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ADULTS 212 Fernandez, Aida. ***God of the Bible: A Study for United Methodists about***
 FERNANDEZ ***How God is Revealed in Scripture***. Chicago, Illinois, General
 Commission on the Status and Role of Women in The United Methodist
 Church, [2017].

Summary: God of the Bible is a five week study designed for small groups to explore expansive language- the names, images and ways God has been revealed to us in Scripture. Exploring both common and less known passages, this study challenges participants to strengthen their personal relationship with God by removing barriers of human limitations from our understanding of who God is. The addendum includes sermon ideas, hymns and reading lists to further your personal study and to develop worship utilizing expansive language. Finally, there is a list of nonsexist names for God. -
 -General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in The United Methodist Church

Content Notes:

- Week 1: Imagining the Mystery and Love of God -- Week 2: Listening to Wisdom -- Week 3: God Who Loves, Nurtures, Parents -- Week 4: God of All Creation -- Week 5: Knowing the Unknowable

ADULTS Japinga, Lynn. ***Preaching the Women of the Old Testament : Who They***
 221.922082 ***Were and Why They Matter***. Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox
 JAPINGA Press, 2017.

Summary: Take an in-depth look at over forty fierce, faithful, and strong women featured in the Old Testament with Preaching the Women of the Old Testament. Inside this unique resource author Lynn Japinga interprets the stories of various biblical women, including Eve, Rebekah, Dinah, Tamar, Miriam, Deborah, Jael, Abigail, Bathsheba, and Vashti. Along with providing an interpretation, Japinga demonstrates how the character's story has been read in Christian tradition and offers sermon ideas that connect contemporary issues to each story. This book is ideal for pastors who want to know more about the many women of the Old Testament and learn how to better incorporate them into their sermons. --Westminster John Knox Press

Content Notes:

- Eve -- Sarah and Hagar -- Lot's wife and daughters -- Rebekah -- Rachel and Leah -- Dinah -- Tamar (Genesis) -- Potiphar's wife -- The women who kept Moses alive -- Miriam -- Zipporah -- Daughters of Zelophehad -- Rahab -- Achsah -- Deborah -- Jael -- Jephthah's daughter -- Samson's mother/Manoah's wife -- Delilah -- The Levite's concubine -- Ruth and Naomi -- Hannah -- Michal -- Abigail -- The medium at Endor -- Bathsheba -- Tamar (2 Samuel) -- Rizpah -- The Queen of Sheba -- Jezebel -- The widow of Zarephath -- The woman with the oil -- The Shunammite woman -- The maid of Naaman's wife -- Huldah -- Vashti -- Esther -- Job's wife -- The woman in Proverbs 31 -- Gomer.

ADULTS Hamilton, Adam. ***Moses DVD: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet***.
 222.1092 [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].

HAMILTON

Summary: It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness. This six-week study offers videos featuring Hamilton, A Leader Guide, Youth Study, and Children's Leader Guide in addition to the main text. The six-session DVD features Adam Hamilton and was filmed on location in Egypt, Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness areas where Moses lived and traveled. The video segments are approximately 10–12 minutes each and when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All video sessions are closed captioned. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Birth of Moses (9:32) -- 2. Two Moments That Defined the Man (9:38) -- 3. The Exodus (12:15) -- 4. The Ten Commandments (9:47) -- 5. Lessons from the Wilderness (10:11) -- 6. Don't Forget...Pass It On (9:03)

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Birth of Moses -- 2. Two Moments That Defined the Man -- 3. The Exodus -- 4. The Ten Commandments -- 5. Lessons from the Wilderness -- 6. Don't Forget...Pass It On

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- Introduction -- 1. The Birth of Moses -- 2. Two Moments That Defined the Man -- 3. The Exodus -- 4. The Ten Commandments -- 5. Lessons from the Wilderness -- 6. Don't Forget...Pass It On -- Notes -- Image Credits -- For Further Reading -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS Cunninham, Nick. **Forward DVD: A Small Group Journey Toward a Full**
234.13 **Life in Christ.** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].
CUNNINGHAM

Summary: Pursuing a godly life involves action. It's not just resistance to sin that matters; fully living into the new life that Christ offers means taking steps forward. Forward is a seven-session study based on 2 Peter 1:3-11 that shows you and members of your small group how to push one another forward in your shared life together, helping one another grow in faith, knowledge, and actions consistent with a Christian life. As a sequel to Cunningham's study called One: A Small Group Journey Toward Life-Changing Community, it follows the same format, including the book for participants with teaching content and interactive elements, a Leader Guide, and DVD videos. The Forward DVD contains an introduction and seven video sessions approximately 6–8 minutes each. DVD is closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction (7:37) -- 1. Goodness (11:38) -- 2. Knowledge (10:29) -- 3. Self-Control (9:30) -- 4. Perseverance (10:51) -- 5. Godliness (10:03) -- 6. Mutual Affection (9:30) -- 7. Love (10:38)

