

New Resources August 2018

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ADULTS Gardner, Howard. ***Changing Minds: The Art and Science of***
153.85 ***Changing Our Own and Other People's Minds***. Boston, Mass,
GARDNER Harvard Business School Press, 2006.

Summary: Minds are exceedingly hard to change. Ask any advertiser who has tried to convince consumers to switch brands, any CEO who has tried to change a company's culture, or any individual who has tried to heal a rift with a friend. So many aspects of life are oriented toward changing minds--yet this phenomenon is among the least understood of familiar human experiences. Now, eminent Harvard psychologist Howard Gardner, whose work has revolutionized our beliefs about intelligence, creativity, and leadership, offers an original framework for understanding exactly what happens during the course of changing a mind--and how to influence that process. Drawing on decades of cognitive research and compelling case studies--from famous business and political leaders to renowned intellectuals and artists to ordinary individuals--Gardner identifies seven powerful factors that impel or thwart significant shifts from one way of thinking to a dramatically new one. Whether we are attempting to change the mind of a nation or a corporation, our spouse's mind or our own, this book provides insights that can broaden our horizons and improve our lives. --Harvard Business Publishing

Content Notes:

- The contents of the mind -- The forms of the mind -- The power of early theories -- Leading a diverse population -- Leading an institution : how to deal with a uniform population -- The creative geniuses change minds indirectly through science, scholarly breakthroughs, and works of art -- Mind changing in a formal setting -- Mind changing up close -- Changing ones own mind -- Epilogue : the future of mind changing.

ADULTS ***All Out of Faith: Southern Women on Spirituality***. Tuscaloosa,
200.820975 University of Alabama Press, 2006.
REED

Summary: H. L. Mencken first identified the South as the "Bible Belt" in the 1920s. To be sure, religion shapes and defines even those Southerners who don't think of themselves as particularly religious. Practically no one who grows up Southern can escape being shaped, stimulated, harmed, or informed by religion and spirituality. *All Out of Faith* gives voice to southern women writers who represent a broad spectrum of faiths, Catholic to Baptist, Jewish to Buddhist, and points in between. These essays and stories reveal that southern culture has always reserved a special place for strong women of passion. Frances Mayes and Barbara Kingsolver investigate the importance of place. Dorothy Allison, among others, writes of the transformative power of art; in her case, of a painting of Jesus she loved as a child. Lee Smith is one of several women who write of religious fervor; she recalls the excitement of being saved, not once but many times, until her parents made her stop. Vicki Covington and Mab Segrest describe their conflicts between faith and sexuality. Pauli Murray, the first black female Episcopal

priest, and Jessica Roskin, who became a Jewish cantor, tell of remaining within their original religious tradition while challenging their traditional roles.

Contributors: Shirley Abbott, Dorothy Allison, Vicki Covington, Susan Ktchin, Sue Monk Kidd, Cassandra King, Barbara Kingsolver, Frances Mayes, Diane McWhorter, Pauli Murray, Sena Jeter Naslund, Sylvia Rhue, Jessica Roskin, Mab Segrest, Lee Smith, Jeanie Thompson, Jan Willis. --University of Alabama Press

ADULTS 220 *Adult Bible Studies DVD: God's World and God's People.*
COKESBURY Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2018.

Summary: Does your group enjoy watching videos as a way to generate conversation around Bible studies? Would your teacher or group facilitator appreciate having the support of video hosts in setting the stage for Bible lessons? Then the Adult Bible Studies is just what you need. Each DVD, directly corresponding to the content in Adult Bible Studies, features 13 5-minute video segments. On each, one of our three hosts will provide some context for the lesson and then tie that content to personal stories and daily living. Your group can then connect more deeply with the material and draw closer to God, as well as discover ways to live out biblical teachings. Your three hosts for this quarter are: Brian Sigmon, Samantha "Sam" McGlothlin, Justin Coleman. Fall Theme: God's World and God's People: Matthew | Luke | Romans | 2 Corinthians | Colossians | Nehemiah. This fall, our lessons come from the Book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. Through its pages, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer who brought all things into being. Our lessons survey God's creation of the universe, earth, and people. The writer for the student book is Jack Gilbert; the writer for the teacher book is Von Unruh. God Created the World The first three lessons in this unit concentrate on God's creating the universe, earth, and people and then declaring all things created good. Although God created and sustains all life, humankind is special to God and unique. Lesson Four explores how God established the institution of marriage and the process of reproduction in order to populate the earth. Lesson Five explains how humankind chose to do wrong and thus introduced sin into God's perfectly created world. God Destroys and Re-Creates The first two lessons in this unit present Noah and his family as righteous followers of God who help repopulate and restore the earth after the destruction caused by the great Flood. The last two lessons feature the biblical couples Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah, who worked with God in the cycle of continuing creation. God Blesses and Re-Creates Regardless In the last unit, the first lesson explores how God blessed humble Isaac in enemy territory. The next three lessons consider how Jacob deceitfully obtained the blessing God had already destined for him, later established a right relationship with God, and finally was blessed by God to marry and produce children with the wife he loved and for whom he long labored. Developed for use with the student book based on the Uniform Series, this leader resource provides a wealth of information, planning ideas, and lesson guides for each of the 13 lessons in the quarter. This resource includes detailed study of the biblical text, suggestions for developing lessons, teaching options, maps, and charts. It features articles that explore biblical themes related to the passages studied in the lessons. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Large-Print Student: God's World and God's People.** COKESBURY Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2018.

