

## New Resources July 2017

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ADULTS Kaiser, Walter C. ***Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament: A***  
221.0071 ***Guide for the Church***. Grand Rapids, Mich, Baker Academic, 2003.  
KAISER

**Summary:** With *Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament*, renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Kaiser offers a helpful guide for preachers, professors, and students. Developed out of tried and tested teaching material, this book exhibits Kaiser's straightforward and accessible writing style. The opening chapters deal with the value, problem, and task of preaching from the Old Testament. Kaiser then provides a practical focus by examining preaching and teaching from the texts of various genres (proverbs, prophecy, torah, etc.). A final chapter examines the relevance of the Old Testament in speaking to a contemporary audience. Pedagogical features include a glossary, and a suggested outline/worksheet for expository preaching. --Baker Academic

ADULTS Cowart, Jim. ***Grounded in Prayer DVD: A Community Group Resource***.  
226.96 [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].  
COWART

**Summary:** When you have the support of people who know you and who have earned your trust, together you're more likely to follow through with the common goals you share, whatever they may be. So it is with prayer. *Grounded in Prayer* is a six-session study based on the Lord's Prayer created especially for small groups. Together, the members of your group will help one another overcome the feeling of isolation that can result when trying to sustain a prayer life on our own. Plus, a small group will help members build connections and be accountable. The book combines a Participant and Leader Book and a DVD is also offered. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Session One: Our Father (22:57) -- Session Two: God's Kingdom (17:43) -- Session Three: Daily Needs (20:43) -- Session Four: Forgiveness (18:48) -- Session Five: Temptation (15:57) -- Session Six: Power and Glory (15:08) -- Trailer (1:45)

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## Session Six: Power and Glory

ADULTS Fuquay, Rob. ***Which Way, Lord? DVD: Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul.*** [Nashville, TN], Upper Room Books, [2017].  
227.06  
FUQUAY

**Summary:** God created every person with a desire for meaning and purpose. Many of us wonder, How do we live the purposeful life God intends for each of us? This 6-week churchwide series is designed to help us consider that big question. The Damascus road experience was not the only event that sent the apostle Paul on his quest. His entire life—his traditions, education, travels, and challenges—shaped him for ministry. After years of preparation through prayer and discernment, Paul traveled roughly 10,000 miles throughout the Mediterranean world to spread the Good News. When he started, he had no idea how God’s plan for him would take shape. This series helps us unpack our life alongside Paul’s life to find our purpose and passion. A perfect study series for back-to-school, the beginning of a new year, or anytime you need a fresh start, *Which Way, Lord?* includes a book; DVD with video sessions filmed in Turkey, Israel, and Greece; age-level discussion guides for children, youth, and adults; plus free online sermon starters, worship media, and more. Rediscover the truths that you are wonderfully made, created for purpose, and equipped to live a life of significance. Despite the adversities and detours you will encounter along the way, you can rely on God. Join us as we travel together to find our purpose. This DVD complements a study of the book *Which Way, Lord?: Exploring Your Life’s Purpose in the Journeys of Paul*. As we view the DVD, filmed in Turkey, Israel, and Greece, we’ll visit places where Paul lived and traveled. Your church or small group will consider how his entire life—his traditions, education, travels, and challenges—prepared him for traveling roughly 10,000 miles to preach the Good News. Then, you’ll be encouraged to unpack your life alongside Paul’s life to find your purpose and passion. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Preparing for Purpose (14:04) -- 2. Taking Stock (11:51) -- 3. Facing Adversity (13:53) -- 4. Dealing with Detours (9:40) -- 5. Relying on God (11:35) -- 6. Developing Tenacity (16:07) -- Preview Trailer (2:11) --

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detours you will encounter along the way. Join us as we travel to find our purpose together. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction: Locating Your Starting Point -- 1. Preparing for Purpose -- 2. Taking Stock -- 3. Facing Adversity -- 4. Dealing with Detours -- 5. Relying on God -- 6. Developing Tenacity -- Acknowledgments -- Notes -- About the Author