ADULTS Cunninham, Nick. **Forward Leader Guide: A Small Group Journey**
234.13 **Toward a Full Life in Christ.** Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Goodness -- 2. Knowledge -- 3. Self-Control -- 4. Perseverance -- 5. Godliness -- 6. Mutual Affection -- 7. Love

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234.13 ***in Christ***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
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- Introduction -- 1. Goodness -- 2. Knowledge -- 3. Self-Control -- 4. Perseverance -- 5. Godliness -- 6. Mutual Affection -- 7. Love -- Endnotes

ADULTS 242 Wesley, John. ***Writings of John Wesley***. Nashville, Upper Room Books,
WESLEY [2017].

Summary: For nearly 2,000 years, Christian mystics, martyrs, and sages have documented their search for the divine. Their writings have bestowed boundless wisdom upon subsequent generations. But they have also burdened many spiritual seekers. The sheer volume of available material creates a seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Enter the Upper Room Spiritual Classics series, a collection of authoritative texts on Christian spirituality curated for the everyday reader. Designed to introduce 15 spiritual giants and the range of their works, these volumes are a first-rate resource for beginner and expert alike. Writings of John Wesley presents excerpts from the hugely influential 18th-century preacher, writer, and founder of Methodism. This volume includes selections from Wesley's journals, sermons, and books, offering a clear picture not only of Wesley but also of the spiritual vitality that ignited a movement and continues to transform lives today. --Upper Room

ADULTS Job, Rueben P. ***40 Days with Wesley: A Daily Devotional Journey***.
242.2 JOB Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

Summary: This engaging daily devotional weaves quotes and excerpts from John Wesley, the father of Methodism, with inspirational readings on faith and prayer from Rueben P. Job, well-known leader in spiritual formation. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, Scripture, and short readings that make this daily devotional an easy read. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Heath, Sarah. ***What's Your Story? DVD: Seeing Your Life Through God's***
248.4 HEATH ***Eyes***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].

Summary: Joseph had quite the story, but it didn't really begin until he saw his story as part of God's story. His great accomplishments came only after he recognized the

significance of what he had done and what God was doing through him. In exploring Joseph's life (Genesis 37–50), you'll discover how to see your life through God's eyes and learn how to co-create a real page-turning story of your own. *What's Your Story?* is a four-session, small-group study that features opportunities and space for creative journaling and is complemented by art by the author and a DVD that helps you explore the dimensions of the Joseph story, sparking further reflection and discussion. The accompanying video, available in DVD and streaming formats, features Sarah Heath and others sharing stories that illuminate the Joseph story, illustrate the main ideas of each session, and spark further reflection and discussion. DVD is closed captioned. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Act 1. A Great Story and the Call to Adventure (6:44) -- Act 2. The Plot Thickens (5:25) -- Act 3. Embracing Desire and Identity (5:39) -- Act 4. Moving Past Climactic Scenes (7:05) -- Bonus: What's Your Story? (7:29)

ADULTS Heath, Sarah. ***What's Your Story? Leader Guide: Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
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Content Notes:

- How to Lead This Study -- Act One. A Great Story and the Call to Adventure-- Act Two. The Plot Thickens -- Act Three. Embracing Desire and Identity -- Act Four. Moving Past Climactic Scenes -- Bonus Session: What's Your Story? -- Notes

ADULTS Heath, Sarah. ***What's Your Story?: Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
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- Introduction -- Act One. A Great Story and the Call to Adventure-- Act Two. The Plot Thickens -- Act Three. Embracing Desire and Identity -- Act Four. There Is Always Another Act -- Notes

ADULTS Henderson, Tracey L. ***Balance : Living With Life's Demands***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2001.

HENDERSON

Summary: Balance explores the biblical image of balance as a broad concept that includes fairness, equality, righteousness and justice as well as internal balance, or the well-integrated life. These images tap into the young adult issues of how to live in a way that “takes care of business” and still allows one to be a whole person; of concern for fair and just treatment, how to balance competing pressures and demands on time, energy and soul; of how to have a devotional life in the midst of the daily grind; etc. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Miofsky, Matt. ***Happy? DVD: What It Is and How to Find It***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].