Summary: Fall Theme: God's World and God's People: Matthew | Luke | Romans | 2 Corinthians | Colossians | Nehemiah. This fall, our lessons come from the Book of Genesis, the book of beginnings. Through its pages, God is revealed as the Creator, Sustainer, Judge, and Redeemer who brought all things into being. Our lessons survey God's creation of the universe, earth, and people. The writer for the student book is Jack Gilbert; the writer for the teacher book is Von Unruh. **God Created the World** The first three lessons in this unit concentrate on God's creating the universe, earth, and people and then declaring all things created good. Although God created and sustains all life, humankind is special to God and unique. Lesson Four explores how God established the institution of marriage and the process of reproduction in order to populate the earth. Lesson Five explains how humankind chose to do wrong and thus introduced sin into God's perfectly created world. **God Destroys and Re-Creates** The first two lessons in this unit present Noah and his family as righteous followers of God who help repopulate and restore the earth after the destruction caused by the great Flood. The last two lessons feature the biblical couples Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah, who worked with God in the cycle of continuing creation. **God Blesses and Re-Creates Regardless** In the last unit, the first lesson explores how God blessed humble Isaac in enemy territory. The next three lessons consider how Jacob deceitfully obtained the blessing God had already destined for him, later established a right relationship with God, and finally was blessed by God to marry and produce children with the wife he loved and for whom he long labored. Hundreds of thousands of students and teachers use Adult Bible Studies each week in Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible studies, and other small group settings. Bible-based and Christ-focused, it is an approved resource by the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. It is published quarterly. Each week's lesson features: A purpose statement offering focus and direction for the lesson. Printed biblical text from The Common English Bible. Reliable and relevant biblical explanation and application A closing prayer, guiding personal commitment. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 220 **Adult Bible Studies Teacher: God's World and God's People.** COKESBURY Nashville, Tenn, Cokesbury, 2018.

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ADULTS ***Deep Blue Navigate: A Bible Study Companion for Adults Who***
220.07 ***Care for Children.*** Nashville, TN, Cokesbury, 2018.
COKESBURY

Summary: This quarterly curriculum resource is for parents and other adults who minister to and with children. It follows the scope and sequence of Deep Blue Connects: At Home with God children's curriculum. Participants will study each Bible story and then explore questions and ideas that will equip them to have faith conversations with the children in their care. The themes of this Fall 2018 issue are Jesus' Family, We Are Family, and Different Kinds of Family. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Jones, Scott J. ***Scripture and the Wesleyan Way DVD: A Bible***
220.07 ***Study on Real Christianity.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press,
JONES 2018.

Summary: Wouldn't it be fascinating to attend a Bible study led by John Wesley? Scripture and the Wesleyan Way is an eight-week study that's the next best thing. The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. Scott J. Jones and his son Arthur D. Jones use Wesley's own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text in order to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness. Additional components include a DVD featuring the authors and a comprehensive Leader Guide. The eight-session DVD features Bishop Scott Jones and his son Arthur guiding participants through each weekly question found in the book. Each video segment is approximately 8–10 minutes in length and, when combined with the eight book chapters, make an ideal eight-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. What is the Bible's Message? (11:07) -- 2. How Can I Be Saved? (10:45) -- 3. Am I a Real Christian? (11:03) -- 4. Do I Have to Obey the

Law? (11:07) -- 5. Am I a Sinner? (10:46) -- 6. How Can I Connect with God? (10:22) -- 7. Why is the Christian Life So Hard? (10:18) -- 8. What about My Money? (10:22)

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JONES

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Content Notes:

- To the Group Leader -- 1. What is the Bible's Message? -- 2. How Can I Be Saved? -- 3. Am I a Real Christian? -- 4. Do I Have to Obey the Law? -- 5. Am I a Sinner? -- 6. How Can I Connect with God? -- 7. Why is the Christian Life So Hard? -- 8. What about My Money? -- Sermons of John Wesley

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ADULTS Cowart, Jennifer. ***Messy People DVD: Life Lessons from Imperfect***
220.92 ***Biblical Heroes : A Bible Study***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press,
COWART 2018.

Summary: “My house is a mess!” How many times have you dreaded an unexpected visitor when your home was less than tidy? If only we could throw all of life’s messiness under the bed or behind a closet door. At some point, our lives get messy. Illness, conflict, depression, divorce, job loss...it happens, and when it does, there’s nowhere to hide. Thankfully, God loves us, despite our brokenness. In fact, some of the messiest people in the Bible—Rahab, the Prodigal Son, Josiah, Mary, David, and Daniel—were used by God in powerful ways. In this six-week Bible study for women that combines study of Scripture with personal reflection, application, and prayer, you’ll take a closer look at the lives of these biblical heroes and learn that you don’t have to endure a messy life, you can actually thrive with God’s guidance and help. A Participant Workbook with five daily lessons per week, a Leader Guide, and a DVD for this study are available. The DVD contains six video segments featuring Jennifer’s engaging teaching (approximately 10–15 minutes each) for use during the group sessions, and offers closed captioning. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introductory Video (3:39) -- 1. Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story (14:25) -- 2. The Prodigal Son: Restoring Messy Relationships (15:01) -- 3. Josiah: Breaking Messy Family Cycles (12:49) -- 4. Mary: Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists (13:19) -- 5. David: Overcoming the Mess of Criticism (11:22) -- 6. Daniel: Thriving in Messy Circumstances (13:21)