ADULTS            Armstrong, Jacob. **Renovate DVD: Building a Life with God.** [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].  
248.4  
ARMSTRONG

**Summary:** Grab your tool belt for physical renovation. For spiritual renovation, turn to God. Popular author and pastor Jacob Armstrong explores how Nehemiah understood the difference. Nehemiah's goal was to rebuild the wall and gates of Jerusalem, a physically daunting undertaking. But he also knew that as the Jewish people returned to their homeland, they would need spiritual renovation—an equally difficult mission. Thankfully, spiritual renovation is not a do-it-yourself project, and Renovate, part of Armstrong's The Connected Life series, emphasizes how we need God's great power in us to renovate our lives through the Holy Spirit. The six-session DVD features Jacob Armstrong helping participants examine their lives to see what needs to be renovated and how those renovations will accomplish God's purpose. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study for Lent and beyond. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Never Too Late for a Renovation (9:09) -- 2. Crying and Building (10:50) -- 3. What to Know Before You Build (11:37) -- 4. When Others Don't Like Your Plans (12:25) -- 5. Inviting Others to Come Home (10:36) -- 6. The Big Reveal (11:38) -- Meet Jacob Armstrong (4:31) -- Program Preview (1:24)

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**Content Notes:**

- To the Leader -- 1. Never Too Late for a Renovation -- 2. Crying and Building -- 3. What to Know Before You Build -- 4. When Others Don't Like Your Plans -- 5. Inviting Others to Come Home -- 6. The Big Reveal -- Appendix: Old Testament History

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- Introduction -- 1. Never Too Late for a Renovation -- 2. Crying and Building -- 3. What to Know Before You Build -- 4. When Others Don't Like Your Plans -- 5. Inviting Others to Come Home -- 6. The Big Reveal -- Acknowledgments

ADULTS      Caine, Christine. ***Unstoppable: Running the Race You Were Born to Win***.  
248.4 CAINE      Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan, [2014].

**Summary:** People of faith are lined up in lanes all over this globe, batons in hand, running the race that matters most in this world—the divine relay. The divine relay is tough. The track is treacherous. There are so many ways to mangle the exchange zones, to overshoot, to be knocked off the track, to drop the baton, to stop running. The church needs champion runners who never give up, who persevere no matter what they encounter, who run to win, unstoppable, no matter the cost. If we pass the baton of faith fluidly in the exchange zone from person to person, from generation to generation, we speed unstoppable toward the finish line. But if we fumble the exchange, the whole team, the whole church, suffers. Some runners even stop running and walk right out of the race. Discover just how important it is to get the “exchange zone” right, to ensure that no runners stop running and walk off the field, but that every runner becomes unstoppable in their dedication to carry their baton of faith to the next runner. -- Zondervan

**Content Notes:**

- The divine relay -- Impossible is God's starting point -- Fully qualified for your race -- Embrace your place -- Never stand still in the exchange zone -- The mystery revealed -- Throw it off -- Master the handoff -- Fueled by passion -- The making of a champion -- Outrunning the passion-slayers -- The winner's circle.

ADULTS      Mittman, Barbara K. ***Exodus: Leaving Behind, Moving On***. Nashville,  
248.4      Abingdon Press, [1999].

## MITTMAN

**Summary:** This resource provides young adults with a chance to become a part of an exciting new contemporary Bible study series for adult learners in their 20's and 30's. Each volume in the series challenges young adults to examine a powerful biblical image that defines and shapes their lives. Each volume includes these helpful features: Bible background on a respective image: covenant, exodus, community, and faith; Articles on group leadership, organizing a study group, using small break-out groups, and choosing teaching options; Case studies throughout the text and in the appendix to use as discussion starters; Seven easy-to-use sessions with clear teaching helps on every page; Opportunities to examine biblical and personal ideas more deeply; Options for service projects Exodus: Leaving Behind, Moving On helps readers appreciate learning how God is in the midst of the movements and changes of life, no matter how minor or how transformational. --Cokesbury

ADULTS      Otto, David. **Covenant: Making Commitments that Count.** Nashville,  
248.4 OTTO      Abingdon Press, [1999].