MIOFSKY

Summary: What’s keeping you from being happy? Do you really have to lose weight or find a new job before you can say you’re happy? No matter how hard we try, happiness can seem elusive. Even as we reach our goals, we set new ones, making happiness always out of reach. In this study, author Matt Miofsky helps you discover that contentment isn’t dependent on the “things” of life. Instead, he’ll help you see that happiness can be found in the value of our relationships, a forgiving lifestyle, living in the present, feeling gratitude, and learning to release control. This four-week study uses basic theology and the words of Solomon and, in addition to the book, includes a DVD featuring Matt Miofsky and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The DVD contains four video segments of 10–12 minutes each, featuring Matt Miofsky. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Nothing Will Make You Happy (12:32) -- 2. The Art of Forgiveness (13:51) -- 3. Beyond Circumstances (12:36) -- 4. A Way of Being (11:22) -- Preview (1:03)

ADULTS Miofsky, Matt. ***Happy? Leader Guide: What It Is and How to Find It***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Nothing Will Make You Happy -- 2. The Art of Forgiveness -- 3. Beyond Circumstances -- 4. A Way of Being

ADULTS Miofsky, Matt. ***Happy?: What It Is and How to Find It***. Nashville, Abingdon
248.4 Press, [2017].

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Nothing Will Make You Happy -- 2. The Art of Forgiveness -- 3. Beyond Circumstances -- 4. A Way of Being -- Notes -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS Lagrone, Jessica. ***The Rewritten Life DVD: When God Changes Your
248.84 Story***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].

LAGRONE

Summary: Your story can change. Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Naomi, Daniel, Peter, and even an unnamed woman in the Bible are all testaments to the transformational power of God. Their stories were rewritten giving them new names and identities that were in line with God's call for their lives. And the same can happen to you. God wants you to rewrite your story so that you may become and do all that is planned for you—all for God's glory. The Rewritten Life is a six-session study perfect for any small group looking for a powerful and practical biblical study that leads to transformation. A Leader Guide and a DVD complement the book. The DVD features six video segments of 7 minutes each of LaGrone's dynamic and engaging teaching. All video sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Abraham and Sarah (6:43) -- 2. Jacob and Esau (6:28) -- 3. Naomi (6:24) -
- 4. Daniel (6:19) -- 5. Peter (6:38) -- 6. An Unnamed Woman (6:50)

ADULTS Lagrone, Jessica. ***The Rewritten Life Leader Guide: When God Changes
248.84 Your Story***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

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group through the six-week study including session plans with discussion questions and multiple format options, as well as other leader helps. --Cokesbury

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Abraham and Sarah -- 2. Jacob and Esau -- 3. Naomi -- 4. Daniel -- 5. Peter -- 6. An Unnamed Woman -- Closing Thoughts -- Notes

ADULTS 251 Halverson, Delia. ***Creating Holy Spaces : Worship Visuals for the Revised Common Lectionary***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2012].

HALVERSON

Summary: Worship should be about more than just the ears. Worship is enhanced when we're experiencing more than simply the spoken, read, and sung word. At its best, worship invites in the other senses as well, especially the eyes. Delia Halverson and Karen Appleby have written *Creating Holy Spaces* to help you make worship an exciting and meaningful visual experience. The book contains suggestions for worship visuals tied to each Sunday of all three years of the Revised Common Lectionary. These visuals can be assembled on the altar, placed elsewhere in the sanctuary, or photographed to be used for projection. The weekly entries describe the readings for that Sunday and suggest visuals appropriate to each, creating a multisensory experience of worship bound up with the day's lectionary theme. Also, the reader will find three appendixes that help with the planning and execution of visuals for each Sunday. Thanks to a topical index and a scripture index, it is easier for those not using the lectionary to also take advantage of the great ideas found here. Let Halverson and Appleby show you how to create balanced worship experiences each Sunday, while inspiring you to create your own unique holy spaces. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Why a spiritual, visual space -- The lectionary and Christian seasons -- Helps in creating a visual space.

ADULTS 251 Hulst, Mary S. ***A Little Handbook for Preachers : Ten Practical Ways to a Better Sermon by Sunday***. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, [2016].

HULST

Summary: No function of the pastor is as visible and stress inducing as preaching. Being a good preacher requires learning the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical skills needed to effectively share God's word with a congregation. It demands a commitment to the craft of preaching. But few pastors feel adequately prepared for this high-stakes responsibility when they begin their ministries. Mary Hulst knows what it takes to preach well. Forged by her experiences as a pastor, preaching professor and college chaplain, she recognizes the challenges of the pulpit. In this uniquely practical book, Hulst provides foundational concepts and tips that all pastors can use, whether they are ministry newcomers or seasoned professionals. Preaching can bring both you and your congregation great joy and satisfaction, week after week. And *A Little Handbook for Preachers* can help you deliver a better sermon by Sunday. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Biblical preaching -- God-centered preaching -- Grace-full preaching -- Compelling preaching -- Imaginative preaching -- Contextual preaching -- Relevant preaching -- Embodied preaching -- Self-less preaching -- Getting feedback about your preaching.

ADULTS 251 Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***Preaching in an Age of Distraction***. Downers Grove, IL, InterVarsity Press, [2014].

