

Resource Details – UMW Reading List – Updated November 2006

Resource: (P5016) 40 Ways to Raise a Non-racist Child

Author: Barbara Mathias & Mary Ann French
Published: 1996, Harper Perennial
Rdg List Yr: 1999
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Including practical suggestions for all families, as well as specific advice, the book covers everything from how to select toys for preschoolers to how to face a teen's prejudice. This is the first book to provide families with the tools they need to talk openly about racism and to respect and appreciate racial differences.

Resource: (P5021) 9 Attitudes That Keep a Christian Going & Growing: Christianity in

Author: Stuart Briscoe
Published: 1995, Harold Shaw Publishers
Rdg List Yr: 1998
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Christianity makes unique demands on its followers, such as 'Love your enemies' and be thankful in everything.' And a life that is empowered by God's Spirit produces attitudes that have motivated and shaped the character of not only the apostle Paul, but also generations of Christians after him.

Resource: (P6546) Africa in Crisis: The Causes, the Cures of Environmental Bankruptcy

Author: Lloyd Timberlake
Published: 1986, New Society Publishers
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: Suggests new strategies already being employed which could reduce and eventually eliminate Africa's vulnerability to famine.

Resource: (P8026) Africa: Lord Hang Onto Me and Don't Let Go

Author: Martha Oldham
Published: 2004, Pleasant Word
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: The book tells of the four trips Martha made to Zaire, Kenya, Ghana and finally Rwanda and Tanzania. The book opens God's doors for Martha in spite of obstacles and occasional danger. Those who read the book will be challenged to go through the doors God opens to us all in many ways as he takes us on a grand adventure in faith.

Resource: (P6974) African Presence in the Bible

Author: William D. Watley
Published: 2000, Judson Press
Rdg List Yr: 2002
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: A new level of understanding and appreciation of the African presence in Scripture is portrayed through 18 eye-opening sermons. The authors also address many contemporary issues for people of all races.

Resource: (P5057) All God's Children: A Biblical Critique of Racism

Author: Steven L. McKenzie
Published: 1997, Westminster John Knox Press
Reading Year: 1999
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: McKenzie demonstrates that the Bible issues a clear call for unity that can overcome racism. This book is inspirational as well as education for all Christians struggling to live faithful lives today.

Resource: (P5062) Amazing Grace: The Lives of Children and the Conscience of a Nation

Author: Jonathan Kozol
Published: 1995, Harper Perennial
Rdg List Yr: 1998
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: A compelling and powerful portrait of the tragic harm so many children suffer in urban America. A powerful and profoundly disturbing book that challenges all of us to take a hard look at the national we are becoming.

Resource: (P7026) Amethyst Heart

Author: Penelope J. Stokes
Published: 2000, W Publishing Group
Rdg List Yr: 2002
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: For a hundred and forty years, Noble House has been a place of shelter, hope, and healing in Cambridge, Mississippi. A place of miracles. When Amethyst discovers her dissolute son has designs to sell the ancestral home out from under her, Miss Amethyst—ninety-three years old and as sharp as ever— isn't about to let that legacy go. If her son is lost to her, there's still her granddaughter. Little Am, who had once held such sweet promise, but the gentle, good-natured child has mutated in her teen years into something else altogether. But whatever it takes, Little Am is going to know that the Noble family heritage is worth fighting for.

Resource: (P5067) Andrew, You Died Too Soon: A Family Experience of Grieving and

Author: Corrine Chilstrom
Published: 1993, Augsburg Press
Rdg List Yr: 1997

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Corinne Chilstrom's book speaks to Christians who want to know what to do in the face of sudden tragedy; 'run to the griever, listen, stay in touch, give practical help, share memories and silence, worship and help us return.'

Resource: (P5111) Becoming a Woman of Strength: 14 Life Challenges for Women-and

Author: R. Ruth Barton
Published: 1994, Harold Shaw Publishers
Rdg List Yr: 1998

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Over the years women have experienced significant pressure to minimize their strengths rather than become all God created them to be. This is a book filled with wisdom, truth-telling, encouragement and practical help for today's Christian woman.

Resource: (P5119) Beyond The Babylift: A Story of an Adoption

Author: Pamela Chatterton Purdy
Published: 1987, Abingdon Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW

Description: The images won't die, South Vietnamese Women and children scrambling desperately toward helicopters; N Vietnamese tanks crashing through walls through the streets of Saigon. This is the story of one of those children.

Resource: (P6462) Beyond the White Noise

Author: Tom Montgomery-Fate
Published: 1997, Chalice Press
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/Education for Mission

Description: In an intricately woven book of personal essays based on his missionary service in the Philippines, the author shares hard-won insights into how we can replace the old, neocolonial concept of mission with co-mission, a mutually liberating model for cross-cultural partnership. With wry humility, he tells how he learned to be quiet, listen, and understand "the healing language of the heart."

Resource: (P5132) Biblical Women: Mirrors, Models and Metaphors

Author: Elizabeth Huwiler
Published: 1993, United Church Press
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Lifts up the stories of Miriam, Naomi, Ruth, Sarah, Mary, Leah, and Rachel, among others and readers will be invited to enter into their stories to find places where these stories connect with contemporary male/female experiences.

Resource: (P5169) Call to Wholeness: Health As A Spiritual Journey

Author: Kenneth L. Bakken
Published: 1987, Crossroads Publishing Company
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW

Description: Dr. Bakken shows how stress (fear, anxiety, anger, guilt, depression, loneliness, and unforgiveness) contributes to disease, and how spiritual growth promotes health, healing and wholeness.

Resource: (P5172) Calling the Shots: How Washington Dominates Today's UN

Author: Phyllis Bennis

Published: 1996, Olive Branch Press

Rdg List Yr: 1998

Category: UMW/1998 Education for Mission

Description: A wonderfully realized and crisply presented account of how the United States both dominates and debilitates the United Nations. Filled with behind-the-scenes stories of UN intrigue and diplomatic carrots and sticks, the book gives the reader a deeper understanding of the problems facing today's United Nations.

Resource: (P5196) Ceremonies III: A Collection of Worship Resource for UMW

Author: Collection

Published: 1996, Women's Division GBGM

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Ceremonies III continues the collection of worship resources for UMW first issued in 1983.

