

UMW Book Club “Read & Feed” Recommendations

Book Title	Recommended by	Book Description
<i>Shaken</i> by Tim Tebow	Linda Udy	Discovering your true identity in the midst of life’s storms. The story of football champion and Heisman trophy winner, Tim Tebow, and how he weathers life’s challenges through his faith.
<i>Emotionally Healthy Spirituality</i> by Peter Scazzero	Carol Zimmerman	This was a series of books introduced at a workshop conducted by ‘Murphy’, a counselor through Markey Church. The book explores the need to come to terms with your challenges from youth, to get closer to God.
<i>For the Record</i> by Regina Jennings	Pat Buchanan	Christian novel – available through our church library!
<i>Tell the Whole World that I am Real</i> by William Cornell, Jr.	Margaret Mowers	Read about the miracle that led to Elsa hearing from Jesus to “tell the whole world that I am real” and other amazing conversion stories evidencing God’s heart for reaching the lost in Ethiopia. Written by occasional GSUMC summer attendees!
<i>The Secret of Pembroke Park</i> by Julie Klassen		A remarkable tale with many unpredictable twists and turns. Christian novel.
<i>Girls with Swords</i> by Lisa Bevere	Sue Shoemaker	Part of the UMW Reading Program – available from church library! A strategy for women to leverage their faith to address prejudice and other life challenges.
<i>Thank You for Being Late</i> by Thomas Friedman	Martha Clapp	An optimist’s guide to thriving in the age of accelerations. Friedman exposes the tectonic movements that are reshaping the world today and explains how to get the most out of them by bringing in God and spirituality. A best seller!
<i>Delilah</i> by Angela Hunt	Pat Buchanan	Easy to read historical fiction on Delilah, and how her greed and desire to secure riches leads her to betray Sampson. A complex and compelling glimpse at one of the bible’s baddest girls!

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<i>The Underground Railroad</i> by Colson Whitehead	Sue Shoemaker	This NY Times bestseller and Pulitzer Prize winner chronicles a young slave’s adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South in the 1830s.
<i>What Alice Forgot</i> by Liane Moriarty	Pat Buchanan	Written by a NY Times bestselling author. Alice has a 10-year memory loss (between ages 29-39), she must reconstruct the events of a lost decade and determine whether it’s possible to reconstruct her life. Her sister hardly talks to her, and she facing a divorce.
<i>Just Like I Wanted</i> by Elinor Keller	Irene Catrell	A children’s book about a young artist who makes vividly creative artwork when drawing outside of the lines.
<i>Beneath a Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark Sullivan	Sue Shoemaker	A WWII novel based on real people and actual events. Skillfully written; a delightful read for those enjoying this genre.
<i>Living as a Covenant Community</i> by Evy McDonald	Martha Clapp	Addresses the six covenants written in the Bible for people to live by. Includes a study guide for discussion on faith responses to social issues. Part of the UMW Reading Program.
<i>The Turquoise Table</i> by Kristen Schell	Martha Clapp	A woman enjoyed gardening in her back yard, yet did not know her neighbors. She painted an old picnic table turquoise and placed it in her front yard, as a conversation piece with neighbors passing by. It worked, and she established friendships! This concept of painting outdoor furniture a bright color has caught on as a way to lure Americans out of the backyard into the front to socialize with neighbors. Delightful read!
<i>Transitions</i> by Julia Cameron	Paula Prichard	An excellent book to help us through emotional times. Highly comforting with sage words that we can find inspiring for ourselves and others.

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<i>The Apothecary's Daughter</i> by Julie Klassen	Pat Buchanan	Share the journey of a young woman in the 1800's as she navigates life during uncertainties. A fast-moving and pleasant read!
<i>Moses: Footsteps of a Reluctant Prophet</i> by Adam Hamilton	Irene Catrell	An exploration of Moses's life, and the unlikeliness that he would be chosen by God to do such important work. Note: This would be an excellent Bible study book
<i>Anything Is Possible</i> by Elizabeth Strout	Sue Shoemaker	Written by a Pulitzer Prize winner, this is a collection of short stories that are loosely connected. A unique writing style that can be enjoyed in short segments. Explores difficult relationships within families and small communities. Caution: not for children.
<i>Slowing Time</i> by Barbara Mahany	Martha Clapp, Sue Shoemaker	Frustrated by society's rushed culture? This book helps us to pay attention to the small moments, savoring them and cultivating stillness – to make room for God. Re-center by focusing on what truly matters, less so than our packed calendar schedules.
<i>The Letter</i> by Kathryn Hughes	Sue Shoemaker	This novel is split between 1940 and 1973, connected by a letter found in the jacket at a second-hand store – a letter that was never delivered. The author skillfully connects the lives that initially seem very different, and weaves them together artfully. A wonderful read, appropriate for any age level.