Resources for New Methodists
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**Purpose:** This subject guide provides a list of our resources that teach the basics about the history, doctrines, and traditions specific to United Methodism and the organization of The United Methodist Church. These resources would be appropriate to use in a new member class. For resources useful to those that are new to Christianity, see the New Christians Subject Guide. For other resources about Methodism, search the online catalog by choosing "Methodism" from the subject menu.

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- apportionments
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**Video Resources**

**DVD18**  What Does it Mean to Be United Methodist?
A five session class for new members and others who wish to learn more about United Methodism. The sessions are: Wesleyan Heritage, John Wesley's Theology, Wesleyan Quadrilateral, Sacraments, How Do United Methodists "Do" Church? Comes with leader's guide with questions for discussion.

**DVD103**  Sharing God's Gifts: North Carolina Conference
Apportionments translates into Mission and Ministries, an overview of the work being done in the United Methodist Church and featuring the North Carolina Conference.

**DVD105**  Our United Methodist Heritage

**DVD106**  Clayride
Quotes from John Wesley set the stage for a fast-paced ride through Methodist history in this claymation animated video. It is packed with facts about the roots and growth of the United Methodist Church in America.

**DVD107**  Wesley and His Times
Wesley and His Times traces the life of Methodism founder John Wesley from his rescue from a rectory fire at age 6 to his death at 83.

**DVD126**  Charles Wesley: Hymns of Praise
In this fascinating one-man play, you'll hear the true stories of the early days of Methodism, the events that led up to his conversion, his brother John's "Aldersgate Experience," and the astonishing events that unfolded as the Wesley brothers first began to preach -- and sing -- in the fields of England.

**DVD130**  Opening Ourselves to Grace
A 4-session video presentation on Wesley's understanding of spiritual practices. Includes a printable leader's guide. Also includes a six-session bible study based on the video presentations.

**DVD139**  Baptism in the United Methodist Church
A companion video to *By the Water and the Spirit* with 5 separate age-level appropriate segments: Baptism-Personal Stories (all ages) 8:23 minutes; Why do we baptize? (Adults) 12:35 minutes; How Do we baptize? (Adults) 10 minutes; Baptism for youth (ages 12-18) 13 minutes; Baptism for children (Ages 9-11) 11 minutes.

**DVD157**  All Good Gifts
14 Stories of United Methodist Connectional Giving. Each video is 2-14 minutes long. World Service Fund, Africa University Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Advance, Human Relations Day, One Great

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Hour of Sharing, Native American Ministries Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and United Methodist Student Day are all covered.

**DVD180  Claiming the Story: A Journey in Christian History for United Methodists**

James E. Miller narrates the story of the Christian church from the resurrection of Christ, through the English and German reformation, and finishing with the story of The United Methodist Church.

**DVD181  Sharing the Heritage: The History of United Methodism in America**

Share the story of the United Methodist Church's inspired beginnings and its continuing evolution. This video introduces the important people who were leaders in the past: the Wesleys, Asbury, Otterbein, Albright, and more.

**DVD182  John Wesley: The Proud Methodist**

This video is on the life of John Wesley, the founder of The United Methodist Church. Narration and still photography are used to explain the events and significance of Wesley's life. Our most often used video for confirmation and new membership classes.

**DVD248  Three Simple Rules for Christian Living**

Six sessions provide extended reflection for adults on three principles of Christian life: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Each rule has a session to help you understand the rule and a session to help you explore ways to practice the rule. *Three Simple Rules for Christian Living* includes a DVD that contains excerpts from an interview with Bishop Rueben Job and a CD-ROM that contains a leader guide for the study sessions and other useful information for organizing, leading, and publicizing study groups.

**DVD327  Together We Can**

UMCgiving.org: "Want to see what your giving does for others? The Together We Can DVD features an introduction to the apportioned funds and stories of ministries made possible through your giving to the seven apportioned funds: Africa University Fund, Black College Fund, Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, Ministerial Education Fund and World Service Fund. DVD clips about each fund may be played separately." The DVD-ROM also contains data files that can be downloaded to your computer: Why We Give booklet, The United Methodist Handbook (English, Spanish, and Korean), and stewardship articles.