Resource: (P5265) Clippings from My Note Book

Author: Corrie ten Boom

Published: 1982, Thorndike Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: A collection of devotional writings providing insight into a remarkable woman's abundant source of strength. The author, having survived World War II and the horror of a Nazi concentration camp, kept a journal of her spiritual insights.

Resource: (P7639) Cloud of Witnesses

Author: Jim Wallis & Joyce Hollyday

Published: 1993, Orbis

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Through interviews and brief biographical profiles, this book introduces us to a company of modern witnesses - peacemakers, martyrs, saints - who have embodied the gospel challenge of our day. We meet Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker movement; Fannie Lou Hamer, champion of the freedom struggle in Mississippi; Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk and prophet of peace, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Resource: (P5325) Cry Amandla!: South African Women and the Question of Power

Author: June Goodwin

Published: 1984, Africana Publishing

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/global concern

Description: Speaks for and about a rising black consciousness, and thus it is interpreted by many South Africans as more than a gesture of defiance against an established order, but as the harbinger of a new one.

Resource: (P7226) Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor

Author: Leonardo Boff

Published: 1997, Orbis Books

Rdg List Yr: 2003

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: According to Boff, we are called to be guardian angels of the earth and "sons and daughters of the rainbow." The challenge is to see ourselves "as alongside things, as members of a larger planetary and cosmic community."

Resource: (P7405) Cuba: Neither Heaven Nor Hell

Author: Maria Lopez Vigil

Published: 1999, Epica Book

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: Maria Lopez Vigil portrays Cuba with all its marvelous contradictions and fascinating paradoxes, and Cubans with their unforgettable energy and crazy brilliance.

Resource: (P5344) Desert Blooms: A Personal Adventure in Growing Old Creatively

Author: Sarah-Patton Boyle

Published: 1983, Abingdon Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Courageously accepting what cannot be changed, Sarah-Patton Boyle has found ways to make the desert bloom. She has learned to change what she can and in the process, her faith in herself and in God has been restored.

Resource: (P5356) Dirt Rich, Dirt Poor: America's Food and Farm Crisis

Author: Joseph N. Belden

Published: 1986, Routledge & Kean Paul

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Dirt Rich, Dirt Poor sets out broad goals for the food system, with an emphasis on equity for producers and consumers, security of the food supply, and resource and environmental protection.

Resource: (P5364) Discrimination Past and Present

Author: Angela Phillips

Published: 1993, New Discovery Books

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: This new series sets events and issues that are considered modern or contemporary in a historical context, comparing our knowledge today with the significance the issues have acquired over the years.

Resource: (P7228) Disposable Domestics

Author: Grace Chang

Published: 2000, South End Press

Rdg List Yr: 2003

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Chang dismantles recent arguments in favor of curbing immigration and eliminating access to education, health care, and welfare. She unravels the twisted history of U.S. immigration policy and its role in drawing much-needed workers to the "land of opportunity," and then discarding them when the need has passed. Most importantly, she highlights the unrewarded work immigrant women perform as caregivers, cleaners, and servers in the context of the broader need for jobs with justice and dignity for all—and shows how these women are actively resisting the exploitation they face.

Resource: (P8025) Drawing from Wisdom's Well: Stories, Celebrations, and Explorations of Courageous Women of Faith

Author: Gloria Ulterino

Published: 2002, Ave Maria Press

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: The Samaritan woman, Martha, Julian of Norwich -- if these women could speak to us today, what would they say? About their lives, about their faith . . . and about ours?

Resource: (P5407) Encountering the Chinese: A Guide for Americans

Author: Hu Wenzhong and Cornelius L. Grove

Published: 1991, Intercultural Press, Inc.

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/1996 Education for Mission

Description: A solidly grounded and sensitive cross cultural analysis that will guide Westerners toward more rewarding relationships with the Chinese in the People's Republic of China and elsewhere.

Resource: (P5412) Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation

Author: Jody Miller Shearer

Published: 1994, Herald Press

Rdg List Yr: 1996

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: After asking, 'Why be concerned about racism?' Shearer explores definitions of prejudice and racism, the different effects of racism on white persons and people of color, affirmative action and many other issues.

Resource: (P7230) Exodus: The Journey to Freedom

Author: Christine and Bernard Keels

Published: 2003, GBGM Women's Division

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth

Description: Welcome to the Spiritual Growth Study on Exodus: The Journey to Freedom. Christine Keels and the Rev. Bernard Keels have provided a deep river of content to draw us through the historical journey of African American Methodists in the United States. For these modern-day successors of the ancient Hebrews whom Moses led out of slavery in Egypt, there is a river between their desert wandering and the promised land; it is the river Jordan, and those traveling to the promised land have to go through it.

Resource: (P6459) Families in Pain

Author: Judith & Jack Balswick
Published: 1997, Fleming H. Revell
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: The Balswicks offer an honest look at the various points where pain enters our families. Faced with walking away or covering pain with a smile, the Balswicks shows you the path of godly courage that leaves you and your family strengthened. They fill their book with examples of people who not only have lived through this pain but have found fresh resources in God's presence. There are no easy answers, but there is a living hope. Includes questions for reflection at the close of each section.

Resource: (P5463) Flames Shall Not Consume You

Author: Mary Ellen Ton
Published: 1982, David Cook Publishing
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: Is your self-identity based on your good looks? Mary Ellen Ton struggled with these questions when her body was suddenly burned beyond recognition in a devastating fire. She soon realized that her self-identity was in fact, based on her familiar face.

Resource: (P7818) For the Peace of the World

Author: National Council of the Churches of Christ
Published: 2005
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Missions
Description: Divided into six sessions of less than 60 minutes each, For the Peace of the World is designed especially for adults in congregational religion classes. It is also perfect for high school social studies classes, campus ministry programs, social justice groups, college seminars, and book groups.

Resource: (P5473) Four Modern Prophets

Author: William M. Ramsay
Published: 1973, John Knox Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW/Christian Social Involvement
Description: Explores the life and thought of four twentieth-century Christian leaders who epitomize the struggle for freedom and justice in the social gospel, civil rights, liberation theology feminism. (W. Rauschenbusch, M.L. King Jr., G. Gutierrez & R. R. Ruet)

Resource: (P5498) Gandhi: His Life & Message for the World

Author: Louis Fischer
Published: 1945, Thorndike Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: In this deeply moving story of the great man who led India's struggle for freedom, Louis Fischer not only captures the spirit of Gandhi's way of life, but shows how that spirit reshaped a country and enriched the lives of millions.

