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ADULTS
232.3
DEVEGA

DeVega, Magrey R. ***Savior DVD: What the Bible Says about the Cross.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Achieve a richer understanding of the Christian faith through the cross. As Christians, we're taught that Christ died on the cross to bring us salvation. We know this, but do we understand it? What exactly did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Was the cross really necessary? Could there have been another way? In *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*, you'll be introduced to several biblically based ways of understanding Jesus' death on the cross that may go beyond the explanations you've heard before. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, you'll find a deeper love for God and others while strengthening your commitment to follow Jesus. Components for the six-session study include a book, Leader Guide, and a DVD—all the tools pastors, group leaders, and study groups need to make sense of Jesus' death and resurrection. The six-session DVD features Magrey deVega guiding participants through the study. The video sessions are 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. Substitution: Jesus Takes Your Place (10:57) -- 2. Ransom: Jesus Sets You Free (8:42) -- 3. Moral Example: Jesus Shows You How to Live (7:52) -- 4. Reconciliation: Jesus Restores Your Relationship (9:05) -- 5. Cleansing: Jesus Makes You Clean (7:41) -- 6. Christus Victor: Jesus Gives You the Victory (8:36)

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Content Notes:

- 1. Father, Forgive Them (11:12) -- 2. Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise (10:01) -- 3. My God, My God (11:02) -- 4. Woman, Here

Is Your Son (9:18) -- 5. I Am Thirsty (9:45) -- 6. Into Your Hands (10:32)

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ADULTS
234.23
CORDLE

Cordle, Steve. ***Hear It, See It, Risk It: How Faith Grows***. Knoxville, TN, Market Square Books, 2019.

Summary: This book is not about getting whatever you want by using faith to manipulate God. Rather, this book is about how we learn to trust God more deeply, and in the process receive more of what God has always intended and promised to us. Part One of this book is drawn from Hebrews 11, which is sometimes called the Bible's "Hall of Faith." The writer challenges us to grow in our faith by following the examples of biblical heroes. As Hebrews 6:12 says, we are to "imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised." This book is about how to do that. Part Two of this book will identify common forces which weaken our faith, and provide strategies for neutralizing them. Part Three highlights the role of community in sustaining a truly saving faith. You may not need to defeat a military army, but you might be facing a battle of another kind. You might not be seeking to raise someone from the dead physically, but what if your dead hopes and dreams could be resurrected? What if your future was shaped more by faith and less by doubt or habit? Perhaps you would like less fear and more of God's power owing through your life. You might desire more confidence that you are forgiven and that you have eternal life. If so, this book is for you. -- Market Square Books

ADULTS
234.25
CHARLESTON

Charleston, Steven. ***Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage***. Minneapolis, MN, Broadleaf Books, 2020.

Summary: Darkness will not last forever. Together we can climb toward the light. They were as troubled as we, our ancestors, those who came before us, and all for the very same reasons: fear of illness, a broken heart, fights in the family, the threat of another war. Corrupt politicians walked their stage, and natural disasters appeared without warning. And yet they came through, carrying us within them, through the grief and struggle, through the personal pain and the public chaos, finding their way with love and faith, not giving in to despair but walking upright until their last step was taken. My culture does not honor the ancestors as a quaint spirituality of the past but as a living source of strength for the present. They did it and so will we. In the same voice that has comforted and challenged countless readers through his daily social media posts, Choctaw elder and Episcopal priest Steven Charleston offers words of hard-won hope, rooted in daily conversations with the Spirit and steeped in indigenous wisdom. Every day Charleston spends time in prayer. Every day he writes down what he hears from the Spirit. In *Ladder to the Light* he shares what he has heard with the rest of us and adds thoughtful reflection to help guide us to the light. Native America knows something about cultivating resilience and resisting darkness. For all who yearn for hope, *Ladder to the Light* is a book of comfort, truth, and challenge in a time of anguish and fear. --Broadleaf Books

ADULTS
242.34
LEWIS

Lewis, Sharma. ***Journey to Transformation: 2021 Lenten Devotional***. Knoxville, Market Square Publishing, 2020.