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220.92 ***Imperfect Biblical Heroes : A Bible Study***. Nashville, Abingdon
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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Basic Leader Helps -- Introductory Session -- 1. Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story -- 2. The Prodigal Son: Restoring Messy Relationships -- 3. Josiah: Breaking Messy Family Cycles -- 4. Mary: Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists -- 5. David: Overcoming the Mess of Criticism -- 6. Daniel: Thriving in Messy Circumstances -- Video Viewer Guide: Answers

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ADULTS Higgs, Liz Curtis. ***Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women***
221.922082 ***Loved by a Flawless God***. Colorado Springs, Colo, Waterbrook
HIGGS Press, 2007.

Summary: A spiteful boss, a defiant employee, a manipulative mother, a desperate housewife, an envious sister...honey, we know these women. We’ve lived with them, worked with them, or caught a glimpse of them in our mirrors. Now let’s take a look at their ancient counterparts in Scripture: Sarah mistreated her maidservant, Hagar despised her mistress, Rebekah manipulated her son, Leah claimed her sister’s husband, and Rachel envied her fertile sister. They were far from evil, but hardly perfect. Mostly good, yet slightly bad. In other words, these matriarchal mamas look a lot like us. Includes study guide. --Waterbrook Multnomah

Content Notes:

- A matter of time -- Flight plan -- The last laugh -- A willful bride -- Using her wits -- The night has eyes -- Morning has broken -- Leah the unloved -- When all is said and done.

ADULTS Armstrong, Jacob. ***God's Messy Family DVD: Finding Your Place***
222.11092 ***When Life Isn't Perfect.*** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
ARMSTRONG

Summary: Drama. Drama. Drama. Your family may be the stuff of a hit reality TV show, but into every family a little...or a lot... of drama must sometimes fall. That's the way we humans have been from the very beginning. Take a look at the lives of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob, and Esau in Jacob Armstrong's newest book, *God's Messy Family*. As you meet these "messy" families in the stories in Genesis, you'll recognize a pattern to their lives: they are called, they mess up, and God continues to redeem them. Sound familiar? Find out how your "messy" family fits into God's family and how you are part of God's plan for the world. A DVD featuring Armstrong and a Leader Guide are also available for this six-week study. The six-session DVD features Jacob Armstrong in his warm, engaging style guiding participants through the study. Each video segment is approximately 10–12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Myth of the Perfect Family (12:15) -- 2. The Gap Between What God Says and What You See (12:54) -- 3. No, Nothing is Too Hard for the Lord (9:57) -- 4. Loss and Promise in the Family of God (11:51) -- 5. Promise Maker and Promise Keeper (14:09) -- 6. The Beauty of Imperfection (10:10) -- Meet Jacob Armstrong (4:31) -- Promotional Video (1:46)

ADULTS Armstrong, Jacob. ***God's Messy Family Leader Guide: Finding***
222.11092 ***Your Place When Life Isn't Perfect.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press,
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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. The Myth of the Perfect Family -- 2. The Gap Between What God Says and What You See -- 3. No, Nothing is Too Hard for the Lord -- 4. Loss and Promise in the Family of God -- 5. Promise Maker and Promise Keeper -- 6. The Beauty of Imperfection

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ADULTS Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***More Parables from the Back Side***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2005.
226.806
KALAS

Summary: J. Ellsworth Kalas presents new insight into twelve of Jesus' parables by entering them through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. A study guide is included. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- The Value of the House - Matthew 7:24-27 -- The Man Who Talked with His Soul - Luke 12:13-21 -- What Chance Does an Average Sinner Have? - Luke 7:36-48 -- The Importance of Downward Mobility - Luke 14:7-14 -- The Danger of Being Good and Empty - Matthew 12:43-45 -- Risky Business - Matthew 13:45-46 -- Miracles Can Be Overrated - Luke 16:19-31 -- Second Chance for a Poor Manager - Luke 16:1-13 -- A Laugh and a Prayer - Luke 11:5-13, 18:1-8 -- It Happens While We Sleep - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 -- The Importance of Being Dressed for the Party - Matthew 22:1-14 -- The Genius of Effective Waiting - Luke 12:32-40.

ADULTS ***Living the Questions 2.0: An Introduction to Progressive***
230.046 LTQ ***Christianity.*** [Phoenix, AZ], Living the Questions, 2011.

Summary: LtQ2 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians and other experts, LtQ2 consists of 21 sessions which may be offered in sequence or as three independent flights of seven units each: "Invitation to Journey," "Honoring Creation" and "Call to Covenant." LtQ2 includes downloadable and printable leader and participant guides with weekly readings and discussion questions. Each session may be conducted in one hour or expanded to include a meal and personal sharing. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. The flexible DVD and resource materials can be used in variety of class, retreat, and other formats. --Living the Questions

Content Notes:

- Invitation to Journey: 1. An Invitation to Journey -- 2. Taking the Bible Seriously -- 3. Thinking Theologically -- 4. Stories of Creation -- 5. Lives of Jesus -- 6. A Passion for Christ: Paul -- 7. Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians -- Honoring Creation: 8. Restoring Relationships -- 9. The Prophetic Jesus -- 10. Evil, Suffering & A God of Love -- 11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence -- 12. Practicing Resurrection -- 13. Debunking the Rapture -- 14. Honoring Creation -- Call to Covenant: 15. A Kingdom without Walls -- 16. Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision -- 17. Incarnation: Divinely Human -- 18. Prayer: Intimacy with God -- 19. Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry -- 20. Creative Transformation -- 21. Embracing Mystery.