Resource: (P5527) God's Call to Mission

Author: David W. Shenk
Published: 1994, Herald Press
Rdg List Yr: 1999
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: David Shenk helps us understand what is going on in the world of missions and what we should be doing about it.

Resource: (P6460) Good Marriage

Author: Judith S. Wallerstein & Sandra Blakeslee
Published: 1995, Warner Books
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Hundreds of books have been written about marriages that don't work. But what about the ones that does? The authors reveal the natural stages of marriage and the nine tasks you must undertake to make a good marriage. You'll see how happy, lasting marriages are challenged and rebuilt everyday and how you and your partner can share a joyful, exhilarating, and fulfilling lifetime together.

Resource: (P5550) Growing Toward Peace: Stories from Teachers and Parents

Author: Kathryn Aschliman

Published: 1993, Herald Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: Adults can learn how to provide the young with islands of peace and sanity in a world of fear, war, and brokenness; and how to counter violence appearing in real life, in books, games, toys, TV, etc.

Resource: (P7400) Haunt of Grace

Author: Ted Loder

Published: 2002, Innisfree Press Inc

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth

Description: In this splendid collection of sermons, Ted Loder marvels at the resiliency of Christian faith and its "dancing partner" of imagination. The author has spent 45 years in the professional ministry of the United Methodist Church, 38 of them as Senior Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Germantown in Philadelphia. Loder takes pride in the fact that a journalist once called his congregation "the oddball church." He leads a community of saints who have been at the creative edge of artistic endeavors, political activism, and social justice. This energetic preacher constantly comes up with fresh treatments of Scripture and adventuresome challenges for living out the vibrancies of the kingdom of God.

Resource: (P5574) Healing for God's World: Remedies from Three Continents

Author: Kofi Asare Opoku/Kim Yong-Bock/Wire

Published: 1991, Friendship Press

Rdg List Yr: 1996

Category: UMW/1996 Education for Mission

Description: This book promotes healing in God's world by redefining theological reflection in terms of the social location of three quite different authors.

Resource: (P5576) Helen of Burma

Author: Helen Rodriquez

Published: 1983, Ulverscroft

Rdg List Yr: 1983

Category: UMW/1989 Global Concern

Description: Working day and night, Helen tended the casualties in appalling conditions and under constant air attack. This a story of a triumph of the human will over almost impossible adversity which makes one proud to read of this courageous, indomitable woman.

Resource: (P8029) Home Is Always the Place You Just Left: A Memoir of Faith,

Author: Betty Smartt Carter

Published: 2003, Paraclete Press (MA)

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: A CANDID ACCOUNT OF A HEART YEARNING FOR GOD. In the spirit of Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies*, this memoir chronicles one woman's voyage toward faith. With unflinching honesty and wry wit, Carter describes the zealous faith of her childhood and her later struggles with depression, restlessness and obsessive behavior. A story of great pain and even greater hope, *Home is Always the Place You Just Left* will resonate with all those who have suffered in their search for God, and will come as a welcome companion to anyone searching for a faith of their own.

Resource: (P5598) Hospice Handbook: Definitive Guide to Hospice Care

Author: Larry Beresford

Published: 1993, Little, Brown and Company

Rdg List Yr: 1996

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Taking care of terminally ill patients is a privilege and a gift which teaches us not only about dying, but about living. All of those who have the courage to care for dying patients will be enriched by this experience. A must read book.

Resource: (P7402) House Where the Hardest Things Happened

Author: Kate Young Caley

Published: 2002, Doubleday

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Fusing an intimate memoir with an outspoken critique of organized religion's failure to welcome all into its community, *The House Where the Hardest Things Happened* is the moving story of one woman's search for a sense of belonging.

Resource: (P5604) Human Face of Poverty: A Chronicle of Urban America

Author: Vincent Fanelli
Published: 1994, Boot Strap Press
Rdg List Yr: 1995
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: This book provides an intensely human picture of chronic poverty in late 20th century urban America. Through the eyes of volunteers who lived and worked in one NY neighborhood for a decade-1/2, we come to understand the poor as real people.

Resource: (P5607) Humanity Comes of Age: The New Context for Ministry with the Elderly

Author: Susanne S. Paul and James A. Paul
Published: 1994, WCC Publications
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW/1997 Education for Mission
Description: Examines the concept of 'old ' and presents a detailed and informed analysis of the situation, which the church must address in its ministry with senior citizens.

Resource: (P6695) I Begin My Life All Over

Author: Lillian Faderman
Published: 1998, Beacon Press
Rdg List Yr: 2001
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: An oral history of 36 real-life strangers in a strange land, an intimate study of the immigrant experience in contemporary America.

Resource: (P7403) I'd Rather Teach Peace

Author: Colman McCarthy
Published: 2003, Orbis Books
Rdg List Yr: 2004
Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth
Description: Twenty-eight years a columnist for the Washington Post, Colman McCarthy now directs the Center for Teaching Peace, a nonprofit organization that helps schools establish peace studies programs. This inspirational and prophetic work consists of journals the author kept during one semester of teaching peace education in six schools from Georgetown University Law Center to a juvenile prison.

Resource: (P6458) Images of the Church in Mission

Author: John Driver
Published: 1997
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/ Education for Mission
Description: Driver studies twelve biblical images for understanding a church more in harmony with God's missionary purpose for his people. These images communicate with power, reflecting the sense of identity in early Christian communities.

Resource: (P5633) In a Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality As Social Witness

Author: Emilie M. Townes
Published: 1995, Abingdon Press
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Explains that womanist spirituality is not grounded in the notion that spirituality is a force, a practice separate from who we are moment by moment. It is the deep kneading of humanity and divinity in one breath, one hope, one vision.

Resource: (P7792) Indonesia in Shadow and Light

Author: John Campbell-Nelson
Published: 1998 – Friendship Press
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Mission Studies
Description: This book by John Cambell-Nelson, is an illuminating guide that introduces participants to a historical overview as context for seven case studies on economic, social, and religious problems that beset Indonesia. The leader guide to accompany this book was written by Karen Cambell-Nelson.

Resource: (P7401) In the Forest of Your Remembrance

Author: Gloria Jean Pinkney

Published: 2001, Phyllis Fogelman Books

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth

Description: A celebration of faith, this book shares a personal account of 33 miraculous events the author has experienced. Through narratives, Gloria Jean Pinkney guides readers toward finding the Holy Spirit in their lives by searching their "forests of remembrance."