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ADULTS      Stanford, Shane. **A Positive Life: Living with HIV as a Pastor, Husband,  
248.861969792      and Father.** Grand Rapids, Mich, Zondervan, 2010.

STANFORD

**Summary:** "More than anything, I wanted my life to matter ..." When Shane Stanford discovered he was HIV positive twenty years ago, he knew he had a choice: he could feel sorry for himself, or he could live as faith-fully and boldly as possible. In *A Positive Life*, Shane offers nine basic yet powerful lessons for living well, all found within the life and ministry of Jesus. As Shane has discovered, even a difficult road offers glimpses of grace. Choosing how to live out that grace is the key to making life matter—and to being more alive than ever before. "The positive life is not about achieving but about becoming. To understand this is to understand the whole journey." At the age of sixteen, Shane Stanford contracted HIV from procedures used to treat hemophilia. But through the grace of God, he turned a positive diagnosis into an opportunity for positive living. In this powerful mosaic of story, biblical insight, and spiritual reflections, Shane invites you to a simpler, more contented life as you live, laugh, and love in community as Jesus did—with an appreciation for God's incredible adventure no matter the circumstances. After all, the key to living with purpose is found not in some distant revelation but in our own story and in the stories of those around us. The daily routine that seems mundane might just hold the answers to greater joy. As Shane writes, "What we are looking for has been within our grasp all along." So discover how to treasure each day through this hope-filled account of faith, courage, and character. Shane's hard-won words and unique perspective teach all of us about the simplicity of life's most beautiful and enduring gifts. --Zondervan

**Content Notes:**

- The day before -- Somewhere this side of normal -- The shallow water -- T cells and thresholds -- Putting our future where our faith is -- Conversations for other places -- The cost of what we cannot afford -- Glimpses of a straight line so precious -- A matter of the heart -- The first day of the rest of my life -- What's next, daddy?

ADULTS 251 Kalas, J. Ellsworth. ***Preaching about People: The Power of Biography***. St. KALAS Louis, Mo, Chalice Press, 2004.

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction: stories that should be told -- Teresa of Avila : a very irregular saint -- John Robinson : the preacher who missed the boat -- The King James Bible : a committee that succeeded -- Anne Bradstreet : a forgotten ancestor -- Blaise Pascal : a night of transforming passion -- Johann Sebastian Bach : happy birthday, brother Bach! -- Ancestors we'd rather forget : the Salem witch trial -- Samuel Johnson : a man of his word -- John Newton : amazing! -- A novel, a novelist, and a prophet : Jonah, meet Moby Dick! -- Frederick Douglass : living up to our name -- Susan B. Anthony : the woman who made reform an active verb -- Fanny J. Crosby : she set the world to singing -- Emily Dickinson : cautious seeker -- Frances Willard : the "do everything" woman -- Charles M. Sheldon : the preacher as novelist -- George Washington Carver : he saw God's wonder in a peanut -- It was a very good year : Frank Laubach and E. Stanley Jones -- Dorothy Day : an impatient saint -- Mother Teresa : God's little pencil.

ADULTS 251 Massey, James Earl. ***Designing the Sermon: Order and Movement in Preaching***. Nashville, Abingdon, 1980.

