

It's time for Summer Reading! Do you remember going to the library as a kid or taking your small ones to the library in the summer to find a wonderful way to keep reading all summer long? Inspiring ideas, comfort for the weary, getting away to a new and different place through books... and there were prizes!!! That's what we're about this summer at PUMC! Reading does all of this for us!

There are times when it feels like the floodgates are open. Our expectations of ourselves and others are very high. Life seems to be lived at a frenetic pace...like everything is moving so fast, we can't keep up. It can be distressing and overwhelming.

And other times we are flooded with joy! Life is good! Things are clipping along at a happy, sailing-along kind of pace. Everything is going well and all our loved ones are safe and secure.

This summer seems like a "floodgates are open" kind of year. And in our collective community, both of these realities are true. What keeps us on track is our undergirding of faith. We know deep in our souls that being Disciples of Christ keeps us from sinking when we are overwhelmed and keeps us from getting too comfortable when things are great.

As you read, notice where God shows up in your reading. God may not have been mentioned at all, but you know that an attribute of God was there.

Join us by signing up and letting us know how you do. Summer reading is from June 1 – August 31. So, pull up a chair, sit on your towel at the beach, drive to all your events and listen to a book, or sit by your favorite tree. The floodgates are open and anything is possible! You can do it! You can fill your summer with reading, be inspired and win a prize!

Kim La Rue, Director of Adult Ministries

P.S. And if you're not sure where to start, the PUMC staff has given you suggestions of books that appealed to them. Enjoy!

To register go to the PUMC website, powellumc.org/whats happening

Scripture Journey

The selections of scripture speak to floodgates being open and how people responded to them. It is inspiring to find ourselves in the stories of scripture and be reassured of God's presence in our lives. This year our scriptures to read are:

The Gospel of Mark, the book of Ruth, and the story of Joseph in Genesis 37, 39-50.
Read all 3 scriptures selections for a prize.

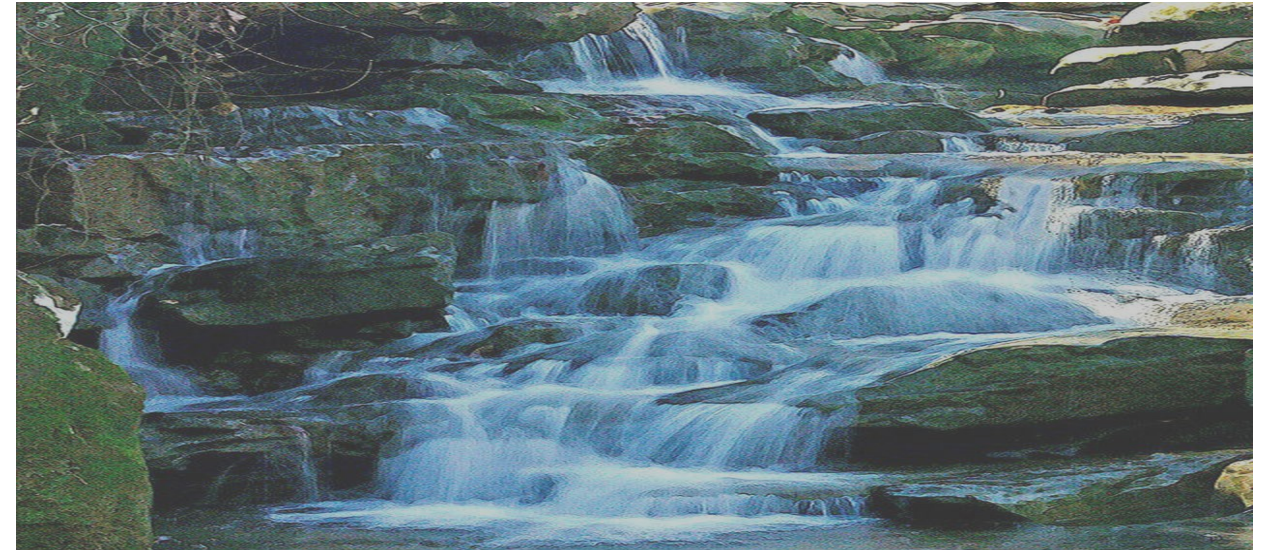
Scripture questions:

What appeals to me about each of these selections of scripture?

Where did I feel inspired or comforted?

What characters did I connect with?

The Floodgates Are Open



As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word, that goes out from my mouth (says God). You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." Isaiah 55: 10,12 (NIV)

Rewards for reading:

There are three ways to win prizes.

One: Read 4 books of your choice that will meet you where you are this summer, in whatever flood you find yourself.

Two: Read the Scripture! We will see God there very literally!

Three: Finish the scriptures and the four (4) books for a grand prize.

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



Coming in Autumn! The Chronicles of Narnia class!!! Join us for a look at C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*, finding God between the pages of this wonderful collection of stories. Facilitated by Kim La Rue & Mary Ring.

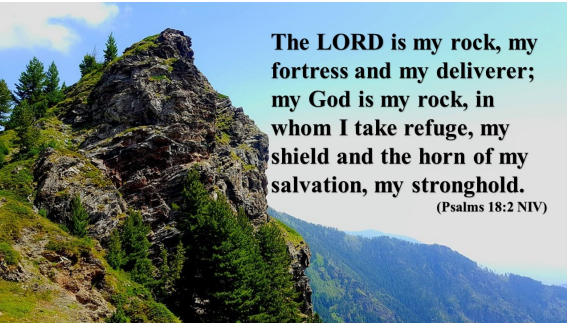
For more information about book selections or the program, contact kimlarue@powellumc.org or 614-847-3703.

Staff Picks

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

- Rev. Justin Williams
Love Your Enemies by Arthur C. Brooks
Invitation to Solitude and Silence by Ruth Haley Barton
- Rev. Katya Brodbeck
The Shack by William P. Young
Everything Happens For A Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler
- Rev. Dave Woodyard
Nameless: The Collection by Dean Koontz
Harmony Series by Philip Gulley
The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together by Heather McGhee
- Rev. Sandy Huber
Born Bright; A Young Girl's Journey from Nothing to Something in America by C. Nicole Mason
Searching for Sunday by Rachel Held Evans
Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman
- Kim La Rue
A Hidden Wholeness; The Journey Toward An Undivided Life by Parker Palmer
I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly
Courage; Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith by Tom Berlin
- Rebecca Brownlee
Letters & Papers from Prison by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
- Hannah VanMeter
Untamed by Glennon Doyle
Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again by Rachel Held Evans
Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning and Relearning God by Sarah Bessey
- Staci H
The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom
Greenlights by Matthew McConaughey
In Order to Live: A North Korean Girls Journey to Freedom by Yeonmi Park
- Alan Moore
Bible Prophecy Answer Book by Ron Rhodes
Bunker Hill : A City, A Siege, A Revolution by Nathaniel Philbrick
In The Hurricane's Eye: The Genius of George Washington and the Victory at Yorktown by Nathaniel Philbrick
Scripture: The 4 Gospels and the Book of Acts from the Bible

Read 4 of these or books of your own for a prize.



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



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over
you. Isaiah 43:2 (NIV)

Check out the introduction for Summer Reading

