

Books, Movies & More Pathway

Read, watch, listen to four inspirational items (books, movies, TV series, podcasts, music). Ponder these things and journal, draw or photograph your responses:

What was your overall impression?

Why did it inspire you?

Did you notice God in it?

What did you love about it?

What did you hate or made you uncomfortable?

How do you relate to the characters or persons?



**I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.**

Philippians 4:13

A vision for a better future... What beautiful place do you dream of? Forging streams, discovering the beauty of the desert, climbing mountains or crossing the ocean, or something else? Why is it pleasant or peaceful for you?

This has been a season of uncertainty, discomfort and distress. We have been isolated, sick or inconvenienced. And we are not sure what to do with all of it. And it appears this state of being may not be over yet. When we can't go to those beautiful places that we long for, we need another alternative.

Our Summer Reading Program at PUMC has its origin in continuous learning and faith development. That's great, but this summer we also need encouragement and inspiration. We need to believe that God is with us and there is hope afoot in the world.

Summer 2020 is "Books, movies, stories and more." We want to dive into stories of overcoming and thriving, of struggle and not giving up, of uncertainty and faith. But we live in a time when books are not our only resource! There are many mediums that can give us hope and encouragement. This year we've added movies, TV series, podcasts and music. We are not without resources.

So, join in! We are on the move to places we have not imagined but they are places of hope.

We have prepared short videos of our staff members talking about their favorites, www.powellumc.org.

Send us a short video of you talking about your favorite from the summer!

Register now at powellumc.org.

Scripture Stories Pathway

These Scriptures have "inspiring story" in common:

Old Testament

Ruth, Esther & Jonah

New Testament

Acts

Pick the Old Testament stories (Ruth, Esther, Jonah) or the New Testament Stories in Acts. Answer these questions with journal writings, photo log or drawings:

What stuck out to you?

What made you think differently?

What did you love?

What did you hate or make you feel uncomfortable?

Where do you see God?

How does this book relate to our world today?

Where did you see bravery?

What inspired you?

How do you relate to the characters?

Pathway #1

The Rewards of reading Scripture
Read all of the Old Testament stories
OR read New Testament Acts to earn
a coupon for Equal
Exchange.

Send an email to
stacihood@powellumc.org with your
completed list and date of
completion.

Pathway #2

**The Rewards of Books, Movies &
More**

Complete 4 inspirational items to
earn an Amazon gift card.
Send an email to
stacihood@powellumc.org with your
completed list and date of
completion.

Pathway #3

The Rewards of completing both pathways
Read the Old or New Testament AND complete 4 inspirational items and
earn a Local Roots gift card.
Send an email to stacihood@powellumc.org with your completed list and
date of completion.

Staff Picks

Don't know where to start? Check out these staff picks.

Rev. Larry Brown

Book: Jane Hawk series, *The Silent Corner, The Whispering Room, The Crooked Staircase, The Forbidden Door, The Night Window* by Dean Koontz

Movies: *1917* and *Aeronauts*

Podcasts: *This American Life*

Rev. Katya Brodbeck

Book: *The Grace of Dogs: A Boy, A Black Lab, and a Father's Search for the Canine Soul* by Andrew Root

Book: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans

Podcasts: "This Sounds Fun with Annie F Downs," "Typology," "The Robcast."

Rev. Dave Woodyard

Book: *Holy Love* by Steve Harper

Book: *Unlearning God* by Philip Gulley

Book: *Sacred Ground: pluralism, prejudice, and the promise of America* by Eboo Patel

Movie: *Concussion*

Rev. Sandy Huber

Book: *Why Religion? A Personal Story* by Elaine Pagels

Book: *A Good Provider is One Who Leaves: Our Family and Migration in the 21st Century* by Jadon De Parle

Book: *The Hundred Story Home: A Memoir of Finding Faith in Ourselves and Something Bigger*

by Kathy Izzard

Movies: *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* and *The Farewell*

Kim La Rue

Book: *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George

Book: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* by James Herriott

Book: *She Offered Them Christ* by Paul Chilcote

Movies: *The Hundred Foot Journey* and *Aladdin-Live Action*

Rebecca Brownlee

Book: *Praying Through the Names of Jesus* by Tony Evans

Book: *When Your World Falls Apart, Seeing Past the Pain of the Present* by Dr. David Jeremiah

Book: *Simple Jesus* by N.T. Wright

Book: *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan

Music: I LOVE all Christian music

Podcasts: *Ask NT Wright Anything*, *Truth for Life* with Alistair Begg, *Oasis-A Community Seeking God's Peace* with Pastor Jared Priest

Hannah Ewald

Book: *Wearing GOD* by Lauren F. Winner

Music: *Pieces* by Bethel Music

Movie: *Frozen 2*

Staci H

Movies: *Remember the Titans* and *Miracle*

Music: *Dear Me* by Nichole Nordeman (great Youtube video)

Patty Moore

Book: *Oogy* by Larry Levin

Book: *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli

Music: *Rainbow* by Kacey Musgraves

Don Moore

Books: *The Chosen People* and a sequel *Promise Land* both by Robert Whitlow

Books: *The Persina Gamble* and *The Jerusalem Assassin* by Joel C. Rosenberg



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If you have questions regarding the picks, please feel free to contact the staff member.

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