

## **Dec 2025 UWF articles**

### **It's Holiday Cookies Time!**

There are two opportunities to share your baking expertise. UWF is calling for cookies or bars for a reception after the bell concert on December 6th. Cookies should be labeled "bells" and be at the church no later than noon on Saturday December 6. Once again our local UWF is also gathering cookies to distribute to shut-ins and first responders. Cookies will also be used for the upcoming choir cantata and bell choir music programs. Please bring your cookies by noon on Sunday, Dec. 14 and mark "UWF" and label if sugar-free, gluten-free. No nuts or icing please!

### **Thank YOU! - Heavenly Holiday Market**

Thank you to all the volunteers and shoppers who help make our annual Heavenly Holiday Market so successful. It takes many hands to make it happen. Our local United Women in Faith use the profits of nearly \$14,000 generated by the Nov. 1 Heavenly Holiday Market to support more than 20 local charities and missions that focus on women and children.

### **2026 UWF Reading Program**

All women of UWF are encouraged to read! Women can start reading now to complete the requirements for a 2026 reading certificate. All UWF books are located on the UWF bookshelf in the conference room at church. Books from 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 suggested reading list are available and will count for credit in 2026. We are currently in the process of selecting books to purchase from the 2026 reading list. The 2026 books will be available by February for checkout. To earn a reading certificate for 2026, one book from each of the following categories must be read: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth.

Fortunately, 7 of the adult books for 2026 are available in the Douglas County library in paper form or digital form so you can start reading now. Here is the list of locally available books:

***The Happiest Man on Earth: The Beautiful Life of an Auschwitz Survivor*** by Eddie Jaku

***Legacy: A Black Physician Recons with Racism in Medicine*** by Uche Blackstock

***The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times*** by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams

***Finding me: A Memoir*** by Viola Davis

*The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

*The Women* by Kristin Hanah

*Highway of Tears: A True Story of Racism, Indifference, and the Pursuit of Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls* by Jessica McDiarmid

***Whistlestop Tales*** by Krish & Miriam Kandiah features ten Bible stories that illustrate how God uses people from all over the world to accomplish his purposes. Each story begins with a closer look at the modern-day country where it took place to help anchor the characters in their original context and cultures, providing a new perspective on the lives of these brave men and women. In these Bible stories, we meet an Iranian queen, a Syrian spy, an Italian soldier and a Sudanese senator, to name just a few of the many diverse people that God has woven into His grand redemption story. These action-packed stories will encourage children to live out their own unique adventure!

**UWF Calendar Items    (no i - just like USA has no o)**

Dec. 30 - UWF Board Meeting - 9:30 am

No UWF meeting in December

Sign up for the UWF Assembly in Indianapolis May15-17 is now available on the UWF website.

Jan. 8 - UWF Luncheon Meeting - 11:30-1 pm

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