ADULTS Abraham, William J. ***Key United Methodist Beliefs.*** Nashville,
230.76 Abingdon Press, 2013.
ABRAHAM

Summary: Deepen your faith and enrich your life through this study of core Methodist beliefs. Written by popular seminary teachers, this book will connect you to the life and ministry of John Wesley, demonstrating relevance for the lives of Christians today as it offers an introductory examination of each. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Haynes, Donald. ***A Digest of Wesleyan Grace theology: Preparing,***
230.76 ***Pardoning, Perfecting.*** Knoxville, TN, Market Square Pub. LLC,
HAYNES 2018.

Summary: In *A Digest of Wesleyan Grace Theology*, Dr. Donald W. Haynes provides an accessible and comprehensive articulation of the Wesleyan beliefs about the nature of grace and the scriptural way of salvation which led the Wesleyan movement to revive the church and change the world. *A Digest of Wesleyan Grace Theology* is a must read for any Methodist who desires to understand and live out their theological heritage. --Market Square Books

ADULTS Moore, James W. ***Do Your Best and Trust God for the Rest.***
231.7 Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2013.
MOORE

Summary: In *Do Your Best and Trust God for the Rest*, popular author James W. Moore talks about the idea that God doesn't expect us to be perfect. Instead, God simply asks us to be faithful, and then God will do and be what we cannot. Moore, through personal experience, shares how "God has the power to redeem! God can take our weaknesses, our foibles, our feeble efforts and redeem them and use them for good. God can take our defeats and turn them into victories!" This book contains a discussion guide. --Cokesbury

ADULTS ***Amending Through Faith Leader Guide.*** Tennessee, YWCA
241.697 Nashville & Middle Tennessee, 2018.
UMM

Summary: The General Commission on United Methodist Men has partnered with AMEND Together to create an eight-week group series in which men will learn to recognize, respond to, and prevent violence against women. AMEND Together is an innovative, primary prevention initiative dedicated to ending violence against women and girls by engaging and educating men. It was started by YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee, operators of the largest domestic violence shelter in the state. Motivated by the fact that the shelter was consistently at capacity, and in response to the constant need for more shelter beds, AMEND Together was developed to prevent violence against women before it occurs. How does it end? "Good men" must play a critical role in creating a community where all women and girls are valued and safe. Extensive work by experts in gender violence prevention reveals that this is accomplished through education and mobilization. Only with the support and involvement of men and boys can the cycle of gender violence be eventually stop. --General Commission on United Methodist Men

ADULTS ***Amending Through Faith Participant Workbook.*** Tennessee,
241.697 YWCA Nashville & Middle Tennessee, 2018.
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ADULTS Coleman, Justin. ***Home for Christmas DVD: Tales of Hope and***
242.332 ***Second Chances***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
COLEMAN

Summary: Even during hard times, the light of Christmas shines brightly. Home for Christmas shares the real-life stories of formerly incarcerated men and women as they find work and opportunity through Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. As we hear about their struggles, we recognize the Advent themes of hope, love, and peace in their lives. This four-session book is ideal for Sunday school, small groups, and home groups as well as for individual study. The four-session DVD features author and pastor Justin Coleman presenting to a group in his challenging and engaging style. The DVD also includes interviews with Homeboy participants about their experiences. The video segments are approximately 8-10 minutes each and, when combined with the four book chapters, make an ideal four-week group study for Lent and beyond. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Hope (6:37) -- 2. Love (10:19) -- 3. Joy (9:13) -- 4. Peace (8:58)

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242.332 ***and Second Chances***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
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Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Hope -- 2. Love -- 3. Joy -- 4. Peace

ADULTS Coleman, Justin. ***Home for Christmas: Tales of Hope and Second***
242.332 ***Chances***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
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Content Notes:

- Acknowledgments -- Foreword -- Introduction -- 1. The Hope of New Life -- 2. The Love of the Last and the Lost -- 3. Your Joy Will Be Complete -- 4. Christ Is Our Peace -- Conclusion --For Further Study

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RAWLE

Rawle, Matt. ***The Gift of the Nutcracker***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: The Nutcracker was first performed in 1892, quickly becoming a holiday tradition, one that continues for many families to this day. In *The Gift of The Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle takes a look at this Christmas classic in a new way—through the lens of faith. In this four-week Advent series, Rawle uses the iconic tale to help us understand God’s greatest gift of the Christ child and of the kingdom Christ came to build. The study works well for a small group Advent study, but can also be adapted as a churchwide program to include youth and children. Available components include a Leader Guide with complete session plans, a DVD featuring Matt Rawle, a Worship Resources Flash Drive, additional youth and children’s resources, and a Leader Kit. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- A Quick Refresher -- 1. Clara: Waiting for Christmas -- 2. Drosselmeir: A Godfather's Love -- 3. The Mouse King: Changing Perspective -- 4. The Nutcracker: The Greatest Gift -- Epilogue -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

