

United Methodist Women



ALL LADIES! Please join us for UMW Brunch at church on **Saturday, November 18th, at 9:30.** Aldean and Cecelia are hostesses. We will assemble "survival kits" for College students. The kits are a boxful of snack foods sent to each student who lives away from home as a treat during final week to let them know their church family cares about them.



UMW Ladies, it's almost time to turn in your reading tier. You still have another month, so plenty of time to read a good book or finish one you already have! Lists will be due by December 15, 2017.

Here are a few book reviews from some of the UMW ladies.

Esther by John Piper.

Esther was a poor orphan girl who by the grace of God became a Persian queen! John Piper writes Esther's story in beautiful poetry that is a treat to read. He tells us what could have happened in her life based on what is known to be true. Throughout the short book (63 pages), the reader enjoys lovely paintings by Glenn Harrington.

Just for Today by Saint John XXIII (Pope John Paul XXIII)

For those who don't like to read or have little time to read, this book is for you! It's a children's book with life messages for everyone. One message: "Just for today, I will do a good deed and tell no one about it." Just a few simple, yet powerful words on each of the 23 pages convey Pope John Paul XXIII's messages to live by, and are in the midst of interesting story-telling illustrations by Bimba Landmann, a native Italian who lives in Milan.

Note: Pope John Paul XXIII served as Pope from 1958-1963. He helped save the lives of thousands of Jews fleeing the Holocaust. He was canonized Saint John XXIII on April 27, 2014.

A Girl Called Problem, a novel by Katie Quirk.

Katie Quirk lived and taught writing in Tanzania for two years. She saw first hand how hard the girls worked. Many were poor and could not afford to go to school and didn't have the time anyway with so many chores to do. Often they were abused at school when they could attend. She tells a fictional, but possible, story of 13-year-old Shida, whose name means "problem" in Swahili, the good she does and the obstacles she overcomes in moving to a new town and eventually going to school.

Wherever the River Runs, by Kelly Minter.

This is a true story of Kelly's travels as a missionary along Brazil's mighty Amazon River and surrounding jungle. For several years, she took vacations there with family and friends and ministered to the people through her music and Bible study. In many ways, she found herself being ministered by them in return and that left her very humbled and questioning the priorities in her life in Nashville, Tenn. Her book is filled with stories of the lives and hardships of jungle pastors, families and children and the miracles that took place.