

About The Library



Our library program is designed to help church members and friends develop a contemporary understanding of Christian life and actions as expressed by some of today's best writers. The Library Committee has recently selected new materials about returning veterans, alcohol, poverty, homelessness, personal ethics and new views of timeless scripture. Selection activities are ongoing; suggestions for consideration are welcome at any time. Have you read or heard of a good book? Tell us about it.

Where is the Library?

The 2nd Floor Library



This library facility was funded in memory of Dr. Walter H. and Elsie Iwan Ebling by a generous gift from their family.



The largest of the three library spaces at First Church is on the second floor, adjacent to the Chapel. It can be reached by the stairs or the elevator.

We maintain a reservation list, so if you see a book one week but not the next, ask a member of the Library Committee to put your name on the waiting list for that book. You will be informed when your name reaches the top of the list.

Contact the Library Committee at library@fumc.org.

The Carousel Located in Fellowship Hall



The Carousel was made possible by a generous gift from Barbara Seif, who had a vision of how the library could be more useful to more people in our congregation.

The library carousel displays recently acquired materials from both the Second Floor and Lower Level collections. Titles on display here change regularly, so you will want to check the displays regularly too. Any book displayed on the carousel can be checked out right there and returned to the glass Reception Office in the Narthex whenever the church building is open.

The Children's Library Lower Level Near the Food Pantry

Many of the books in the children's collection were given in honor of Grace Runkle. Mrs. Runkle was a beloved kindergarten teacher in the Madison community who loved children and children's books.



Young readers need good books to read. Our collection of books for the youngest in our congregation includes attractive, accurate, relevant materials that support our educational program. We continually re-evaluate the materials based on these criteria and, in the case of fiction, whether it is a story children can relate to.