Summary: "A New Version of Bishop Sharma Lewis' best-selling Lenten study for 2021. Dates have been updated to correspond to each day during Lent, with a devotional for individual or group study. Thousands of individuals and hundreds of churches used *Journey to Transformation* as their guide during Lent 2020. Sharing her individual journey, Bishop Sharma Lewis

(Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church) invites readers to observe Lent by introspection, repentance, forgiveness, renewal, prayer, fasting, and Biblical Study. A Journey to Transformation is divided into four sections: Lenten Devotional, Prayer, Reflection, and My Action. Since Lent is a time for self-examination and renewal, Bishop Lewis offers a "My Action" section each day to allow readers to continue to put into practice what they have read and reflected upon, and as an opportunity to transform someone's life. Since Sundays are not counted during the Lenten Season, this study will allow individuals and groups to further engage in introspection. On Sundays, "My Personal Reflections Notes" will ask you to reflect and journal on the past week's study with the following questions: (a) What day stood out during this Lenten journey? (b) What did you learn about yourself and your relationship with Jesus Christ? and (c) under the heading of My Action - What day brought you great joy or difficulty? Why? Finally, readers are invited to journal their own thoughts in spaces provided"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
242.34

Richardson, Beth A. ***Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God during Lent.*** Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2020.

RICHARDSON

Summary: "People of faith are struggling these days as they watch unbelievable events unfold around the world. We are living in a time of wilderness and exile. Yet the wilderness is a familiar place for those who follow Jesus. We spend 40 days in the wilderness during Lent--days in which God calls us to self-examination, repentance, and making room for the Holy One in our lives. Our task during Lent is to clear away the clutter from our hearts so we can be fully present to God and our neighbors. Walking in the Wilderness includes daily reflections for Ash Wednesday through Easter. A spiritual practice is introduced each Sunday of Lent: Being Present, Lament, Lectio Divina, Trust, Compassion, and Hospitality. "We come hungry to this season of Lent," Richardson writes, "hungry for words of life, for rituals of preparation, for disciplines to help us on our way." Walking in the Wilderness provides a spiritual feast for readers during the longest season of the Christian year"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
248.4

Rolheiser, Ronald. ***Forgotten Among the Lilies: Learning to Live Beyond Our Fears.*** New York, Galilee/Doubleday, 2005.

ROLHEISER

Summary: The author of The Holy Longing explores the debilitating obsessions that often dominate our lives and offers down-to-earth guidance for learning to leave our fears, anxieties, and guilt "forgotten among the lilies." "Rarely do we taste the food we eat or the coffee we drink. Instead we go through our days too preoccupied, too compulsive, and too dissatisfied to really be able to be present for and celebrate our own lives," Ronald Rolheiser writes in the introduction to this powerful collection of essays. *Forgotten Among the Lilies* shows that there is a better way to find contentment and joy. Only by trusting in God's grace and providence, Rolheiser argues, can we move beyond our obsessions and rejoice in what we have and who we are. With his trademark blend of insight, compassion, and honesty laced with humor, the author teaches that it is possible to experience freedom instead of anxiety, solitude instead of loneliness, and a

generosity of spirit that returns to the giver far more than it costs. --Penguin
Random House

ADULTS
248.4
ROWELL

Rowell, Tony. ***What Would Granny Say?: And Other Somewhat Embellished Memories***. [Columbia, SC], South Carolina United Methodist Advocate Press, 2020.