Resource: (P5657) Is Nothing Sacred

Author: Marie M. Fortune

Published: 1989, Harper San Francisco

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: The story of a pastor, the women he sexually abused, and the congregation he nearly destroyed. (9 copies)

Resource: (P7399) Islam, Christianity, and the West

Author: Rollin Armour, Sr

Published: 2003, Orbis Books

Rdg List Yr: 2004

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Beginning with Muhammad and his historical and cultural context, this book recounts the tale of the thirteen-century-long encounter of Western and Islamic civilizations. Armour uses the best of contemporary research to show how events such as the Crusades and the Reconquista of Spain have indelibly shaped the mindset of the West toward Islam and vice versa. He reveals how the modern Western political and economic system -- marked by the globalization of capitalism, technology, and science -- has been perceived by the Islamic world as a Godless secular assault on all that is holy. He ends with the Arab-Israeli conflict and the events of 11 September 2001 as the latest concrete manifestations of the tragic encounter between the three "People of the Book."

Resource: (P5666) It's Like Holding the Key to Your Own Jail: Women in Namibia

Author: Caroline Allison

Published: 1988, World Council of Churches

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: This book attempts to provide a view of war and political repression experienced, endured and struggled against by women in Namibia. It represents a personal account of a visit to the country and reflects only the women who speak from its pages.

Resource: (P6978) Jesus and Those Bodacious Women

Author: Linda H. Hollies

Published: 1998, United Church Press

Rdg List Yr: 2001

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: "Bodacious" biblical women who were remarkable and noteworthy, such as Eve, Mary Magdalene, the bent-over woman, and the "prodigal daughter," emerge in a new light. Told with vivid imagination and real heart, the stories encourage women to become "whole persons in Jesus Christ." An excellent resource for the 2001-2002 spiritual growth study on Jesus and Courageous Women.

Resource: (P5690) Joshua: A Parable for Today

Author: Joseph F. Girzone

Published: 1983, G. K. Hall & Co - Large print

Rdg List Yr: 1995

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: What sort of person is Joshua? How can the townspeople explain a few rumors about him? Some people report seeing him carry a huge oak log on his shoulders, effortlessly. Others talk about him healing a child in the poor part of town.

Resource: (P5702) Journey Inward, Journey Outward

Author: Elizabeth O'Connor

Published: 1968, Harper & Row

Rdg List Yr: 1968

Category: UMW

Description: Author writes of the dynamic fellowship of The Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. as a prototype of the renewed church. "Outward journey" refers to involvement with the world's need. "Inward journey" refers to self-discovery through the ministry of the individual.

Resource: (P5703) Journey Is Home

Author: Nelle Morton

Published: 1988, Beacon Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Moving collection of essay that tells the story of Nelle Morton's personal transformation and documents the changes in religion that resulted from the women's movement.

Resource: (P8028) Journey to the Well: 12 Lessons on Personal Transformation

Author: Vashti Murphy McKenzie

Published: 2003, Penguin Group (USA)

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: In the tradition of empowering spiritual writers such as Ilanya Vanzant, Bishop Vashti McKenzie offers women a Christian path to personal transformation. A ground-breaking preacher who, in 2000, became the first woman to serve as bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop McKenzie is renowned for her eloquence and passion in the pulpit. Now she brings her inspirational mess to readers through the biblical story of the meeting at the well between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. In twelve lessons, McKenzie interweaves the Samaritan woman's experiences with contemporary personal stories, Bible quotations, life-affirming sayings, and meditation activities. Through them she shows women that if they hold onto hope and listen for their moments of epiphany, they can accomplish anything.

Resource: (P6696) Lanterns

Author: Marian Wright Edelman

Published: 1999, Beacon Press

Rdg List Yr: 2001

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Marian Wright Edelman, "the most influential children's advocate in the country" (The Washington Post), shares stories from her life at the center of this century's most dramatic civil rights struggles. She pays tribute to the extraordinary personal mentors who helped light her way: Martin Luther King, Jr., Robert F. Kennedy, Fannie Lou Hamer, William Sloane Coffin, Ella Baker, Mae Bertha Carter, and many others.

Resource: (P6499) Last Algonquin

Author: Theodore Kazimiroff

Published: 1982, Walker & Company

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Pelham Bay Park, the Bronx. As recently as 1924, a lone Algonquin Indian lived quietly in this wild, isolated corner of New York City. Joe Two Trees was the last of his people and this is the gripping story of his bitter struggle, remarkable courage, and constant quest for dignity and

Resource: (P6973) Lasting Promise

Author: Scott Stanley

Published: 1998, Jossey-Bass Publishers

Rdg List Yr: 2001

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Based on the best-selling book, *Fighting for Your Marriage*, *A Lasting Promise* will help you create a marriage of lasting love. The powerful and practical principles are solidly based on Scripture with a unique blending of university research. The result is a thoroughly Christian version of the widely respected PREP team (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program).

Resource: (P7392) Leading Women

Author: Judith Craig

Published: 2004, Abingdon Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMC/General Conference 1996

Description: Bishop Judith Craig interviews all of the living United Methodist women bishops and weaves their reflections together to tell the Church, especially young women and those interested in ministry, the stories of these pioneers at the Episcopal level. Each bishop has been asked to reflect on her early life, her education, her call to ministry, how she emerged as a leader, and what she identifies in looking back that helped shape how she carries out her role today.

Resource: (P5741) Lemon Swamp and Other Places: A Carolina Memoir

Author: Mamie Garvin Fields with Karen Fields

Published: 1985, Free Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: A selective, sensitive, often humorous description of what it was like to be an educated black woman in Charleston, the Sea Islands, Boston, and NY in the first quarter of the 20th century.

Resource: (P5745) Let My People Live: Faith and Struggle in Central America

Author: Gordon Spykman, Lance Grahn, Guillermo Cook, etc

Published: 1988, William B. Eerdsman

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Integrating knowledge gained from the voluminous body of literature on Central America with findings gathered in field research in the region, the authors attempt to view the conflict from the perspective of the oppressed to help readers grasp better grasp both the horror and the hope of the situation in Central America.