**DVD355  Wesley**

John Wesley is well known as the spiritual father of Methodism. His heartfelt struggles, his passion for authentic faith expressing itself through meaningful kingdom work, and his message of saving grace resonate with audiences of all ages and denominations. Step into eighteenth-century England and experience the transformation of one man whose heart-wrenching search for peace haunts him even as he pours himself into a life of service and evangelism. Now, for the first time, Wesley's fascinating spiritual struggle is presented in this award-winning feature film based on John's own private journals. Young John Wesley works hard to earn his own salvation, but still cannot find lasting peace. His headstrong ways and self-righteous attitude brings conflict and rejection wherever he goes. Follow his Request materials from the NCCUMC Media Center by calling 800-849-4433 x264, email ldallas@nccumc.org, or visit http://nccumc.org/mediacenter.
journey across the stormy seas to the colony of Georgia where he fails as an evangelist, while breaking the heart of the beautiful Sophy. In defeat, the newly humbled Wesley returns to England in search of genuine faith - and the discovery of God’s grace. Directed by John Jackman. Starring Burgess Jenkins, June Lockhart, Kevin McCarthy, R. Keith Harris, and Carrie Anne Hunt. Dove Family Approved for ages 12 and up. THIS DVD IS FOR HOME VIEWING ONLY. IT IS NOT LICENSED TO BE SHOWN AT CHURCH. For a church license, visit www.wesleythemovie.com. Watch a preview at www.visionvideo.com.

DVD460 Four Areas of Focus
This nine-minute video describes the Four Areas of Focus for the United Methodist Church for 2009-2012. The Four Areas of Focus are: 1. Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. 2. Creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations. 3. Engaging in ministry with the poor. 4. Stamping out the killer diseases of poverty by improving health globally.

DVD474 Living into the Mystery
Living into the Mystery is a compilation of the stories of the experience and meaning of Holy Communion from laity, seminarians, and clergy from diverse settings across the United States. Congregations included are Christ Deaf Church (Baltimore), Grace United Methodist Church (Manhattan), New Hope United Methodist Church (Anderson, IN) and Edgehill United Methodist Church (Nashville, TN). The video could be used in worship on World Communion Sunday or on other occasions where Holy Communion is especially highlighted, or in classroom or retreat settings where either This Holy Mystery or Living into the Mystery is being studied or discussed (PDFs available at gbod.org).

DVD502 Encounters with John Wesley
Encounters with John Wesley brings to life the legendary preacher’s search for faith, his tireless traveling, the violent opposition he faced, and his passionate, single-minded drive "to do what good I can." Join Mark Topping as John Wesley in this action-packed docudrama as we follow Wesley around the English countryside, meeting the people and preaching the Gospel. Filmed on location at the New Room, Bristol, the oldest Methodist chapel in the world and at Charles Wesley’s House, also in Bristol. The DVD also features dramatized versions of four Wesley ‘Sermons’: Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, Awake, thou that sleepest, Thoughts on Slavery, Thoughts on War.

DVD503 John Wesley: The Classic 1954 Production
A re-release of the J. Arthur Rank historical classic made in 1954. This cinema drama follows the life of John Wesley from when he was saved out of a burning house as a child and thereby marked for life as a "brand from the burning." His Oxford days, a disastrous mission to America, his decisive Aldersgate experience, his bringing the Gospel into the daily lives of alienated masses, the founding of Methodism, and his astounding role in raising the moral and religious climate in 18th century England, and much more are set forth with careful dependence on the historical sources. John Wesley was one of the most influential ministers in all of Christian history, and this old but still potent film provides an excellent introduction to the major events in his life and the many obstacles he had to overcome.

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DVD504  A Heart Set Free: The Life, Ministry, and Lyrics of Charles Wesley
From a tenuous birth to blazing field preacher, this film explores the facets of the man known as "The Sweet Bard of Methodism." Discover the poet, husband, and hymnwriter who penned "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," and "O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Follow Charles as a failed missionary to America, then back home, depressed and dejected till he experiences a mighty conversion in May 1738 that kindled within him the passion to reach others with such intensity that, through his verse, we feel it today. Shot on location in England and the United States, this feature-length documentary by T.N. Mohan, producer and director of the award-winning documentary Hanged on a Twisted Cross, brings detailed and well-researched perspective to Charles Wesley's history through many never-before seen archival letters, manuscripts and other documents, besides interviews with leading experts from the UK and US.