Summary: This 276-page testament to faith and family is the newest book (2020) from the Advocate Press. For decades, Rowell—a pastor, mission trip leader, songwriter, photographer and storyteller—has made it his passion to experience, gather and share stories of the Lord at work in big ways and small. Now, a lifetime of memories is offered in one collection of 79 essays. From fishing with his granny in the Florida Panhandle to stumbling into boars and bear alike in the Carolina wilderness to ministry in Bolivia, Colombia and Latvia, Rowell weaves beauty with simplicity and good old-fashioned humor. His photographs of both nature and people are peppered throughout, along with a healthy dose of Granny’s wisdom, prompting the title. --SC Advocate

ADULTS
248.4
STANLEY

Stanley, Andy. ***Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets DVD: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move***. Grand Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2020.

Summary: In this six-session video Bible study, Andy Stanley gives you five key questions to ask when you have a decision to make and you’re not sure what to do. We never know what or who hangs in the balance of the decisions we make. But what we do know is this: private decisions have public implications. Your private decisions probably won’t stay private, and personal decisions will impact some other persons. These five simple questions will empower you to: Make better decisions with fewer regrets, Pause when feeling tension over a decision, Take the long view, Look for the wise option, Focus on the relational impact of decisions. Designed for use with the Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets Study Guide. --Zondervan

Content Notes:

- 1. More Than a Decision (16:30) -- 2. The Integrity Question (19:00) -- 3. The Legacy Question (17:30) -- 4. The Conscience Question (23:00) -- 5. The Maturity Question (19:30) -- 6. The Relationship Question (20:00)

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ADULTS
248.86
RASMUS

Rasmus, Juanita Campbell. ***Learning to Be: Finding Your Center After the Bottom Falls Out.*** Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2020.

Summary: "When everything in her life came to a stop, Pastor Juanita Rasmus found that she had to learn to be-with herself and with God-all over again. Offering both practical and spiritual insights, she shares a wise, frank, and witty account of her own story of exhaustion and depression, acting as a trustworthy companion through dark days"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS 252
DUKE ***Living Tradition.*** Durham, N.C, Duke University, 2020.

Summary: Duke University Chapel is home to a long history of faithful preaching. Through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment, sermons preached at Duke Chapel between 1946 and 2002 have been digitized and transcribed. The Duke University Chapel Recordings Digital Collection makes these manuscripts and recordings available to the public. Living Tradition curates this historical collection in service of the present moment. Preachers and teachers will find oral histories with preachers themselves, conversation starters for further learning, and highlights from the digital collection. Living Tradition highlights the ways that the preaching of Duke Chapel engaged its time and place in the latter half of the twentieth century. --Duke University

ADULTS
269.2
METHODIST

Evangelism in a Digital World. London, The Methodist Church, 2020.

Summary: In the digital age of communication, the internet is a crucial platform for evangelism – particularly for younger generations who spend over 15 hours a day online but also for those who are isolated, housebound, or far from home. Together, we seek to understand, explore, and innovate around what it means to be followers of Jesus in digital space. Are you wondering what digital evangelism is and how you can do it? To equip the whole church for mission online, there are resources here. --The Methodist Church

ADULTS
270.089
FUQUAY

Fuquay, Rob. ***Justice or Just Us? DVD: The Biblical Call to Confront Racism.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Confronting racism is not just a social or political matter, but a theological one. It is the Bible that calls us to pursue justice, and the Bible that calls us to oppose racism. Justice or Just Us is a four-week video curriculum based on a sermon series and anti-racism commitment at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Pastors Rob Fuquay, Nicole Caldwell-Gross, and Jevon Caldwell-Gross help you acknowledge the reality of racism in our world today, as well as our Christian responsibility to oppose it as individuals and together as the church. Each video is approximately twenty minutes long, with places to pause and discuss questions with your small group. All videos are closed captioned. A downloadable leader pack can be purchased from Cokesbury to help leaders facilitate the discussion

and take the next steps of making an anti-racism commitment at your church.
--Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Recognizing Dissonance (19:07) -- 2. What Is Biblical Justice? (22:31) -- 3. A World Turned Upside-Down (19:58) -- 4. It Could Be Me (21:01)

ADULTS
284.135
BOLZ-
WEBER

Bolz-Weber, Nadia. ***Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint***. New York, Jericho Books, 2014.