Summary: Preaching is difficult enough under the best of circumstances. But what are we to do when it seems that all of us—hearers and preachers alike—are constantly distracted? Veteran preacher and homiletics professor J. Ellsworth Kalas offers wise insights for effective preaching in an age of distraction. He examines how people have been distracted in every era and explores how God can meet people precisely at the point of their distraction. Regardless of whatever new technologies come our way, this call to pastoral attentiveness, creativity and excellence provides avenues for connecting with congregations with a countercultural clarity of focus. Rediscover how the proclamation of the Word still speaks profoundly to distracted hearers. Invite your congregation to a renewed attention to the things of God. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- 1 Preaching in an Age of Distraction -- 2 Naming an Age -- 3 The Distracted Preacher -- 4 The Distracted Congregation -- 5 The Benefits of Distraction -- 6 Excellence as a Counter Force -- 7 Creativity and Distraction -- 8 Packaging and Distraction -- 9 The Insistent Power of Sermon Content -- 10 The Preacher's Secret Resources -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

ADULTS 251 Kelley, Benjamin. ***Preaching to Connect Truth to Life : The Power of Narrative to Tell the Story***. Indianapolis, Indiana, Wesleyan Publishing House, [2012].

Summary: How do we preach when they resent the "preachy"? And how can you proclaim objective truth to people who aren't so sure there is such a thing? Pastor Benji Kelley calls today's professional and lay preachers back to a lost art in many pulpits: narrative preaching. While examining the strengths and effectiveness of all traditional preaching styles, he particularly shows how—in every form of preaching—story can profoundly connect truth to any life . . . especially for the majority of today's disconnected audiences. This book is a powerful tool for both veteran and beginning preachers who want to understand, empathize with, and relevantly engage the congregations of this day and age. --Wesleyan Publishing House

Content Notes:

- The preaching predicament -- The importance of truth in a relativistic society -- A brief history of preaching: expository, topical, and narrative -- Herald: expository preaching -- Pastor: topical preaching -- Storyteller: narrative preaching -- Connecting the dots -- Narrative elements in urban and rural settings -- The power of narrative to bridge the gaps -- The role of story-ness.

ADULTS 251 Moss, Otis. ***Blue Note Preaching in a Post-Soul World : Finding Hope in an Age of Despair***. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, [2015].

Summary: Uniquely gifted preacher Otis Moss III helps preachers effectively communicate hope in a desperate and difficult world in this new work based on his 2014 Yale Lyman Beecher Lectures. Moss challenges preachers to preach with a "Blue Note sensibility," which speaks directly to the tragedies faced by their congregants without falling into despair. He then offers four powerful sermons that illustrate his Blue Note preaching style. In them, Moss beautifully and passionately brings to life biblical characters that speak to today's pressing issues, including race discrimination and police brutality, while maintaining a strong message of hope. Moss shows how preachers can teach their congregations to resist letting the darkness find its way into them and, instead, learn to dance in the dark. --Westminster John Knox Press

Content Notes:

- The blues moan and the gospel shout -- Blues sensibility -- Hip-hop engagement with a post-modern world -- Sermon 1, loving you is killing me -- Sermon 2, game of thrones -- Sermon 3, ministry and our mandate -- Sermon 4, how to get away with murder.

ADULTS 251.01 BAZER
BAZER
Bazer, Larry. ***101 Sermon Series Ideas: Topic Including Topics, Texts, and Titles***. [United States], Xulon Elite, [2015].

Summary: Larry Bazer provides a wealthy source of creative Biblical preaching ideas. From forty years of preaching experience (twenty five at one church) the author shares the practical use of preaching through series of four or more sermons on a particular subject. These ideas will help you develop a year-long preaching calendar. Once a series is chosen you can invest more time in study and preparation. Series include: exposition of books, biographical, doctrinal, discipleship, stewardship, family, advent, and a host of general series. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 251.6 KELLEY
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The Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series : Thematic Plans for Years A, B, and C. Louisville, Kentucky, Westminster John Knox Press, [2016].

Summary: Preachers get the best of lectionary and topical series preaching with this comprehensive manual of sermon series ideas based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Designed to frame consecutive weeks of lectionary texts into seasonal and short-term series, a diverse group of twelve preachers outline multiple thematic series plans for each lectionary year. Each series plan provides a series overview, chart that outlines each segment of the series, tips and ideas, scriptural references, and a brief sermon starter. The series honors holy days and seasons and responds to typical patterns of church attendance, maximizing visitor retention and member engagement. Pastors can honor their commitment to lectionary preaching while taking advantage of

the benefits series preaching can offer with this truly unique resource. Contributors include: Theresa Cho, Pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, California; Bob Dannals, Rector of St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas; Magrey R. DeVega, Pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida; Brian Erickson, Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Birmingham, Alabama; Mihee Kim-Kort, Presbyterian Minister and Campus Ministry Leader at University of Indiana, Bloomington, Indiana; Jessica LaGrone, Dean of Chapel at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky; Cleophus J. LaRue, Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey; Jacqueline J. Lewis, Senior Minister, Middle Collegiate Church, New York City, New York; Katherine Willis Pershey, Pastor of First Congregational Church, Western Springs, Illinois; Paul Rock, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas; Martin Thielen, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee; Winnie Varghese, Priest and Director of Community Outreach at Trinity Wall Street, New York, New York. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS 251.6 Mosser, David. ***The Stewardship Companion : Lectionary Resources for Preaching***. Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, [2007].