DVD505  Portrait of Susanna: The Story of Susanna Wesley
Out of a life of conflict and danger Susanna Wesley brought a new vitality to the religious life of the world. Married to Anglican pastor Samuel Wesley, she gave birth to 19 children. Amidst the hardships of an impoverished early eighteenth century English home, she trained her sons, John and Charles Wesley, in a style of Christian discipline and spirituality that would forever leave its mark on world Christianity. The dramatic power of the Christian witness of this "Mother of Methodism" lived on as her sons' ministries of preaching, organizing and singing changed history. Susanna inspired her people as they struggled not only to survive in harsh times but to live triumphant lives of faith. Susanna's courage and devotion reveal a message for today. This one-woman play was written and performed by Lynette Bennett Daskin.

DVD657  Welcome to UMC.org
Take a tour of umc.org, the web portal of The United Methodist Church. Choose either the 4 or 7 minute video to explore what the website has to offer. Great video for new member groups or groups new to using the Internet.

DVD662  Methodist Identity Part 1: Our Story
The Methodist Identity video series explains what it means to be Methodist. The first course includes eight half-hour long presentations by leading Methodist scholars. Speakers describe the 18th-century Wesleyan revival in England and the growth of Methodism in the United States and around the world. Supplemental videos cover in more detail the rise of Methodism in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The course will benefit both lifelong Methodists and those coming to Methodism from other traditions. A study guide and supplemental presentations are included on CD-ROM.

DVD663  Methodist Identity Part 2: Our Beliefs
This course builds on Part 1: Our Story by examining Methodist beliefs, focusing especially on those doctrines that make Methodists distinctive. Eight half-hour long presentations by leading Methodist theologians offer valuable information and insight concerning core Wesleyan ideas. The course will benefit both lifelong Methodists and those coming to Methodism from other traditions. A study guide

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and extensive supplemental presentations, including many of Wesley’s own writings, are included on CD-ROM.

**DVD716 The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church**  
This short video is an introduction to the work and mission of the General Board of Discipleship in the 21st century.

**ROM22 United Methodism 101**  
This CD-ROM-based interactive course blends audio, video, and written materials into a fast-moving learning experience for groups and individuals wanting to increase their understanding of United Methodism. The CD includes 5 modules: 1. Introduction and overview to your journey: What is The United Methodist Church? 2. History of The United Methodist Church: From the birth of a movement to a modern denomination 3. Underlying theology and foundations of basic beliefs 4. Organization and structure of the denomination 5. Present and future challenges faced by all United Methodists. A leader’s guide is included. This resource was updated in 2012.

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**VC4 A Charge to Keep**  
This videotape was designed to be used to introduce The United Methodist Church. It describes the churches four main elements: Fellowship, Worship, Christian Education and Outreach.

**VC137 Burning Bright**  
Examines the origins and growth of The United Methodist Church with stress on the parallel development of Methodism and the Republic. It is actually four mini-tapes each emphasizing one aspect of The United Methodist Church: Heartfelt Faith, Many Different Kinds of People, A Church Taking the Gospel Where People Are.

**VC582 John Wesley, The Preacher**  
Using authentic locations this re-enactment shows an actor portraying John Wesley delivering a sermon. It begins with a historical documentary of the time period.

**VC624 Let Justice Flow, GBCS**  
Explains what the General Board of Church and Society is, what it does and why it is working in social justice areas.

**VC967 Structure of the United Methodist Church**  
Provides an overview of the organizational structure of The United Methodist Church. It includes a brief history mission and ministry of the denomination.

**VC1072 Through Wesley’s England**  
A tour by video of key places from the life of the founder of The United Methodist Church, John Wesley. Epworth, Oxford, London, Midlands, Yorkshire and St. Paul's Cathedral are featured.

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VC1151 Why I Am a United Methodist
A seven-part video to correspond with the book of the same title by Bishop William Willimon. A mixture of presentations by Willimon and stories related by United Methodists about their church. A leader's guide is included.

VC1205 Multiply God's Love: A Sense of Belonging
This video explains how the structure of The United Methodist Church is organized to help in so many mission fields, support of clergy, strengthening faith and caring in families and communities. Especially helpful for new membership classes and leadership groups.

