

All Aboard!!! Summer is here and we have time to take an adventure through reading. There are many “tracks” for exploration this year! And we’ll use trains to help us go from one place to the other! Grab your ticket and find the conductor to show you to your seat. There are rewards for reading on the rails!!

Our Summer Reading Program goes from Memorial Day (May 31) through Labor Day (September 6). **Register now at powellumc.org.**

Questions, contact Kim La Rue, kimlarue@powellumc.org

Delving into Scripture (*Faith Life Track*)



Scripture is a way of hearing God’s voice and what God has imagined for us. This year our track includes the Old Testament Book of “**Exodus.**” Which recounts the story of the Israelites oppression and slavery in Egypt and Moses leading them to the promised land. Then we’ll read the little New Testament epistle from Paul called “**Philemon**” about a run-away slave in the first century following the life of Jesus. Paul gives important advise in this little letter. And finally, we’ll go to the very next book of “**Hebrews**” in the New Testament. In this sermon we’ll hear how Christ is our great high priest and hear the heroes of the faith mentioned as examples for our lives. Read all three of these and see what you notice.

Rewards for reading on the rails:

Read all of the Faith Life Track; receive a prize.

Read 4 books from *any* of the tracks other than the Faith Life Track, receive a prize.

Finish both of the above for a grand prize.

Train of Thought (*Innovative Ideas Track*)



Following a train of thought is important and sparks our interest and causes us to act. Trains were innovative in their day. They changed the countryside and brought people together. Read something that has captured your attention recently...is it gardening or quantum physics, the history of your hometown or new ways to paint your living room?

Whatever it is, find a book and dig in.

Underground Railroad (*Social Justice Track*)



In the mid 1800’s a phenomenon that we call the Underground Railroad came to life to aid slaves to freedom. We have quite a few examples of this in Ohio. In other places at other times, people helped those who were in danger or oppressed to safety and freedom. If this captures your attention, find a fiction or non-fiction that speaks about these heroic deeds and the risks the oppressed people took for freedom. If your heart hurts for a particular situation or group, read something that will help you understand it and how you might make a difference there.

The Continental U.S. Express (Adventure Track)



We have come through a year where travel was not advised and some locations were inaccessible. This summer think about travel in the Continental U.S.! Where have you been that you loved, or where would you like to go? Find a fiction or non-fiction about these places and imagine yourself there. What would it feel like to be in that place? Hop aboard the Continental U.S. Express and enjoy the scenery!

Light at the end of the Tunnel (Inspirational Track)



What is inspiring to you? Is it turning over theological ideas? Hearing stories about animals that touch our hearts... devotional books that connect us to God? What about stories where people have overcome great obstacles...maybe homespun heroes? Whatever it is that inspires you... read those books this summer! But in the end, inspiration is only helpful when it allows us to inspire others also. Think about what lights up your life and read that. It is the light at the end of the tunnel that gives you hope.

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Trains take us to places yet unexplored!!!!

Listen, you heavens, and I will speak; hear, you earth, the words of my mouth.

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! Deuteronomy 32:1-3