MOSSER

Summary: Every week churches must address issues related to stewardship. With deep pastoral sensitivities and solid biblical knowledge, veteran pastor and author David Mosser draws one Scripture passage from each week in the three-year lectionary cycle to provide a brief reflection on how that passage can be used to teach and preach about stewardship. Mosser's inspirational and motivational reflections offer a clear connection between the lectionary Scripture passage and the matters of stewardship. The reflections offered here address a variety of issues related to stewardship, making this book an essential resource for all pastors, worship leaders, and stewardship committees. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS 252 MITCHELL ***Those Preaching Women : A Multicultural Collection***. Valley Forge, PA, Judson Press, 2008.

Summary: When *Those Preachin' Women* was introduced in 1985, it proudly presented the sermons of fourteen African American women who stood as "symbols of a courageous new generation of black women ministers." Each successive volume in the series featured greater numbers of women, from a broader variety of ministries and vocations. Now, *Those Preaching Women: A Multicultural Collection* appears at the urging of women who have been encouraged in their ministries by the previous contributors. Brought together by the "dean of black women preachers" Rev. Dr. Ella P. Mitchell, this treasure trove included the unfettered, creative exchange of sacred rhetoric by God's women from every tribe, nation, and language group. Prepare to be inspired, moved, and challenged! --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- - - Awaken to God's dreams (Genesis 21:14-21) /Daisy L. Machado -
 - Enough is enough! (Genesis 29) /Gina M. Stewart --
 - Image or reality (1 Samuel 16:1-13) /Helen Bessent Byrd --
 - The silence we keep (2 Samuel 13:19-20) /MarQuita A. Carmichael Burton --
 - Wash and be cleansed! (2 Kings 5:1-14) /Christine Y. Wiley --

- Hell no! (Esther 1:1-12) /Melva L. Sampson --
- Gambling with God (Job 2:1-10) /Lisa Wilson Davison --
- Is God in the dungeon? (Psalm 139:7-12) /E. Anne Henning Byfield --
- What's for dinner? (Proverbs 15:17) /Carol Antablin Miles --
- It does get better (Isaiah 43:1-4) /Phyllis Thompson Hilliard --
- Called to be a dabar people (Isaiah 60:1-3) /Elizabeth Conde-Frazier --
- A cracked cistern, a living God (Jeremiah 2:1-19) /Donna E. Allen --
- Managing life's challenges (Habakkuk 3:16-19) /Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson --
- Good news for the Jews (Matthew 9:35-10:15) /Wil Gafney --
- Shimoni (Mark 12:38-44) /Emily C. Hassler --
- Overshadowed by the power of God (Luke 1:24-56) /Portia Wills Lee --
- Mary's song (Luke 1:26-56) /Gayll Phifer-Houseman --
- Blessed are the breasts (Luke 11:27-28) /Zaida Maldonado Perez --
- Spiritual alchemy (Luke 12:49-56) /Sakena D. Young-Scaggs --
- At the table (Luke 14:1, 7-14) /Liala Ritsema Beukema --
- Stay in the city (Luke 24:36-49) /EunJoung Joo --
- God specializes in comebacks (John 11:1-44) /Lisa M. Tait --
- The fullness of resurrection (John 11:21-27) /Anne-Marie Jeffery -
- Three moons in my moccasins (John 12:20-33) /Holly Haile Davis --
- Behold! from the other side of resurrection (John 19:26-27) /Dionne P. Boissiere --
- It is finished (John 19:30) /Valerie Bridgeman Davis --
- Peace and power : for the forgiveness of sin (John 20:19-31) /Denise R. Mason --
- Silent no more (Acts 2:1-12) /Yvette Flunder --
- A theology of acceptance (Acts 11:1-18) /Gennifer Benjamin Brooks --
- Unity in diversity (Acts 16:16-34) /Debbie Royals --
- It's in the seed (2 Corinthians 9:6-7) /Veronica Martin Thomas --
- Forging prophetic alliances (Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13) /Loida I. Martell-Otero --
- "In spite of" discipleship (1 Thessalonians 1:2-7) /Minh-Hanh Nguyen.