VC1285 A Day of New Beginnings
The voices and actions of persons inspired and nurtured by United Methodist gifts tell the stories of 50 years of mission and ministry of the Advance for Christ and His Church. Also available in Spanish and Korean.

VC1500 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
A video for visitors or new members explaining the history, diversity and mission of the United Methodist Church.

VC1692 John Wesley Skit: 2003 Annual Conference
Skit presented as tribute to the 300th Anniversary of John Wesley's birth at the North Carolina Annual Conference on June 4, 2003.

Books

BK47 Endless Line of Splendor
Updated in 1992, this classic from the 1950s, remains a unique retelling of our story as United Methodists. Each short story adds to the framework of a proud and sometimes surprising heritage.

BK94 Who Are We? Doctrine, Ministry, and Mission of the United Methodist Church
A study that will give United Methodists an in-depth understanding of the denomination's theology, along with a broad view of how its ministries are organized and a clear summary of the church's mission. For a class or personal study. The set contains a leader's guide and a student book.

BK182 This We Believe
A 13-part study on the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith of The United Methodist Church, focusing on basic doctrines of salvation, sin, sanctification, the Holy Trinity. Both documents are included in the booklet. A leader's guide is also available.

BK184 By Water and the Spirit: Making Connections for Identity and Ministry
The study edition of By Water and the Spirit includes the official United Methodist document on baptism. This book serves as a resource for congregational leaders who are helping members make

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connections between the baptismal covenant and discipleship in daily life. Six study sessions, and
appendix.

**BK190 When the Church Speaks: A Guide to The Social Principles**
A workbook-style approach for adults who want to study the Social Principles of The United Methodist
Church. Four basic and two optional sessions are included.

**BK191 Belief Matters: United Methodism's Doctrinal Standards**
Articles of Religion and The Confession of Faith are covered in this book. Four chapters, a conclusion, a
glossary and a study guide are included.

**BK192 We Are United Methodists**
Learn about who the United Methodists are, what they do, and what they believe. Study guide is
included in the book.

**BK193 John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life**
Through the use of quotes from John Wesley's sermons and other writings and the hymns of Charles
Wesley, Yrigoyen presents the nature of the faith, the mission of the church, and the doctrine and
theology of United Methodism. A study guide is included for a 6 session study.

**BK346 Being Methodist in the Bible Belt**
Subtitled: A Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents and Other Confused Methodists, this book by
F. Belton Joyner, Jr. is filled with insight and humor. Joyner, retired clergy from the NC Conference,
explains the Methodist "brand of Christianity" in a style many will recognize as uniquely Belton.

**BK361 The Making of Methodism**
This book tells the story of the beginning and early growth of Methodism, with extracts from original
sources such as John Wesley's Journal, letters and church statements. Written by a minister in England.

**BK637 This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice**
For John Wesley, the Bible is the joyfully consistent testimony of God’s never-ending grace and ever-
seeking love. Likewise, studying the Bible is more than merely knowing what Scripture says; it is also
about living every day as a child of God. Beginning with the Core Terms found in The Wesley Study Bible,
Bishop Willimon systematically lays out key Wesleyan tenets of faith so that you will have a fresh way to
hear God’s voice, share in God’s grace, and become more like Jesus Christ. This book can be used as an
eight-week, small-group study. A leader guide is also available.

**BK402 Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists**
10 chapters for reflection and small group study: Hunger for God, Growing in Grace, Prayer, Scripture,
Word and Table, Renewal and Healing, Christian Community, Christian Lifestyle, Serving Our Neighbor,
Sharing Our Faith. Discussion questions are included.

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BK403  Prayer & Devotional Life of United Methodists
Designed for personal reading and small group study, this book has eight sessions. The themes in the book are divided into four sections and the book concludes with an appendix. It includes further study ideas and a bibliography. The themes are: Living from Heaven, Read and Pray Daily, Get Connected, and Go On!

BK472  This Holy Mystery: A United Methodist Understanding of Holy Communion
This Holy Mystery is a study guide for the official United Methodist position on Holy Communion that was adopted by the 2004 General Conference. The official document is included in the book in a running sidebar, with commentary study helps in a second column on each page.

BK478  The Journey is Our Home: History of the COSROW
The History of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church, following by decade from the beginnings in 1944, through the realization in the late seventies and finally to assessing the situation in 1992.

BK484  Becoming the People of God: Forming a Global Family

BK485  Becoming the People of God: Working Together, Sharing the Bounty

BK486  Becoming the People of God: Opting for Virtue in Public Life

BK526  United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith
Belton Joyner, a popular teacher, preacher and author, introduces the reader to key United Methodist beliefs and practices. 72 questions arranged in the following sections: God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Humanity, Salvation, Church, Worship and Sacraments, Bible, Theology, Christian Life, Reign of God, History and Heritage, and Polity.

BK535  The Unofficial United Methodist Handbook
Serious information and practical tips for United Methodists, brand new and "seasoned." This book is edited by F. Belton Joyner, Jr. retired elder of NC Conference.

BK565  Becoming the People of God: Walking Humbly, Doing Justice
This series examines individual chapters of the United Methodist Social Principles in the Book of Discipline. This book looks at the Social Community chapter. The chapters in this book are: Rights of

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BK675 The Holy Spirit in the Wesleyan Heritage
Gain fresh insight into The United Methodist Church’s teachings about the Holy Spirit. This 8-session study explores how the Holy Spirit produces a faith that saves the individual through Jesus Christ. Also discusses the Wesleyan emphasis on Christian experience; historical movements for church renewal; and the contemporary charismatic movement.

BK718 John Wesley: A Personal Portrait
May 2003 is the 300th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley. This is a beautifully written biography intended for a general audience. While not at all hagiographical, the book leads one to admire Wesley immensely. He traveled throughout the British Isles more than anyone in history. Reviled early on during his open air evangelical crusades, he became deeply loved in old age by all sectors of the population. While the book has a slightly British cast to it (which is unavoidable given the extent of Wesley's travels throughout Britain), it gives adequate coverage to his period in the American colonies.

BK721 Major United Methodist Beliefs
Expresses in simple language what the people of this denomination believe and how they interpret the ageless affirmation of the Bible. Includes a study guide with 8 sessions.

BK730 Francis Asbury: God's Circuit Rider
A biography of Francis Asbury, a bishop responsible for significantly growing American Methodism in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

BK744 Living as United Methodist Christians: Our Story, Our Beliefs, Our Lives
Pastors Andy and Sally Langford take a unique approach in this six-session study by looking at how United Methodists claim and live their faith as individuals and as a denomination. Through the study, you will gain insight The United Methodist Church, its beliefs and faith practices. Living as United Methodist Christians is ideal for small groups, new member classes, and disciple training classes and includes an introduction that sets the stage for exploring the belief and practices of United Methodist Christians, six chapters that will help learners hear and claim for themselves the Christian story, particular emphases and beliefs of United Methodists, ways to live as a United Methodist Christian, and leader and learner helps such as reflection questions placed near main text material to which they refer. These helps will stimulate discussion about the reflections or insights participants gain from the material.

BK774 Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change the World - Study Guide
In this four-session study guide to the film "Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change the World" written by expert Dr. Kenneth C. Kinghorn, see how John Wesley changed the world and became the spiritual leader for millions. With a screenplay adapted directly from the journals of John Wesley, the film faithfully portrays the formative years of Wesley’s ministry, from the Epworth rectory fire in his

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childhood, to his disastrous mission and romance in colonial Georgia, and to his pivotal “heart-warming” experience in London. Perfect for small groups or individual study, each session includes prayers, study questions, and background information about Wesley's life and times. The DVD of the film is also available.

BK98 John Wesley for the 21st Century
John O. Gooch connects modern day readers with the 18th century world of John Wesley. This book is more than an academic or historical account of Wesley's life. It also offers contemporary readers to connect to their Wesleyan heritage by comparing contemporary issues to topics Wesley addressed during his day. Wesley was deeply concerned with salvation of the individual, but Wesley also attended to needs that seem very current such as health care, poverty, slavery, and the need for growth as disciples of Christ through small group ministries. Each chapter includes questions for reflection to help readers understand the different dimension of the Wesleyan tradition.

BK913 Being a Christian in the Wesleyan Tradition: Belonging, Believing, Living, Growing
John O. Gooch explores our everyday understanding of what it means to be an "involved" member of a church. Gooch's four categories help readers to think differently about the way they participate in church. Unlike many books on church membership, Gooch does not spend a lot of time on bylaws or matters of organization; rather, he speaks to the heart of our participation: how we belong, what we believe, how we live, and the possibilities for our growth in faith. Gooch stresses that Christians belong to a community of faith, Gooch shows how Christians live their faith in private and public acts of devotion and ministry.