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Content Notes:

- 1. Clara: Waiting for Christmas (9:46) -- 2. Drosselmeir: A Godfather's Love (8:33) -- 3. The Mouse King: Changing Perspective (6:53) -- 4. The Nutcracker: The Greatest Gift (7:56)

ADULTS Rawle, Matt. ***The Gift of the Nutcracker Leader Guide***. Nashville,
242.332 Abingdon Press, 2018.
RAWLE

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ADULTS Rawle, Matt. ***The Gift of the Nutcracker Worship Resources Flash Drive***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
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ADULTS Moore, James W. ***Moments That Take Your Breath Away***. Nashville,
248.4 Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2008.
MOORE

Summary: As the saying goes, “It’s not the number of breaths we take, it is the number of moments that take our breath away.” Every now and then, and more often than we realize, God breaks into the routine and gives us one of those awesome moments, so powerful, so amazing, so beautiful that time seems to

stand still. How long has it been since you had one of those moments? I have had many moments like that. Some were quite dramatic, some were quite memorable, and some were just too beautiful for words. Do you remember the first time you saw the ocean, or a majestic mountain range, or a breathtaking sunset with colors so amazing that you find yourself thinking, Only God could do that! As we explore in this book some of the many different kinds of moments that take your breath away, it is my hope and prayer that we will all become more aware of and receptive to the myriad breathtaking moments that God has in store for us. Contains twelve chapters plus an introduction. Each chapter of the book features a key passage of Scripture and focuses on a key theme. A study guide is included.
--Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- It's not the number of breaths we take, but the number of moments that take our breath away -- The moments when we know we are standing on holy ground -- The moments when we say, "ah" -- The moments when God meets us with His loving kindness at every corner -- The moments when we move forward, trusting God -- The moments when God gives us the strength to rise above bitterness -- The moments when faith overcomes doubt -- The moments when God redeems our troubles -- The moments of responsive gratitude -- The moments when the Holy Spirit uses us -- The moments when we truly celebrate life -- The moments when we realize that God really does love us.

ADULTS MacDonald, David E. ***Benedict on Campus: Eight Spiritual***
248.834 ***Disciplines for Collegiate Ministry.*** Nashville, TN, Foundry
MACDONALD Books, 2018.

Summary: Incorporate spiritual disciplines into collegiate ministry settings. Inspired by the religious life of St. Benedict and richly illustrated with concrete examples, MacDonald adapts eight spiritual disciplines for emerging young adults. This book is a practical guide for those who work with emerging adults—college and university chaplains, campus ministers, student leaders, pastors, parachurch professionals, and spiritual directors. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- You are Already an Expert (but You Should Read This Book Anyway)
-- Benedict on Campus -- What Do We Mean by Spiritual Disciplines and Collegiate Ministry? -- Communal Prayer -- Lectio Divina -- Contemplative Prayer -- Service -- Spiritual Direction -- Pilgrimage -- Intentional Community -- Hospitality -- This is Not the Last Word -- Resources

ADULTS Troeger, Thomas H. ***Sermon Sparks: 122 Ideas to Ignite Your***
251.6 ***Preaching : Tagged by Theme and Lectionary Passage.***
TROEGER Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2011.

Summary: A working pastor is always looking for fresh preaching perspectives. This hands-on resource from the author of a long-standing column in the journal *Lectionary Homiletics* covers the entire three-year lectionary cycle with brief reflections designed to generate fresh and timely sermon ideas. Each reflection is limited to two pages and provides an interpretation of one or more lections for every month of the year. While some focus on a single lection, others draw forth a theological/pastoral theme that stretches across several lections, suggesting how to approach an entire month homiletically. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- How to use this book -- Year A -- Year B -- Year C.

ADULTS ***Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year B Part 1.*** Nashville, Abingdon
252.076 Press, 2017.
WILLIMON

Summary: “What will you preach next Sunday?” Isn’t talking to a trusted clergy friend helpful and inspirational? You’ll discover similar support as well as fuel for your imagination in Will Willimon’s *Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year B Part 1 and Part 2*. Willimon gives you suggestions for selected readings, themes, and introductions to the lectionary passage for every Sunday in Year B, plus “Encountering the Text,” “Proclaiming the Text,” and “Relating the Text” sections provide further motivation, leaving you plenty of room to insert your own illustrations, make connections within your congregational context, and speak the Word in your distinctive voice. Year B, Parts 1 and 2 are part of a six-volume set. --Cokesbury

ADULTS ***Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year B Part 2.*** Nashville, Abingdon
252.076 Press, 2017.
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ADULTS ***Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year C Part 1.*** Nashville, Abingdon
252.076 Press, 2018.
WILLIMON

Summary: If you have ever referenced Will Willimon’s lectionary sermon resources, you know he offers just what you need as a preacher to strengthen and fuel your imagination as you contemplate writing your next sermon. His book for Year C Part 1 continues this tradition with reflections to help you move from Bible

to sermon and sermon illustration ideas for bulletins or websites. As in previous volumes, Willimon's material leaves plenty of room for you to insert your own observations and speak the Word in your own unique voice. Year C Part 1 (Advent through Easter) is part of a six-volume set that includes years A, B, and C (2 volumes per year) in the Revised Common Lectionary. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Bolsinger, Tod E. ***Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory***. Downers Grove, InterVarsity Press, 2018.
BOLSINGER

