 Pages.

PLACE AT THE TABLE: 40 DAYS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR (813042) Author: Seay, Chris. The author invites you on a journey of self-examination, discipline, and renewed focus on Jesus. He challenges us to eat like the poor for 40 days and donate the money saved on groceries to a charity or project that serves the poor in concrete ways. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: YA. 229 Pages.

YEAR OF PLENTY (813052) Author: Goodwin, Craig. One Suburban Family, Four Rules, and 365 Days of Homegrown Adventure in Pursuit of Christian Living. The author, a pastor, relates his family's experiment to consume only what was local, used, homegrown, or homemade. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Social Action Age: YA. 219 Pages.

Spiritual Growth:

EMBRACED BY GOD: CELEBRATING WHO AND WHOSE YOU ARE (813043) Author: Mason, Babbie. Over the course of 21 days, the author encourages the reader to delve deeper into a love relationship with God and discover the height, depth, and breadth of His great love and acceptance. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 429 Pages.

FAITHFUL HEART: DAILY GUIDE FOR JOYFUL LIVING, STUDENT'S GUIDE (911002) Author: Dyck, Sally. This eight-session study, designed for women, will help you identify and explore eight characteristics of a faithful heart and recognize how to strengthen these in your daily living. Session titles: Passionate, Called, Holy, Equipped, Joyful, Loving, Learning, Authentic. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 238 Pages.

JESUS: A BIOGRAPHY FROM A BELIEVER (813047) Author: Johnson, Paul. An accessible biography and analysis of how Jesus is important in the present era. LARGE PRINT. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: AS. 255 Pages.

NEW WINE, NEW WINESKINS (813060) Author: Powe, F. Douglas, Jr.. How African American Congregations Can Reach New Generations. Ideas on church revitalization for all churches. Includes discussion questions for group study. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 114 Pages.

SILENCE AND OTHER SURPRISING INVITATIONS OF ADVENT (813061) Author: Okoro, Enuma. A 28-day exploration into the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Includes Advent wreath candlelighting meditations and a guide for small groups. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 125 Pages.

STRONG WAS HER FAITH: WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (813044) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Chapters: Elizabeth; Anna; Martha; Mary, the sister of Martha; The mighty widow; The anonymous evangelist; Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of Mark; Dorcas; Lydia; Mary in life and legend; Why Mary? Includes a study guide for group discussion. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: A. 168 Pages.

YOU'RE ALREADY AMAZING (813046) Author: Gerth, Holley. Embracing Who You Are, Becoming All God Created You to Be. The author shows you how to forget the lies and expectations the world feeds you and instead believe that God loves you and has bigger plans for your life than you've even imagined. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth Age: YAS. 219 Pages.

Any Category:

BEING UNITED METHODIST: WHAT IT MEANS, WHY IT MATTERS (812133) Author: Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Chapters: How it all began; A village that made a difference; How to be exclusively inclusive; A people of head and heart; What Methodists believe; A people moving to perfection; The redeemed person in an unredeemed society; Singing like a Methodist; How Methodism became America's church; Methodism and her several children; Methodism today; What is the future of Methodism? Includes discussion questions for group study. Larger than average print. *2014 UMW Reading Program: Any Category Age: YAS. 165 Pages.