The United Methodist Church: Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World is a 48-page, colorful publication filled with comprehensive information about The United Methodist Church. Content includes the mission and beliefs of United Methodists, basic organization and church history, maps depicting central and jurisdictional annual conferences, as well as information on giving opportunities, online courses and church structure. This English handbook was developed as a communications tool to strengthen ministry in a variety of settings, including new-member orientation classes, confirmation classes, leadership training, mission meetings and more.

BK921 Why We Apportion
Why We Apportion: A Theology of United Methodist Giving. Why We Apportion booklet gives the biblical foundation for the apportionment system. Includes information about the Four Areas of Focus, our Wesleyan heritage and biblical stewardship.

BK922 Becoming the People of God: Caring for God's Earth
Caring for God's Earth is part of the six-volume Becoming the People of God series. Each study in the series examines an individual chapter of the Social Principles in the Book of Discipline and relevant material in the Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church. This volume reflects on the Natural

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World chapter of the Social Principles. Caring for God’s Earth engages participants in a lively application of United Methodist teaching related to: corporate and family farms, environmental hazards, stewardship of non-renewable resources, human impact on animal life, exploration in space, understanding the parameters of faith and science, and safety and nutrition in our food supply. These self-contained, short-term studies are complete with session plans, activities, discussion questions, and after-session strategies for living out Christian faith.

**BK945 United Methodist Beliefs: A Brief Introduction**
This brief introduction to the United Methodist Church spells out the major beliefs of the Church in a clear, nontechnical style. William Willimon, the beloved United Methodist author, preacher, teacher, and bishop, discusses the great theological themes that United Methodists share in common with all Christians as well as the particular accents and emphases that characterize United Methodist understandings of Christian doctrines. In his engaging style, Willimon opens the door for further study, challenging the readers to move toward a continuing reflection on their faith. This guide will be of great value to those who are beginning their study of United Methodist beliefs as well as those who have long been in the church and want a helpful way to refresh their understandings of the distinctiveness of United Methodist doctrine.

**BK953 The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace**
A rich articulation of John Wesley's theology that is appreciative of the old and mindful of the new, faithful to the past and attentive to the present. This work carefully displays John Wesley's eighteenth century theology in its own distinct historical and social location, but then transitions to the twenty-first century through the introduction of contemporary issues. So conceived, the book is both historical and constructive demonstrating that the theology of Wesley represents a vibrant tradition. Cognizant of Wesley's own preferred vocabulary, Collins introduces Wesley's theological method beginning with a discussion of the doctrine of God.

**BK1017 Meet the Methodists: An Introduction to the United Methodist Church**

**BK1036 Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition: A Workbook**
This workbook describes major features in John Wesley's devotional life, and it illustrates how you can apply his ministry to your own life. Structured around Wesley's "Means of Grace," the workbook covers scripture and prayer, among other topics, in this seven-week study. Developed for individual or group study, the workbook also offers suggestions for organizing an initial group meeting and developing a successful group study. Divided into 7 weekly sessions, this workbook is structured around Wesley's "means of grace" and covers prayer, scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting, among other topics.

**BK1043 Being United Methodist: What it Means, Why it Matters**
In *Being United Methodist*, popular and well-loved author J. Ellsworth Kalas uses his approachable style

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to address a topic that sometimes seems complicated even to those who have reflected upon it for years. In this book, Kalas explores questions such as Who are these people called United Methodists? Where have they come from, and where are they going? And how is it that so few of them really know what it means to be a United Methodist? What makes them tick, and in a spasmodically changing world, what keeps them ticking?

**BK1081 A Dictionary for United Methodists**
Here is the clearest, most concise dictionary available of terms frequently used in The United Methodist Church.

**BK1085 The History of The United Methodist Church**
A short but comprehensive illustrated history of Methodism. Good resource for students in confirmation classes.

**BK1107 Questions and Answers about The United Methodist Church**
This book is a useful guide that answers the most frequently asked questions about the beliefs, practices, and history of The United Methodist Church. The information is brief, geared to laypersons, and is presented in an easy question-and-answer format.