**Summary:** Providing fundamental homiletical principles, this classic book gives readers all the tools they need to prepare a meaningful sermon. "Sermon design"--James Massey's contemporary, creative approach to shaping specific classifications of sermons--focuses on order (What is the preacher's goal?) and on movement (What structure is he or she using to get there?). The discussion of his approach begins with an appraisal of the sermon in context--in relation to goals, design, basic forms, contemporary concerns, and the "why" of it all. Dr. Massey's specific forms for designing sermons include the narrative/story sermon--a subject which is receiving renewed interest today; the textual-expository sermon; the doctrinal/topical sermon; and the special occasion sermon, for which he has chosen the topic of the funeral. Suggestions are included for studying the methods of master preachers as a resource for more effective preaching. And three of the author's own tested sermons are used as illustrations of sermon design possibilities. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 251 Shepherd, J. Barrie. ***Whatever Happened to Delight?: Preaching the Gospel in Poetry and Parables***. Louisville, Ky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006.

**Summary:** Preaching is an art, J. Barrie Shepherd argues, and the sermon is an art form, an exercise in creativity and imagination. But all too often preaching suffers from a lack of imagination and a loss of the joy and wonder that attracted the crowds to Jesus' words two thousand years ago. In this book, based on his 2003 Beecher Lectures at Yale Divinity School, Shepherd hopes to encourage the preacher toward a more creative

vision for the sermon. His approach is spontaneous, eclectic, intuitive, and daring. Shepherd's purpose is to encourage the preacher to think of life as filled with God's presence, to search for the presence, and to use images and words to unveil that presence. The end result is a sermon that is full of astonishment and delight. -- Westminster John Knox Press

**Content Notes:**

- A dearth of delight -- An imagining God -- Steps toward delight -- Looking for the Resurrection -- Delight in action.

ADULTS      Lischer, Richard. ***The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the***  
251.0092      ***Word That Moved America***. New York, Oxford University Press, 1995.  
LISCHER

**Summary:** At a turning point in American history, Martin Luther King, Jr., the minister of a small black Baptist church, was able to accomplish the impossible: he transposed the themes of love, suffering, and justice from the sacred shelter of the pulpit into the arena of public policy. The Preacher King chronicles Martin Luther King, Jr.'s religious development from his childhood as a "preacher's kid" in segregated Atlanta to the most influential American orator of the twentieth-century. Richard Lischer draws almost exclusively on King's unpublished sermons and speeches to give the most accurate portrait possible. Utilizing speeches, recordings, interviews, and even police surveillance reports, Lischer shows the unedited King and reveals his real African-American preaching voice. But King was also profoundly influenced by Gandhi and philosophers like Hegel, Marx, Thoreau, and Freud, and blended both into his compelling vision of brotherhood and justice which electrified audiences nationwide. Lischer also focuses on the much ignored later phase of King's development wherein he was consumed by prophetic rage, leading him to condemn American religious and political hypocrisy. In *The Preacher King*, Lischer has captured the crucial identity of Martin Luther King, Jr. Here is a complex human being who, unlike any other preacher in living memory, never gave up trying to shape a congregation of people that would be capable of redeeming the moral and political character of a nation. --Oxford University Press

ADULTS      Easum, William M. ***Preaching for Church Transformation***. Nashville,  
251.02      Abingdon Press, 2010.  
EASUM

**Summary:** Before he was one of the best-known church consultants in the country, Bill Easum served a lengthy pastorate in San Antonio, Texas. When he arrived at the church it was in serious decline, with the possibility of having to close its doors beginning to loom over it. By the time he left it was the most vibrant, fastest-growing congregation in its city and region. Shortly after he arrived, Easum preached a series of sermons on the book of Acts that challenged the congregation to become an authentic New Testament church. He called on parishioners to step out of their comfort zones, stop expecting their pastor to be a personal chaplain, and join together to reach their city with the message of Jesus. *Preaching for Church Transformation* provides updated versions of the sermons Easum preached as he issued this challenge to the congregation shortly after his arrival. Interspersed with the sermons is commentary telling the reader how to adapt them for her or his own situation. Anyone wanting to lead a congregation from the status quo to growth and faithful witness will find *Preaching for Church Transformation* an indispensable resource. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- An impossible mission -- An ever-widening circle -- The two imperatives of the early church and the centrality of Jesus -- