

ULC Book Nook - July Outreach of the Month

We are asking our congregation to support the ULC Book Nook. This ministry is an outreach ministry of the Evangelism Team. This September will mark its 5th year and in that time over 150 bibles, 138 inspirational books for adults, and close to 300 children's books have been gifted from the Nook's shelves. Each book bears a sticker letting the recipient know it is a gift from our congregation.

Over these 5 years several things have stood out for me. During the pandemic the doors of the Book Nook were open even when the rest of the world was locked down. I took care to be sure it was kept well stocked and was pleased to see it regularly being visited by our neighbors in the Flower Pot Neighborhood.

Bibles have been very popular, especially small hard cover or faux leather editions. Board books and picture books for young children have also been popular, especially those with themes about God's love, family ties, friendship, and inclusiveness. The books recommended by the Racial Justice Team have been popular with adults, as have memoirs, devotions and the writings of spiritual guides such as those of Thomas Merton and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

This summer we are looking for monetary donations to replenish inventory as well as your input on book titles for both children and adults. Look for the suggestion box at the Book Nook table in the narthex.

To donate, please make checks out to ULC with "Book Nook" on the memo line, or donate online at www.ulcel.org

If you are a lover of books, please consider joining me in this ministry. You can reach me at bwojan1@gmail.com or 517-974-0682.

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