ADULTS ***Black United Methodists Preach!*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

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BROOKS

Summary: What accounts for the spiritual power and vitality of Black preaching? What are the distinctive contributions of Black preaching to the life of The United Methodist Church? How must Black preaching evolve if it is to rise to the new challenges facing the UMC? Fifteen distinguished preachers from across the connection answer these and other questions in this important and illuminating volume. Gennifer Benjamin Brooks not only edits this collection, she also shares one of her own sermons along with the sermons of the following fourteen other preachers: Rose Booker-Jones, Leo W. Curry, Safiyah Fosua, Telley Lynnette Gadson, Linda Lee , Pamela Lightsey, Okitakoyi Lundula,

Tracy Smith Malone, Gregory Palmer, Vance P. Ross, Robert O. Simpson, Rodney T. Smothers. James E. Swanson, Sr., and Dorothy Watson-Tatem. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Michel, Ann A. ***Synergy: A Leadership Guide for Church Staff and***
MICHEL ***Volunteers***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

Summary: The church isn't a building, right? The church is people. And aren't these people your pastor and your church's paid staff members? Many congregations would say, "yes." Many pastors would agree. And therein lies the imbalance concerning the ownership of ministry. Author Ann Michel presents a more inclusive, collaborative understanding of ministry, affirming the gifts and calling of both clergy and lay servants. Using the concept of "synergy," Michel provides practical advice on the day-to-day skills of a mutually responsible ministry, showing you how to engage others, build teams, and manage effectively. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Jones, L. Gregory. ***Christian Social Innovation : Renewing Wesleyan***
262.0017 ***Witness***. Nashville, Tennessee, Abingdon Press, 2016.
JONES

Summary: In business, startups seem to be the way to go these days. Old-line social institutions are making way for innovative approaches that provide renewal, re-establish trust, and cultivate sustainability. Sound familiar? What can our faith communities learn from entrepreneurship? Christian Social Innovation author L. Gregory Jones looks at how our need to develop "fresh expressions" for gatherings of community and our desire to cultivate a renewed sense of mission are the basis for the growing interest in starting new churches and establishing church plants. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Rediscovering Christian social innovation -- The end is our beginning: living with a clear sense of purpose -- Love made me an inventor: practicing traditioned innovation -- Cultivating practical wisdom: forming Christians for innovation -- A child's blessing.

ADULTS Halverson, Delia. ***Women Called to Ministry: A Six-Session Study for The***
262.1476 ***United Methodist Church***. [Chicago, Illinois], General Commission on
HALVERSON the Status and Role of Women, The United Methodist Church, [2015].

Summary: This six-session study explores our understanding of women's roles in The United Methodist Church. Why are women ordained? Why are they included in all areas of leadership? How did we arrive at those understandings? Full participation of women in the church is a dimension of the nature and function of the church—it claims who we are—and we are more trustworthy in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as we continue to recognize our courageous past and move boldly into the future. Produced by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women to mark the 50th anniversary of women's ordination, the series is designed primarily for use by local congregations. Study guides, leader's guides and supplemental materials are available for download in PDF format in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. --General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, The United Methodist Church

Content Notes:

- Session One: Outsider-Insider -- Session Two: Call -- Session Three: Women's Identity -- Session Four: Inquiry - Faithfulness/Knowing -- Session

Five: Brokenness-Wholeness -- Session Six: Moving On...

ADULTS Arthurs, Jeffrey D. ***Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture: The Transforming Power of the Well-Spoken Word.*** Grand Rapids, MI, 264.34 Kregel Academic & Professional, [2012].
ARTHURS

Summary: How would your church be transformed if reading Scripture was a highlight of your services? Increasing the quantity and quality of Scripture-reading in your communal worship is a powerful way to reach the hearts of your congregation. Grounded in both solid theology and communication theory, *Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture* will teach readers how to present Scripture in a compelling way. The book's comprehensive approach includes everything from simple delivery skills to the history of public reading, how to build a culture that values public reading, group reading, and how to prepare yourself spiritually, mentally, and emotionally for public reading. The included DVD offers instruction, demonstration of the concepts and sample readings by Dr. Arthurs. --Kregel

Content Notes:

- [Pt. 1 : Book] Introduction -- Building an appetite -- Setting the table -- Inviting the guests -- Serving the meal (Communicating through what we look like) -- Serving the meal (Communicating with the voice) -- Adding some spice (Creative methods) -- Adding some spice (Group reading) -- Sample scripts -- [Pt. 2 : DVD] Author introduction -- Lecture demonstration : What the audience sees -- Lecture demonstration : What the audience hears -- Solo reading : Daniel 5:1-12 -- Group reading : Psalm 148 -- Group reading : Hebrews 11.