Resource: (P6977) Life Lessons My Mother Taught Me

Author: Andrea Young

Published: 2000, Putnam Group

Rdg List Yr: 2002

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: This eloquent book celebrates the author's mother, Jean Young, a respected advocate in the Civil Rights and children's rights movements, and wife of former U.N. Ambassador and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. It's a loving tribute to a good mother, a life well lived, and faith that sustained a family during turbulent times.

Resource: (P5767) Like a Garden: A Biblical Spirituality of Growth

Author: Sara Covin Juengst

Published: 1996, Westminster John Knox Press

Rdg List Yr: 1999

Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth

Description: Sara Covin Juengst explores the use of garden as metaphor in the Bible. Various garden metaphors convey images of God's providential care, our responsibility to steward the earth, the discipline of the Christian Life, what it means to bear fruit, and the harvest waiting for us in the 'new heaven and earth.'

Resource: (P7224) Living Peace

Author: John Dear

Published: 2001, Doubleday

Rdg List Yr: 2003

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: As a tireless advocate for social justice and human rights, Dear has followed the spirituality exemplified by the lives of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and others throughout history that remained true to the highest ideals while addressing the most difficult problems and conflicts of the real world. In his own life, and in Living Peace, he describes his journey. Breaking down the life of peace into three parts—an inner journey, a public journey, and the journey of all humanity—he shares the spiritual practices that have sustained him and teaches readers how to integrate them in their own lives.

Resource: (P8019) Long Good-Night: My Father's Journey Into Alzheimer's

Author: Daphne Simpkins

Published: 2003, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: An uplifting story of hope for caregivers everywhere. The Long Good-Night contradicts the prevailing opinion that suffering and chaos are all that is possible during seasons of caring for an aging parent, even one with Alzheimer's disease. Drawing on the experience of caring for her father, Daphne Simpkins offers personal testimony to the presence of God amid the daily struggles of life with a terminally ill loved one.

Resource: (P7231) Mad Mary

Author: Liz Curtis Higgs

Published: 2001, Waterbrook Press

Rdg List Yr: 2003

Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth

Description: Liz has done it again! She captures the heart and circumstances of a woman of Magdalene and brings her into the 21st Century. After captivating us with Mary's story and with careful and detailed research, Liz unveils the biblical and historical truths of a demonized woman misunderstood by many but gloriously set free by Jesus Christ. What hope and promise this will bring to many women who cannot comprehend how very precious

Resource: (P5806) Manifesto!: For a Global Civilization

Author: Matthew Fox & Brian Swimme

Published: 1982, George Banta & Company

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: In a world of chaos, confusion and mistrust, the authors show us a vision of hope, which will enable to center our experience of the here and now into redeeming the world.

Resource: (P5813) Meditations with Mechtild of Magdeburg

Author: Sue Woodruff

Published: 1982 Bear and Company

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: For all those daring to make the spiritual journey, Meditations With is a series of poignant, vibrant versions of great mystics of yesterday and today with Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, Mechtild of Magdebur, Meister Eckhart, etc.

Resource: (P5816) Merari: The Woman Who Challenged Queen Jezebel and Pagan Gods

Author: Gloria Howe Bremkamp

Published: 1986, Harper and Row

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: The powerful and moving novel of an Old Testament heroine who plays a pivotal role in the shaping of Israel's destiny.

Resource: (P5831) Mixed Blessings

Author: William & Barbara Christopher

Published: 1989, Abingdon Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: TV's Father Mulcahy and his real-life family share their story of raising a very special child. In a remarkably open and candid way, Mixed Blessings invites readers to share in the personal struggles of the Christopher family.

Resource: (P6979) Morning Sun on a White Piano

Author: Dr. Robin R. Meyers

Published: 1998, Doubleday

Rdg List Yr: 2002

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: The author salutes the fine art of conversation, music and the measured life, books as exercise for the imagination, letter writing and gift-giving as heartfelt communications, and hands-on projects in the home as a way of connecting with the physical world.

Resource: (P5839) Mothers of the Disappeared

Author: Jo Fisher

Published: 1989, South End Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: During the years of military rule in Argentina (1976-83) thousands of people disappeared without trace. As repression intensified, the Mothers of the Disappeared took to the streets in protest.

Resource: (P5844) My Testament to the UN: A Contribution to the 50th Anniversary of

Author: Robert Muller

Published: 1992, World Happiness and Cooperation

Rdg List Yr: 1999

Category: UMW/1995 Education for Mission

Description: May this testament widen the eyes, the minds, the hearts and souls of the world's peoples, of their leaders and of their representatives on the occasion of the 50th golden anniversary of the UN in 1995.

Resource: (P5852) Neighborhood Center: An Urban Love Story

Author: Robert H. Terry

Published: 1992, Mennonite Publishing

Rdg List Yr: 1995

Category: UMW/1995 Education for Mission

Description: The historical story of the UMC mission in Harrisburg, PA. Located in the capital city of the Commonwealth, the Center has been dealing with urban problems since 1910. The Philosophy and purpose of the Center is set to be a Center for Christian Love.

Resource: (P5883) Not Counting Women and Children: Neglected Stories from the Bible

Author: Megan McKenna
Published: 1994, Orbis Books
Rdg List Yr: 1998
Category: UMW/ Spiritual Growth
Description: An acclaimed story-teller turns to the overlooked and often unnamed people whose stories in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures reveal the depths of God's love, especially for the poor.

Resource: (P5891) One World One Earth: Educating Children for Social Responsibility

Author: Merryl Hammond and Rob Collins
Published: 1993, New Society Publishers
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: Offers a playful, passionate spirit and a host of concrete suggestions for adults who want to help children grow up to be effective, resourceful and engaged adults.

Resource: (P8024) Open Wide the Freedom Gates: A Memoir

Author: Dorothy Height
Published: 2003, PUBLIC AFFAIRS
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: Dorothy Height marched at civil rights rallies, sat through tense White House meetings, and witnessed every major victory in the struggle for racial equality. A heroine of the Civil Rights Movement, she tells the remarkable story of her life, her work, and what it means to be both black and a woman.

Resource: (P7398) Pact

Author: Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Rameck Hun
Published: 2002, Riverhead Books
Rdg List Yr: 2004
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: They grew up on the streets of Newark, facing city life's temptations, pitfalls, even jail. But one day these three young men made a pact. They promised each other they would all become doctors, and stick it out together through the long, difficult journey to attain that dream. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hung are not only friends to this day—they are all doctors. This is a story about the power of friendship. Of joining forces and beating the odds. A story about changing your life, and the lives of those you love most...together.