**BK1132 What United Methodists Should Know About Baptism**
A short but comprehensive illustrated booklet on baptism as practiced in the United Methodist Church. Good resource for students in confirmation classes.

**BK1146 What United Methodists Should Know about the Lord's Supper**
Short, illustrated booklet on communion from a United Methodist perspective. Great for new Methodists and confirmation classes.

**BK1147 About John Wesley**
Short, illustrated booklet on John Wesley. Great for new Methodists and confirmation classes.

**BK1161 Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2013-2016**
This 64-page booklet is a tool designed to help individuals and small groups study the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church. It contains the official text of the Social Principles from The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2012 along with exercises for individuals or small groups, a topical index, and Our Social Creed. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church are the product of ninety-eight years of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations. The Social Principles are prayerful and thoughtful efforts on the part of many General Conferences to speak to complex and controversial issues in the global community. Studying the Social Principles provides opportunities to examine your own theology and ethics and to practice discipleship.

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BK1294 Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way
Faithful Christian discipleship requires a foundation in the core belief and practices of the Christian tradition. Wesley's sermons and writing provide this stepping off point. Living Our Beliefs offers a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Readers uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as they live the United Methodist way.

KIT54 Praising the God of Grace: Charles Wesley's Hymns
The life, ministry and hymnody of Charles Wesley are celebrated in this study for adult small groups. Eight chapters plus an appendix chapter with historical background information is included in each student book. The leader's guide includes an audio CD with the hymns that are discussed in each session.

Youth Books

BK157 Hearts on Fire! The United Methodist Story
A history of the Methodist church, from John Wesley until now. Also included are chapters on what we believe, who do we include, and how do we practice our faith?

BK386 Fired Up! Youth Living as United Methodists Today
A 6-part study for youth on Methodist history with sessions timed and planned to include activities and discussion.

BK551 Three Simple Rules: 24/7

BK716 A United Methodist Is...
Features: 1. Short-term study with 6 sessions. 2. Teacher book with reproducible student handouts. 3. A brief overview of the history and beliefs of The United Methodist Church. Benefits: 1. Introduces tweens to people and beliefs of The United Methodist Church. 2. Prepares tweens in The United Methodist Church for confirmation classes. 3. Looks at some of the things that are unique about The United Methodist Church.

Children's Books

BK397 Faith Files: Heritage Search: Our Family Tree
The four sessions are: Francis Asbury, Jacob Albright, Christian Newcomer, and Richard Allen with scripture, songs and activities for a children's group, grades 1-6. A music and story CD is included.

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BK398  Faith Files: Heritage Search: These are Our Hymns
The four sessions are: O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, and A Charge to Keep I Have with scripture, the background that led to the songs, and activities for a children's group, grades 1-6. A music and story CD is included.

BK553  Three Simple Rules for Following Jesus
This 6-week study is divided into 3 parts, one for each rule. Each part includes two sessions that will help children learn what it means to care for the world and God's people; to think about ways to do good things for their families, church, community, and the world; and to discover the value of regular spiritual disciplines. This leader's book supplies all the plans and reproducible materials.

BK719  John Wesley: Founder of Methodism
Colorful 1977 book on John Wesley full of beautiful illustrations and the story of Wesley's life. The reading level is appropriate for upper elementary and higher.

BK720  John Wesley and the Methodists
A biography of John Wesley and a history of Methodism for upper elementary readers or higher. The story begins with the house fire and ends with the state of World Methodism in 1985. Includes colorful illustrations.

KIT15  J.W. And Company
Notebook and audio. Program for teaching and celebrating the history of the United Methodist Church with Children.

MP9  United Methodist Heritage Poster Book
14" x 11" color posters of important persons from early Methodism. Each poster includes a written biography on the back. Posters included are: John Wesley, Charles Wesley, Thomas Coke, Francis Asbury, Philip William Otterbein, Martin Boehm, Jacob Albright, John Stewart, Barbara Heck, William McKendree, and a Circuit Rider.

***Websites related to The United Methodist Church***

Chuck Knows Church
http://www.chuckknowschurch.com

MethoPedia
http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1713687/k.1AAB/MethoPedia.htm

Our Church
http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355347/k.2F4F/Our_Church.htm

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http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1LtH/b.1355349/k.FC63/Our_Faith.htm

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