ADULTS McGlothlin, Jake. ***The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
266.76
MCGLOTHIN

Summary: Partnering your church family with a public school can be a rewarding experience, but it also presents some unique challenges. *The Mission-Minded Guide to Church and School Partnerships* offers practical steps congregations can take to make a difference with the children in their community. From basic organization, training, safety, and planning, leaders will learn how to share the vision and effectively recruit and train volunteers. Most importantly, leaders will discover how to begin a collaborative, trusting relationship with students, administrators, and teachers. In addition, there are suggestions for sharing information about the partnership through communication tools like newsletters and special Sundays for welcoming the schools, teachers, principals, and more. Inspire your church family to embrace the power they have to change lives and make a difference in their community. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Blackwood, Rick. ***The Power of Multi-Sensory Preaching and Teaching : Increase Attention, Comprehension, and Retention.*** Grand Rapids, 268.635 Michigan, Zondervan, [2008].
BLACKWOOD

Summary: Most preaching and teaching in the church engages only one of the senses—hearing. In *The Power of Multisensory Preaching and Teaching*, Rick Blackwood shows how recognizing and engaging the multiple senses of the congregation can lead to greater impact. Blackwood presents both biblical evidence and scientific research

showing that the more senses we stimulate in teaching and preaching, the greater the levels of learner attention, comprehension, and retention. Blackwood addresses both the “why” and the “how” of multisensory communication. Regardless of one’s current skill level, this practical book can help anyone add multi-sensory elements to messages in order to take communication to the next level—more compelling, clear, and memorable. As a result of reading this book readers can be more effective as a communicator and teacher. The book includes tools, examples, and worksheets. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- Presenting the multisensory effect -- Preparing a multisensory message -- Preaching a multisensory message.

ADULTS Current, Angella P. ***Breaking Barriers : An African American Family & the***
287.6092 ***Methodist Story***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2001].
CURRENT

Summary: Just as Roots told the story of the African-American experience in the United States, *Breaking the Barriers* illustrates the experience of African Americans within United Methodism, and the important roles that faith, the church, and family played in molding the character and work of numerous individuals throughout the denomination. On July 19, 1984, Leontine Current Kelly was elected bishop of The United Methodist Church, making her the first African-American woman to become a bishop within a major American religious denomination. *Breaking the Barriers* recounts the story of her journey and that historic achievement. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Craig, J. Ann. ***Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church***
287.673 ***in the United States***. New York, NY, United Methodist Women, 2017.
CRAIG

Summary: This study gives the reader a foundational understanding of mission and ministries of the three U.S. missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church: Alaska United Methodist Conference, Red Bird Missionary Conference, and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS ***Missionary Conferences: Together in Mission***. [New York], United
287.673 Methodist Women, 2017.
UMW

Summary: This video helps us understand the historical perspectives of the missionary conferences of The United Methodist Church and explores their mission and culture in four 7-8-minute segments. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS Painter, Nell Irvin. ***Sojourner Truth : A Life, A Symbol***. New York, W.W.
305.567092 Norton, 1996.
PAINTER

Summary: A monumental biography of one of the most important black women of the nineteenth century. Sojourner Truth first gained prominence at an 1851 Akron, Ohio, women's rights conference, saying, "Dat man over dar say dat woman needs to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches. . . . Nobody eber helps me into carriages, or ober mud-puddles . . . and ar'n't I a woman?" Sojourner Truth: ex-slave and fiery abolitionist, figure of imposing physique, riveting preacher and spellbinding singer who dazzled listeners with her wit and originality. Straight-talking and unsentimental, Truth became a national symbol for strong black women--indeed, for all strong women. Like

Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, she is regarded as a radical of immense and enduring influence; yet, unlike them, what is remembered of her consists more of myth than of personality. Now, in a masterful blend of scholarship and sympathetic understanding, eminent black historian Nell Irvin Painter goes beyond the myths, words, and photographs to uncover the life of a complex woman who was born into slavery and died a legend. Inspired by religion, Truth transformed herself from a domestic servant named Isabella into an itinerant pentecostal preacher; her words of empowerment have inspired black women and poor people the world over to this day. As an abolitionist and a feminist, Truth defied the notion that slaves were male and women were white, expounding a fact that still bears repeating: among blacks there are women; among women, there are blacks. No one who heard her speak ever forgot Sojourner Truth, the power and pathos of her voice, and the intelligence of her message. No one who reads Painter's groundbreaking biography will forget this landmark figure and the story of her courageous life. --W. W. Norton

ADULTS Zinkiewicz, Ed. ***Retire to Play and Purpose: How to Have an Amazing***
306.3 ***Time Going Forward.*** [Place of publication not identified], Retirement-U,
ZINKIEWICZ Inc, [2013].

Summary: Will your retirement involve endless games of Bingo? Of course not! You want the engagement, meaning, and enjoyment that life should bring. But if you're not working, what will you do? This book is your guide to the play and purpose retirement ought to bring. --Retirement-U, Inc.

ADULTS Willard, Frances E. ***A Wheel Within a Wheel : How I Learned to Ride the***
796.6 ***Bicycle with Some Reflections by the Way.*** Bedford, Mass, Applewood
WILLARD Books, [1997].