Resource: (P5933) Parent Connection: How to Communicate with Your Child About

Author: Roberta Meyer
Published: 1984, Franklin Watts
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: The author, an alcohol abuse educator and sponsor of drug education programs for children of all s in California, describes in this invaluable handbook exactly how to break through and really communicate with your children and teens.

Resource: (P5949) Pauli Murray: Autobiography of a Black Activist, Feminist, Lawyer

Author: Pauli Murray
Published: 1987, University of Tennessee
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: This autobiography of the brilliant civil rights activist, recounts the compelling record of Black experience as it altered American social life during this century.

Resource: (P5951) Peace Behind Bars: A Peacemaking Priest's Journal from Jail

Author: John Dear
Published: 1995, Sheed & Ward
Rdg List Yr: 1999
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: Arrested for his part in the 'Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares' disarmament action, Jesuit priest and peace activist John Dear spent eight months in county jails in North Carolina. In his journal from those months, we glimpse not only the world of prisoners and county jails, but the life and soul of a committed Christian peacemaker.

Resource: (P5964) Pick Up Your Couch and Walk!: How to Take Back Control of Your Life

Author: Peter M. Kalellis
Published: 1994, Crossroad
Rdg List Yr: 1998
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Learn to tap into the powerful forces within-mental, emotional, and spiritual-and through them heal thoughts, feelings and relationships. For health is the natural state of being, and it is self-restorative when we refrain from habits that interfere with it.

Resource: (P7232) Practicing Our Faith

Author: Dorothy C. Bass
Published: 1997, Jossey-Bass
Rdg List Yr: 2003
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: In a time when academic theology often neglects the lived practices of the Christian community, this volume seeks to bring balance to the situation by showing the dynamic link between the task of theology and the practices of the Christian life. The work of thirteen first-rate theologians from several cultural and Christian perspectives, these informed and informative essays explore the relationship between Christian theology and practice in the daily lives of believers, in the ministry of Christian communities, and as a needed focus within Christian education.

Resource: (P6020) Raising Drug-Free Kids in a Drug-Filled World

Author: William Mack Perkins & Nancy McMurtrie-Perkins
Published: 1986, Harper
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: A down to earth practical book with short chapters - a real how-to book for parents of kids of all ages.

Resource: (P6022) Raising Peaceful Kids in a Violent World

Author: Nancy Lee Cecil/Patricia L. Roberts
Published: 1995, LuraMedia
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: An action book for parents and teachers who want to end violence and create a safe, peaceful environment for children in the home, in school, and in the community.

Resource: (P6021) Raising PG Kids in an X-Rated Society

Author: Tipper Gore
Published: 1987, Abingdon Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: For every parent concerned about the effects of our explicit society on children. It fully informs you about the irresponsible excesses in the entertainment industry and provides practical, step-by-step guidance to what you, as a parent can do.

Resource: (P6027) Reclaiming Her Story: The Witness of Women in the Old Test.

Author: Jon L. Berquist
Published: 1992, Chalice Press
Rdg List Yr: 1996
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Jon Berquist casts new light on Eve and Sarah, Lot's wife and Jephthah's daughter, Ruth and Ester and others. Rediscover the multitude witness of biblical women that has gone unnoticed.

Resource: (P6031) Recovery of Black Presence: An Interdisciplinary Exploration

Author: Randall C. Bailey & Jacquelyn Grant (editors)
Published: 1995, Abingdon Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: This volume honors the life and work of Dr. Charles B. Copher, the biblical scholar on whose shoulders the current generation of Black biblical scholars in the US now stands. All of the essays in this volume represent various expressions of this Afrocentric thought.

Resource: (P6980) Restorative Justice: Moving Beyond Punishment

Author: Harmon L. Wray
Published: 2002, GBGM
Rdg List Yr: 2003
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: The past 20 years have seen a tremendous increase in the population of U.S. prisons. Some prisons are run by corporations under government contract. Racial profiling, the death penalty, the rights of victims are all issues that impact and often divide Americans and United Methodists.

Resource: (P6530) Seventy Times Seven

Author: Johann Christoph Arnold
Published: 1997, Plough Publishing
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: This book tells stories of real people scarred by betrayal, abuse, bigotry, and war - people who have earned the right to tell you that forgiveness is the only way to find healing. Arnold won't ask you to ignore or forget your wounds.

Resource: (P6530) Shalom, Salaam, Peace

Author: Allison Stokes
Published: 2006 Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Missions
Description: This book tells stories of real people scarred by betrayal, abuse, bigotry, and war - people who have earned the right to tell you that forgiveness is the only way to find healing. Arnold won't ask you to ignore or forget your wounds. He knows forgiving isn't easy, but he is convinced, as are the men and women you'll meet in this book, that it is possible.

Resource: (P6101) Silent Dancing: A Partial Remembrance of a Puerto Rican Childhood

Author: Judith Ortiz Cofer
Published: 1990, Arte Publico Press
Rdg List Yr: 1996
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: A personal narrative made up of Judith Ortiz Cofer's recollections of the bilingual-bicultural childhood which forged her personality as a writer and artist.

Resource: (P6112) Solo Parenting: Your Essential Guide

Author: Kathleen McCoy
Published: 1987, Plume Book
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: Kathleen McCoy talks with over 100 solo parents, as well as dozens of professionals. The result is ideas and suggestions for coping with the tough issues single parents face, as well as scores of sound, supportive strategies for loving child care.

Resource: (P6125) Spare the Rod: Breaking the Cycle of Child Abuse

Author: Phil E. Quinn
Published: 1988, Abingdon
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: An enlightening and compassionate work, a heart-felt call for love and healing from a man who devotes his life to ending the scourge of child abuse.

Resource: (P8017) Spiritual Perspectives on Globalization: Making Sense of Economic

Author: Ira Rifkin
Published: 2003, SkyLight Paths Pub.
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: Globalization -- the economic and cultural dynamic that is transforming the world at an unprecedented pace -- is a concern to many people. But what exactly is globalization? What are its origins? What is its impact on our everyday lives?

Resource: (P6976) Stories in My Neighbor's Faith

Author: Susan L. Scott
Published: 1999, United Church Publishing
Rdg List Yr: 2002
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: This book gathers together sacred and personal stories from over twenty religious traditions including Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Mennonite, and Native American. Come to a better understanding of faiths and neighbors who worship in ways different from our own.