Summary: Explorers Lewis and Clark had to adapt. While they had prepared to find a waterway to the Pacific Ocean, instead they found themselves in the Rocky Mountains. You too may feel that you are leading in a cultural context you were not expecting. You may even feel that your training holds you back more often than it carries you along. Drawing from his extensive experience as a pastor and consultant, Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches and organizations through uncharted territory. He offers a combination of illuminating insights and practical tools to help you reimagine what effective leadership looks like in our rapidly changing world. If you're going to scale the mountains of ministry, you need to leave behind canoes and find new navigational tools. Now expanded with a study guide, this book will set you on the right course to lead with confidence and courage. --InterVarsity Press

ADULTS 253 Farr, Bob. ***Obvious Wisdom: 52 Tips for Effective Ministry***.
FARR Knoxville, TN, Market Square Books, 2018.

Summary: With all the demands of ministry in a rapidly changing culture, it can be easy for pastors to lose focus and perspective. In *Obvious Wisdom*, Bishop Bob Farr provides succinct, powerful practical advice designed to help pastors utilize their resources and energy wisely while growing more and more passionate about their faith and ministry. This book is a perfect guide for a weekly clergy group or personal reflection. --Market Square Books

ADULTS 254 Maynard, Phil. ***Shift 2.0: Helping Congregations Back into the Game of Effective Ministry***. Nashville, TN, Market Square Books, 2018.
MAYNARD

Summary: Based around five shifts that every church needs to make, *Shift 2.0* brings you the best practices for designing healthy, effective church systems. The shifts include: From Fellowship to Hospitality, From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle, From Membership to Discipleship, From 'Serve Us' to Service, From 'Survival Mentality' to Generosity. In this second edition of my most popular resource (expanded and updated), *Shift 2.0*, leaders are provided a wide variety of examples and tools for making these shifts. Imagine the impact your churches could make if they could make these Shifts. Start a conversation with your churches. Make Disciples. Transform Communities. --Amazon

ADULTS 259.3 Gentzler, Richard H. ***An Age of Opportunity: Intentional Ministry by, with, and for Older Adults***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2018.
GENTZLER

Summary: A companion to the author's earlier book *Designing an Older Adult Ministry* (Discipleship Resources, 1999), this book will provide new information and outline ways to develop and strengthen ministries by, with, and for older adults that can, and will, enhance the spiritual growth and well-being of people of all ages. The church is beginning to recognize that there are vast numbers of older people in its membership. It is becoming aware of its indebtedness to them for the leadership, support, service, and faith that has made the church of today possible. The church is uniquely positioned to help older adults respond to the challenges of aging; to see the tremendous potentialities in the lives of older adult for making the church and community better; and to assist older people as they experience new meaning and purpose in their later lives. Chapters include "Why Older-Adult Ministries?"; "Understanding the Aging Process"; "Aging and the Spiritual Journey"; "The New Seniors: Boomers?"; "Intentional Ministry by, with, and for Older Adults"; "Organizing for Intentional Ministry in the Local Church"; "Organizing for Intentional Ministry in the Conference"; "Congregational Care Ministry"; "Additional Ideas for Intentional Ministry"; and "Trends in Aging." Appendixes include a "Facts about Aging" quiz, information on creating and using older adult surveys, and suggested resources for further reading and study.
--Upper Room

ADULTS Sippola, John. ***Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal: Pastoral
259.42 Care and Ministry with Service Members Returning from War.***
SIPPOLA Duluth, MN, Whole Person Associates, Inc, 2009.

Summary: *Welcome Them Home* was written to equip the growing number of pastors, parish nurses, counselors, and caregivers in churches across the country to support and advocate for veterans and their loved ones. It expands the reader's knowledge of how to provide physical, mental, and spiritual care for veterans and sparks a spirit of willingness and hope. *Welcome Them Home* is a practical guide for ministering to veterans offering an understanding of the nature of the Iraq/Afghanistan wars, the challenges soldiers face when returning home, and the physical, psychological and spiritual wounds of war. It defines the role of the church, discussing the basic principles for outreach, guidelines for creating a welcoming and safe environment, and presenting ideas for activating the healing rituals of the church year. It provides a wealth of resources: agencies that serve veterans, tips for making effective referrals, quick screening tools for PTSD, depression, and traumatic brain injury, and a comprehensive Wounds of War assessment. Working together, compassionate, knowledgeable, and skilled caregivers, friends, and professionals can give veterans life-saving and life-giving care and support. *Welcome Them Home, Help Them Heal* provides the tools for ministers and other church staff to do just that. --Whole Person Associates

ADULTS ***Dialogues On the Refugee Crisis DVD.*** [Minneapolis, MN],
261.8328 Sparkhouse, 2018.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: Each video on the *Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis DVD* is created as a documentary; interviews mixed with motion graphics give viewers an inside look at the center of topic and how it plays out in real life. The main intent of these videos is to stretch basic understanding of each topic, supporting the content in

the Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis Leader Guide and the Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis Learner Book. There are 8 sessions. --Sparkhouse

