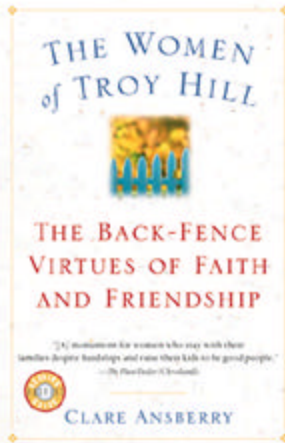


Women's Book Club



Have you thought about joining the UMW Book Club but didn't want to spend the money to purchase a book? Now is your chance to join us without the expense. The Book Club has borrowed multiple copies of The Women of Troy Hill by Clare Ansberry from the Westmoreland County Library System. They are on display in the church library. Simply write your name on the list to borrow the book. Then join us at 6:30 in the Fidelis classroom on September 28th to discuss the book. Everyone is invited.

Troy Hill is a neighborhood in Pittsburgh, and the women in these pages have lived there all their long lives. Mostly German, mostly Catholic, and mostly married, these women, now in their eighties and older, form a society of care, of interest, and of the exquisite pattern of daily, weekly, and seasonal cycles of food, church affairs, and family celebrations. "Men worked. Women *neighbored*" said Mildred Mares. Some of the chapters tell love stories, like that of Margaret and Joe, who sang each other's harmonies and exchanged mushy greeting cards through the decades. Some tell of family tragedies lived through: Edna, who figures she'll live so long as she has work to do, has buried all three of her sons and her husband. The sisters Cecilia and Loretta, still live above the funeral home their father once ran, using skills honed over decades to keep their families in touch and parish work humming. Each of these women's stories is part of the mosaic, a sunlit portrait of a place where being a neighbor spanned three generations and more.

(Review from [Booklist Magazine](#) taken from Amazon.com)