Resource: (P6531) Stories Seldom Told

Author: Lois Miriam Wilson
Published: 1997, Northstone
Rdg List Yr: 2000
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Some of these stories are hard to hear. Why retell them? Because these stories of deceit, trickery, struggle, joy, shame, triumph, despair, and love are also our stories. Because to tell them is to say no to continued abuses. And because Lois Wilson tells these stories in new ways, informed by contemporary struggles and perspectives. Readers will find here more than forty stories that realistically portray the struggles and joys of the women in the Bible.

Resource: (P6144) Storm Over Chile: The Junta Under Siege

Author: Samuel Chavki
Published: 1985, Lawrence Hill & Company
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: This is an updated edition of the Murder of Chile, reflecting the mounting resistance against the Chilean junta and the growing demand that the reign of dictator-president, General Augusto Pinochet, come to an end.

Resource: (P6168) Surviving Without Romance: African Women Tell Their Stories

Author: Mary Lou Cummings
Published: 1991, Herald Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: Women from Africa tell their stories of joy, pain, and desperation as wives, mothers, and church workers. The stories reflect strong enduring

Resource: (P6169) Susanna Wesley: The Mother of John & Charles Wesley

Author: Arnold A. Dallimore
Published: 1993, Baker Book House
Rdg List Yr: 1996
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Excerpts from Susanna Wesley's letters and writings of her husband and children are included along with illustrations of furniture, paintings, and other items used by the Wesley's'.

Resource: (P7151) Susanna Wesley: Servant of God

Author: Sandy Dengler
Published: 1987, Moody Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: 208 Pages
Description: Here is a biography for young readers of one of the Christian faith's most remarkable women, Susanna Wesley, mother of 19 children, knowledgeable of Greek and Hebrew, well-versed in Scripture, and mother of the founder of Methodism, John Wesley.

Resource: (P7404) Sweatshop Warriors

Author: Miriam Ching Yoon Louie
Published: 2001, South End Press
Rdg List Yr: 2004
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: A powerful account of contemporary immigrant women workers' struggles in the United States....What distinguishes Sweatshop Warriors from other books that highlight the lives of low-wage workers is its illustration of the women's 'painful yet liberating' transformation from worker to warriors....Their stories of strength and empowerment are an inspiration to labor activists around the world."

Resource: (P8021) Teaching Mission in a Global Context

Author: Patricia Lloyd-Sidle and Bonnie Sue Lewis
Published: 2001, Geneva Press
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: The book is a collection of eleven essays about the practice of mission. The first section, titled "Feet First," is about the way in which Christian practices, many of them taken for granted, shape mission. The next section deals with the issue of transformation in mission work and the related concerns of mutuality, solidarity, and marginality. The third section takes up the situation of the relation of Christianity to other religions. Finally, the last four essays take up spirituality as an inward and outward event, doing mission in the context of North America, and finally the development of a new theological identity based on the image of God as a missionary God.

Resource: (P6198) Teens With AIDS Speak Out

Author: Mary Kittredge
Published: 1991, Thorndike Press
Rdg List Yr: 1995
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: In their own words, teens with AIDS describe their disease, how they got it, and what it's like to live with it. This book isn't just important - it's essential. It could save lives.

Resource: (P7229) Thanks for the Mammogram

Author: Laura Jensen Walker
Published: 2000, Baker Bookhouse
Rdg List Yr: 2003
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: The phrase "humor is the best medicine" continues to be a popular one and perhaps truly the best thing one can say about treating a dangerous illness. If that's the case, then THANKS FOR THE MAMMOGRAM! will prove to be a great boon to everyone who suffers from the disease, as well as all those who love someone suffering from it. Laura Jensen Walker tells her own story about her battle against the disease and the eight years since that she has been all right. It is heartwarming, frightening, full of information valuable to patient and loved one, as well as funny and brave.

Resource: (P8027) The Betrayal of Work: How Low-Wage Jobs Fail 30 Million

Author: Beth Shulman
Published: 2005, New Press
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: An astonishing 35 million Americans work full time but do not make a living wage. They are nursing home staff, poultry processors, pharmacy assistants, ambulance drivers, child care workers, data entry keyers, janitors. Indeed, one in four American workers lives in or near poverty. Despite the great wealth of the United States, these low-wage employees have lower living standards than comparable workers in other industrial nations. The Betrayal of Work is sure to be one of the most talked about public policy books of the year.

Resource: (P6220) Three From Galilee: The Young Man From Nazareth

Author: Marjorie Holmes
Published: 1985, Bantam Books
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: Explores the 'lost years' of Jesus' young manhood - a period not even Mentioned in the Bible. Where did he go and what did he do between the age of twelve and the age of thirty when he began his ministry?

Resource: (P6224) To Be the Hands of God: One Woman's Journey, One Congregation's

Author: Judy Griffith Ransom
Published: 1992, Upper Room Books
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: This book looks squarely into the face of the suffering of a young wife and mother and realistically depicts the emotional roller coaster, the helplessness and despair of those who loved her and the final reluctant surrender and acceptance of death.

Resource: (P6231) To My Children's Children

Author: Bby Sindiwe Magona
Published: 1994, Interlink Books
Rdg List Yr: 1997
Category: UMW
Description: Published in South Africa and Great Britain to great acclaim, this powerful autobiography announced the arrival of a major new black writer. Written as a 'letter from a Xhosa Grandmother,' to record her life in S Africa for her grandchildren.

Resource: (P7227) Towers of Hope: Stories to Help Us Heal

Author: Joy Carol

Published: 2003, Forest of Peach Publishing, Inc.

Rdg List Yr: 2003

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Towers of Hope recounts stories about people who have suffered from tremendously difficult situations, such as mental and physical abuse, imprisonment, war, terrorism, life-threatening illness and approaching death. Although unable to change the terrible things that happened to them, they responded to their problems by transforming what seemed like hopeless situations into healing experiences and personal triumphs. They are truly Towers of Hope.

Resource: (P6254) Unexpected News: Reading the Bible with Third World Eyes

Author: Robert McAfee Brown

Published: 1984, Westminster Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: This book confirms the author as the ablest US interpreter of third world Christianity

Resource: (P7793) Uprooted! Refugees and Forced Migrants

Author: Elizabeth G. Ferris

Published: 1998, Friendship Press

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Missions

Description: Fifty million people roam the world without homes, communities, countries. They are the uprooted, the refugees, the outcast forced to flee from war, persecution, famine, or economic exploitation. What they all have in common is that they leave their homes out of fear.