ADULTS ***Dialogues On the Refugee Crisis Facilitator Guide.*** Minneapolis,
261.8328 MN, Sparkhouse, 2018.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis Facilitator Guide is a structured guide built for leaders to develop new communication skills and give participants an idea of what to expect each week. Leaders will find that participants will want to keep coming back because they are a part of the conversation and solution. This curriculum contains topics for eight weeks of discussion in your small group for adults. --Sparkhouse

ADULTS ***Dialogues On the Refugee Crisis Learner Book.*** Minneapolis, MN,
261.8328 Sparkhouse, 2018.
SPARKHOUSE

Summary: Refugees in America. It's a tough topic, both at a local community level and from a national policy perspective. To bring perspective and meaningful conversations around this topic, The Dialogues On: The Refugees Crisis Learner Book offers eight unique perspectives from experienced authors from renowned organizations such as World Relief and Church World Service that provide insight into refugee stories and experiences. The Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis Learner Book offers you differing dialogues on today's situation for refugees in America, helping unpack the issue and drive conversations. It can be read as a standalone piece or used in your small adult group study for an eight-week discussion to turn conflict into community. --Sparkhouse

Content Notes:

- Foreword: Who is my neighbor? / Matthew Sorens -- 1. The story we live in / Brianne Casey -- 2. A people without a place / Dr. Beth Oppenheim-Chan -- 3. A global perspective / Jenny Yang -- 4. A network of care / Sarah Krause, MS -- 5. Facing our history / Halima Z. Adams -- 6. Looking for home / Aubrey Leigh Grant -- 7. Where do we go from here? / Matthew Soerens -- More resources on the refugee crisis

ADULTS Dotson, Junius B. ***Developing an Intentional Discipleship System:
262.076 A Guide for Congregations.*** Nashville, TN, Discipleship
DOTSON Ministries, 2017.

Summary: Developing a Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations is a practical guide for congregations who find themselves stuck researching community demographics, pouring over worship attendance metrics, and fixing their aging structures, yet lack a system for creating relationships with those who surround their church. We can't program our way back to vitality. Rather, it requires a movement toward discipleship-making, and it begins with a process that

reaches into your community. Begin a conversation in your congregation around creating a lifestyle of intentional discipleship. This booklet is your first step!
--Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS Wirzba, Norman. ***Living the Sabbath: Discovering the Rhythms of***
263.1 ***Rest and Delight***. Grand Rapids, Mich, Brazos Press, 2006.
WIRZBA

Summary: Our traditional understanding of Sabbath observance is resting from our otherwise harried lives one day a week. But in *Living the Sabbath*, Norman Wirzba leads us deeper into the heart of Sabbath with a holistic and rewarding interpretation of what true Sabbath-keeping can mean in our lives today. Wirzba teaches that Sabbath is ultimately about delight in the goodness that God has made--in everything we do, every day of the week. He then shows how this understanding of Sabbath teaching has the potential to elevate all our activities so that they bring honor to God and delight to the world. With practical examples, Wirzba unpacks what that means for our work, our homes, our economy, our schools, our treatment of creation, and our churches. In doing so, he examines everything from the way chickens are treated in our food industry to the value of family mealtime. In the end, you will be equipped with a deeper theological understanding of Sabbath, as well as down-to-earth ways to live it out in your daily life. This book will appeal to clergy and laypeople alike who are seeking ways to discover the transformative power of Sabbath. --Brazos Press

Content Notes:

- Losing our way -- The meaning of the Sabbath -- From Sabbath to Sunday -- The practice of delight -- The decline of delight -- Pain and suffering -- Work and the Sabbath -- Sabbath at home -- Sabbath economics -- Sabbath education -- Sabbath environmentalism -- Sabbath worship.

ADULTS Smith, Jane Stuart. ***Great Christian Hymn Writers***. Wheaton, Ill,
264.230922 Crossway Books, 1997.
SMITH

Summary: Consider the worshipful lyrics of "Holy, Holy, Holy"; the comforting assurance of "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"; the trusting submission of "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"; the bold declaration made by "O for a Thousand Tongues." They are some of our greatest hymns—and some of the most powerful words in Christendom. Lyrics that help us grasp the reality of faith, set to beautiful music that speaks to our hearts. The stories behind the hymns are powerful as well. In this book the authors have detailed the intriguing and often tragic circumstances from which many of our best-loved hymns came. They are stories about the private struggles and personal triumphs these men and women hymn writers experienced—stories that give their already-meaningful songs added significance. *Great Christian Hymn Writers* is a wonderful resource for worship services, devotional talks, and home schools, as well as for use in your private devotions. And it's worthwhile reading for anyone who's interested in learning where these hymns came from and how it is that they continue to affect us so much.
--Crossway Books

ADULTS Dotson, Junius B. ***Engaging Your Community: A Guide to Seeing***
269.2 ***All the People***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Ministries, 2018.
DOTSON

Summary: Engaging Your Community: A Guide to Seeing All the People. If your church is tired of sending postcards and producing PowerPoint presentations, this book will help you connect with those outside your door. The Rev. Junius B. Dotson is a dynamic preacher, public speaker, church planter, and a recognized visionary leader in church revitalization. --Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS Fuquay, Rob. ***A New Reformation DVD: From Luther's World to***
270.6 ***Ours***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
FUQUAY