Summary: Written toward the turn of the nineteenth century by Frances Willard, the founder of the WCTU (Women's Christian Temperance Union) and well-known suffragette, *A Wheel Within a Wheel* offers lively insight into the mind of an independent woman who also reflected the temper of her times. Brave enough to take up bicycle riding when she was fifty-three years old, Willard reported that her bicycling costume "consisted of a skirt and blouse of tweed, with belt, rolling collar, and loose cravat, the skirt three inches from the ground; a round straw hat, and walking-shoes with gaiters. It was a simple, modest suit, to which no person of common sense could take exception." -Cokesbury

CHILDREN Hamilton, Adam. ***Moses Children's Leader Guide: In the Footsteps of the***
222.1092 ***Reluctant Prophet.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
HAMILTON

Summary: It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness. This six-week study offers videos featuring Hamilton, A Leader Guide, Youth Study, and Children's Leader Guide in addition to the main text. The Children's Leader Guide

contains session plans for younger and older children, including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Birth of Moses -- 2. The Burning Bush -- 3. The Exodus -- 4. The Ten Commandments -- 5. In the Wilderness -- 6. Remember and Pass It On

CHILDREN 252.53 BARTON Barton, Melanie J. ***The ABC's of Children's Sermons: Based on The Revised Common Lectionary Passages.*** Bloomington, IN, WestBow Press, [2012].

Summary: Children's sermons are often inadequately prepared, understood maybe only by the adults, and leave the youth wanting something to which they can relate. Because children take what you say literally, the stories need to be brief, to the point, and use simple and age-appropriate words. Leaders need to get and stay on the children's eye level. This book will help you do that by offering a written sample story related to one of the week's lectionary passages. Each lesson tells you what props are needed. The storyteller is encouraged to include some of their own personal walk with God to make the sermonettes come alive. These tools will prepare you to plan ahead to present a relevant, effective message that the boys and girls will not only learn from but will come back wanting to hear more. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN 268.432 CLARK Clark, Christina. ***Arts Camp.*** New York, New York, Morehouse Publishing, [2015].

Summary: This resource provides the practical, concrete instruction that a church needs to plan, organize, staff, and conduct a transformative art-based exploration of scripture stories, contemporary issues, and life in a community of faith, as a five-day Arts Camp. As an alternative to pre-packaged Vacation Bible school programs, Arts Camp is more theologically and pedagogically appropriate, thoughtful, and community-based . Each chapter includes details on art projects, programming, music, drama, games, and resources.

Content Notes:

- What is Arts Camp? -- We've build an Arts Camp team . . . now what? -- The morning program -- Art, music, and movement/drama -- Story, grace, lunch, playtime, and meditation/yoga -- Ending the camp day -- Arts Camp: praise! - - Arts Camp: ecojustice -- Arts Camp: who is my neighbor? -- Arts Camp: interfaith peace -- Arts Camp: saints and holy helpers.

CHILDREN MEYER E Meyer, Jane G. ***The Suitcase : A Story About Giving.*** Brewster MA, Paraclete Press Inc, 2016.

Summary: Zeal and excitement are a part of every child. This book celebrates a young child's enthusiasm to put into practice the words of Christ: to feed and clothe the poor; help the needy; and love one's neighbor. As Thomas shows his family the items that he has packed into his suitcase after hearing a stirring homily at church, they marvel at his inventiveness and loving heart. Thomas is traveling to the Kingdom of Heaven, and he knows what it takes to get there! Along with his suitcase, Thomas and his family figure out a way to accomplish the almost impossible goal that Thomas is so excited about.

The Suitcase captures bits and pieces of Christ's parables in a story format, familiarizing the reader with Christ's Heavenly Kingdom in a natural, subtle way. --Paraclete Press

YOUTH Hamilton, Adam. ***Moses Youth Study Book: In the Footsteps of the***
222.1092 ***Reluctant Prophet***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].
HAMILTON

Summary: It doesn't get much more dramatic: rescued baby, life in the courts of Pharaoh, parting the Red Sea, leading his people out of Egypt...Moses' life was one challenge after the next, but although he resisted God's calling, by the end of his life he successfully fulfilled the role he was given. Join award-winning author Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the wilderness exploring the sites of Moses' life. As Hamilton shares historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, you'll gain a better understanding of Moses' significance in your life today, and you'll discover how you, too, can turn your own reluctance into boldness. This six-week study offers videos featuring Hamilton, A Leader Guide, Youth Study, and Children's Leader Guide in addition to the main text. This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in Adam Hamilton's book and interprets them for young people grades 6–12. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. The Birth of Moses -- 2. Two Moments That Defined the Man -- 3. The Exodus -- 4. The Ten Commandments -- 5. Lessons from the Wilderness -- 6. Don't Forget...Pass It On