Summary: Bolz-Weber reclaims the term "pastrix," used by some Christians who refuse to recognize female pastors. Heavily tattooed and loud-mouthed, a former stand-up comic, Bolz-Weber sure as hell didn't consider herself to be religious leader material-- until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral, surrounded by fellow alcoholics, depressives, and cynics. She realized: these were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor.

Content Notes:

- Fall 2005 -- The rowing team -- God's aunt -- Albion Babylon -- La femme Nadia -- Thanks, ELCA! -- Hurricanes and humiliation -- I didn't call you for this truth bullshit -- Clinical pastoral education -- Eunuchs and hermaphrodites -- Cotton candy -- Pirate Christian -- The Haitian Stations of the Cross -- Demons and snow angels -- Doormats and wrinkled vestments -- Ghosts in the Kingdom of Heaven -- Dirty fingernails -- The wrong kind of different -- He's a fuck-up, but he's our fuck-up -- Beer & hymns.

CHILDREN
248.3
CHAPMAN

Chapman, Kathleen. ***Teaching Kids Authentic Worship: How to Keep Them Close to God for Life***. Grand Rapids, MI, Baker Books, 2003.

Summary: Most children know all there is to know about their favorite sports star or T.V. character. Wouldn't it be great if they were just as excited about knowing God? They will be, says Kathleen Chapman, when they're shown how to truly worship-to focus on God alone. In this eye-opening book, Chapman shares wisdom and techniques gained during her thirty years in children's ministry. With her fifty-two inspiring worship moments, you can guide children in making God their greatest hero and lifelong friend. --Baker Books

Content Notes:

- In search of the glue -- Part 1: what -- Worship : the definition -- Hero worship : the example -- God who? -- Part 2: how -- Learn the language -- The art of focus -- Familiarity -- A plan for worship -- Part 3: why -- The benefits of worship -- 52 worship moments.

CHILDREN
268.432

Burrows, Mark. ***Moments of Wonder: 52 New Engaging Children's Moments***. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2011.

BURROWS

Summary: Moments of Wonder is the 2nd resource to follow WOW Time. It is a resource full of more children's messages with a "Wow Factor." Moments of Wonder includes 52 MORE theme-based Children's Messages that will connect with every child. The resource is provided in a format that offers messages that are different, fun and totally do-able. Each section will be broken out into six parts to help make preparation simple and easy. 1. Title of the Children's Moment - something eye-catching and appealing 2. Theme - the main idea or core value being explored 3. Scripture - this would be anything from a full Bible story to an appropriate Bible verse 4. Prepare - materials and any prep-work is covered here 5. Sermon - this is step-by-step guide through the Children's Sermon 6. Closing - the prayer, either responsive, active, unison or sung. This would tie back to the original message. --Cokesbury

YOUTH 261 CHURCH

Connecting Faith & Justice: Junior High Curriculum. Washington, D.C, Church & Society, The United Methodist Church, 2020.

Summary: This curriculum is for all youth (Junior High and Senior High) students. The lessons are flexible and can be adapted to fit the needs of your students while encouraging them to search deeper within themselves, their relationship with God and their role within their community and the world. The lessons are written by a diverse group of educators, youth pastors, elders, deacons, deaconesses, practitioners, professors, emerging leaders and missionaries from around the globe who are passionate about youth faith development. Each lesson is designed to last an hour and includes a centering moment, scripture study, group activity and a closing moment. All the lessons are standalone lessons and are not dependent on previous lessons. This year-long curriculum follows the Lectionary Calendar Year B (2020-2021.) The curriculum starts on November 29, 2020, with the start of Advent and ends on December 26, 2021, at the end of Advent (with readings from Lectionary Year C). --Church & Society, The United Methodist Church