Resource: (P6277) Visitor: An African Woman's Story of Travel and Discovery

Author: Eva deCarvalho Chipenda

Published: 1996, WCC Publications

Rdg List Yr: 1999

Category: UMW/Education for Mission

Description: A story of travel, adventure and an extraordinary blending of a commitment to home and family with an international outlook and a worldwide program of activity...a story that is thrilling to read.

Resource: (P6315) What About the Russians?: A Christian Approach to US Soviet

Author: Mark Hatfield, George Kennan, Leroy Matthiesen

Published: 1984, Brethren Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Written prior to the end of the cold war, this book reflects on the tension and misunderstanding of what Russians are really like.

Resource: (P6324) What It's Like To Be Me

Author: Helen Exley (Editor)

Published: 1984, Friendship Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Prepared during the International Year of Disabled People as a contribution by disabled children themselves.

Resource: (P8022) What Keeps me Standing: A Black Grandmother's Guide to Peace,

Author: Dennis Kimbro

Published: 2003, Doubleday Books

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: Filled with examples of how even the smallest acts of kindness and compassion can make a difference in the world, What Keeps Me Standing is a treasure trove of the wisdom that comes with years of experience, transformation, and growth. It is the perfect gift.

Resource: (P6328) What's Happening to the American Family?

Author: Sar A. Levitan/Richard S. Belous

Published: 1982, Johns Hopkins University Press

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW

Description: Offers a balanced and thoughtful analysis of the American family. A thoroughly timely book offering a fresh perspective.

Resource: (P7025) When I Was Puerto Rican

Author: Esmeralda Santiago
Published: 1993, Vintage Books
Rdg List Yr: 2002
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: Esmeralda Santiago's story begins in rural Puerto Rico, where her warring parents and seven siblings led a life of uproar, but one full of love and tenderness as well. But just when Esmeralda seemed to have learned everything, she was taken in New York City, where the rules - and the language - were bewilderingly different. How Esmeralda overcame adversity, won acceptance to New York City's High School of Performing Arts, and then went on to Harvard, where she graduated with highest honors, is a record of a tremendous journey by a truly remarkable woman.

Resource: (P7225) When the Saints Go Marching Out

Author: Art Beals
Published: 2001, Geneva Press
Rdg List Yr: 2003
Category: UMW/Education for Mission
Description: Each member of a congregation (whether large or small) is challenged to be in mission. Emphasis is placed on empowering the laity. Practical (and workable) suggestions are offered for creating a supportive mission organization and mobilizing the financial resources. Beals offers many beneficial and creative ways to raise funds, to train volunteers, to match people's talents and gifts to specific missional needs, to empower partnership to long-term commitment and create new opportunities.

Resource: (P6338) Who Cares?: Simple Ways You Can Reach Out

Author: Marcy Heidish
Published: 1997, Ava Maria Press
Rdg List Yr: 1999
Category: UMW/Nurturing Community
Description: This practical book is designed to bring out the caring person in each of us. Marcy Heidish offers simple, specific ways to practice the art of caring, especially within our immediate circle of concern: Family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

Resource: (P6355) Window to Heaven: When Children See Life in Death

Author: Diane M Komp MD
Published: 1992, Zondervan
Rdg List Yr: 1995
Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth
Description: This is a beautiful book about life and death in which children are our teachers. It is full of joy and hope.

Resource: (P6358) With Integrity of Heart: Living Values in Changing Times

Author: Clifford Elliott
Published: 1991, Friendship Press
Rdg List Yr:
Category: UMW
Description: For people who long to walk in God's way yet wonder how to know and do what is best.

Resource: (P6360) With Our Own Eyes: Christian Response to the Wounds of War,

Author: Don Mosely (with Joyce Hollyday)
Published: 1996, Herald Press
Rdg List Yr: 1998
Category: UMW/1998 Education for Mission
Description: This book tells of persons who chose to follow Jesus 'in scorn of the consequences'-which have been amazing. These passionate Christians have helped save hundreds of refugee lives. The Jubilee story is an extraordinary one and inspires down to the bones. It is a testimony of what ordinary people can do when they are willing to live by faith.

Resource: (P8018) Women of Sufism: A Hidden Treasure

Author: Camille Adams Helminski
Published: 2003, Shambhala Publications
Rdg List Yr: 2006
Category: UMW/Social Action
Description: The Long Good-Night is a hopeful book, flooded with the joy of God's presence as the caregiver's caregiver. If you or anyone you know is actively involved in caring for a parent or someone with a debilitating disease, especially Alzheimer's, this story offers authentic, uplifting insights and valuable

Resource: (P8023) Women on War: An International Anthology of Women's Writings

Author: Daniela Gioseffi

Published: 2003, Feminist Press

Rdg List Yr: 2006

Category: UMW/Nurturing Community

Description: From Margaret Atwood to Daisy Zamora, Simone de Beauvoir to Virginia Woolf, many of the world's greatest women writers have reflected upon one of humanity's most tragic and powerful experiences: war. Yet most of these writings are little known, just as women's perceptions of war remain largely absent from the history books.

Resource: (P6371) Women's Visions: Theological Reflection, Celebration, Action

Author: Edited by Ofelia Ortega

Published: 1995, WCC Publications, Geneva

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Social Action

Description: Common perspectives and diverse experiences are mirrored in this collection of new essays by some of the most creative women theologians from different countries, cultures and Christian confessions.

Resource: (P7315) Wonderfully Made

Author: Children's Defense Fund

Published: 1999, Children's Defense Fund

Rdg List Yr:

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Preparing children to learn and succeed

Resource: (P6975) Yours are the Hands of Christ

Author: John C. Howell

Published: 1998, Upper Room Books

Rdg List Yr: 2002

Category: UMW/Spiritual Growth

Description: Christians long to make a difference in the world as a faithful response to the call of discipleship. Often our spirituality seems invisible and mute to a hurting world. This book helps readers find ways to apply their faith in daily life and how to make their commitment to Christ evident in today's world. By considering all that Jesus did with his hands as a teacher, a healer, and a compassionate servant, Howell challenges readers to be the hands and feet and love of Christ in the world.