Summary: Justified by faith. We are accustomed to this theology today, but when Martin Luther shared his belief in this concept during the sixteenth century, it was anything but typical—it sparked the Reformation. Author Rob Fuquay says that although “justified by faith” is not a new idea, the message is as revolutionary today as ever. In *A New Reformation*, Fuquay helps you take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches you how to embrace reformation in your church and in your life today. The book can be used as a stand-alone resource or, combined with the Leader Guide and the DVD (with segments filmed in Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Erfut, Eiselben, Worms, and Mainz), can serve as a six-week group study. Perfect for Christians at all stages of their spiritual journey. The six-session DVD features Rob Fuquay on location at key sites of the Reformation in Europe. Viewers will connect with the events and significance of the Reformation through these places as Fuquay guides them through the study. Each video segment is approximately 10–12 minutes in length and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. A Perfect Storm (8:57) -- 2. Sola Scriptura (7:16) -- 3. Sola Fide (8:00) -- 4. Taking a Stand (8:15) -- 5. Refuge (6:25) -- 6. The Priesthood of All Believers (8:18)

ADULTS Fuquay, Rob. ***A New Reformation Leader Guide: From Luther's***
270.6 ***World to Ours***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Reformation Timeline -- 1. A Perfect Storm -- 2. Sola Scriptura -- 3. Sola Fide -- 4. Taking a Stand -- 5. Refuge -- 6. The Priesthood of All Believers

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- Introduction -- 1. A Perfect Storm -- 2. Sola Scriptura -- 3. Sola Fide -- 4. Taking a Stand -- 5. Refuge -- 6. The Priesthood of All Believers -- Afterword -- Acknowledgments -- Notes

ADULTS **National Geographic: The Race Issue.** Washington, DC, National
305.8 Geographic Partners, LLC, 2018.
NATIONAL

Summary: To mark the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, we explore what race means in the 21st century. --National Geographic

ADULTS O'Brien-Bayer, Welby. **Love Our Vets: Restoring Hope for Families
616.85212 of Veterans with PTSD.** Sisters, OR, Deep River Books, 2012.
O'BRIEN

Summary: Chances are that if your loved one has seen war, he or she has Post-traumatic Stress Disorder at some level, and you who love your veteran will also be deeply and profoundly affected. *Love Our Vets* answers more than 60 heartfelt questions, providing down-to-earth wisdom and much-needed tips for taking care of yourself. Sharing as a counselor and from her personal experience of living with a 100% disabled veteran with PTSD, Welby O'Brien gives hope, encouragement, and practical help for families and loved ones who are caught in the wake of the

trauma. This book addresses a broad spectrum of issues and concerns and offers realistic wisdom from a wide variety of individuals who share from real hearts and lives. This is not just another book about PTSD; rather, it is a tremendous resource for families and loved ones who struggle heroically along with their vets to face the day-to-day challenges. --Deep River Books

CHILDREN Rawle, Matt. ***The Gift of the Nutcracker Children's Leader Guide***.
242.332 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
RAWLE

Summary: The Nutcracker is a delightful and whimsical Christmas classic that children and adults look forward to every year. First performed in 1892, the music, dance, and story of this classic hold a special place in our cultural Christmas celebrations. In *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, Matt Rawle, author of *The Redemption of Scrooge*, explores the story to help us understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child, and the kingdom he came to establish. The Children's Leader Guide contains session plans for younger and older children (grades K-2 and 3-6) including games, activities, craft ideas, and reproducible handouts. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- To the Leader -- 1. Clara: Waiting for Christmas -- 2. Drosselmeir: A Godfather's Love -- 3. The Mouse King: Changing Perspective -- 4. The Nutcracker: The Greatest Gift

YOUTH Coleman, Justin. ***Home for Christmas Youth Study Book: Tales of Hope and Second Chances***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. A Home for Hope -- 2. A Home for Love -- 3. A Home for Joy -- 4. A Home for Peace

YOUTH Rawle, Matt. ***The Gift of the Nutcracker Youth Study Book***.
242.332 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.
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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Using this Resource -- 1. Clara: Waiting for Christmas -- 2. Drosselmeir: A Godfather's Love -- 3. The Mouse King: Changing Perspective -- 4. The Nutcracker: The Greatest Gift -- Daily Advent Devotional Guide

YOUTH Conner, Ashley. ***A Christian Teenager's Guide to Surviving High***
248.83 ***School***. Knoxville, TN, Market Square Books, 2017.
CONNER

Summary: "A Christian Teenager's Guide to Surviving High School" was born from a private blog Ashley Conner created to help her younger brother navigate high school as an incoming freshman. There were hundreds of posts from big sister to little brother, like "Who pays for the date" and How to get along with THAT teacher." Much of what she shared with her brother is found in this book. --Market Square Books

YOUTH ***Military Youth Coping with Separation: When Family Members***
306.874 ***Deploy***. [Place of publication not identified], Uniformed Services
UNIFORMED West Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 2010.

Summary: This product was developed by military pediatricians and adolescent medicine specialists to help military youth understand that they are not alone as they experience family separation. It also provides tools for young people to use to begin to understand and cope in healthy ways with their feelings and emotions related to a military deployment. Includes an Interactive Military Youth Stress Management Plan and Facilitator's Guide on CD-ROM. --Inside booklet