

University United Methodist Church Spiritual Resource Center

About the SRC

The concept for a church library for University United Methodist Church began in 1958 with the formation of a library committee whose focus was on books for adults in the areas of religion and philosophy. The library occupied a space in the new education wing when it opened in 1961. In recent years, the collection has moved to the Parlor, and the name has been changed to *Spiritual Resource Center*; however, the emphasis on providing quality resources has continued. We now have over 1200 books and audio/visual items including around 500 items for children. The collection is classified into 21 categories. Additionally, we have several ebooks which can be easily accessed through our University UMC website (www.universityumc.church/about). An Excel spreadsheet of our entire collection can also be accessed through our UUMC website and a hard copy is available on the circulation desk.

The Spiritual Resource Center Committee is comprised of a team of volunteers whose purpose is to develop, maintain, and promote the materials in the Spiritual Resource Center.

Mission

The University UMC Spiritual Resource Center (SRC) is a place for seekers and explorers of all ages. The SRC provides books and other resources to equip, nurture and challenge all God's people in their faith journeys.

Goals

- To provide quality materials for all ages that promote and/or align with the values and beliefs of the United Methodist Church.
- To present materials in an organized, easily accessible manner.

Procedures

Adult books and audiovisual items are located on the wall opposite the fireplace. Please see the list of categories posted around the room. Books for children and youth are shelved on the wall on either side of the fireplace, with books for younger children on the left of the fireplace and for older children on the right.

The SRC uses an honor system for checking out materials. Please refer to the Checkout Procedure Statement on the Circulation Table. The circulation period is three weeks. No fines are charged.

The SRC is open whenever the church is open; however, the space is also a conference/meeting/reception room which may make the collection unavailable at certain times. In that case, materials may be returned to the church office.

Collection Development and Maintenance

Donations

Individuals wishing to donate items to the SRC library should label them as donations for the SRC and drop them off in the Parlor in a basket beneath the circulation table. All items will be evaluated by the library committee. Duplicates and materials which are not selected for use can be returned to the donor at the donor's request. Otherwise, the materials will be donated to another source, such as The Friends of the Chapel Hill Public Library.

Selection

The SRC Committee believes in the freedom to read and strives to select materials that are in accordance with our mission and goals. Several criteria are applied to materials that are both donated and purchased, including content, condition, and copyright date.

Weeding

Space is limited in the SRC. The SRC Committee regularly examines the collection to ensure that it is current and of high quality. Criteria used to "weed" the collection includes condition, lack of circulation, copyright date, and content that is no longer current or of general interest.

Suggestions, Questions or Concerns

Suggestions for new materials are always welcome! Anyone with a suggestion, or a question or concern about materials that are included or excluded from the collection may email src@universityumc.church. A course of action will be determined, and the individual filing the concern will be notified of the decision.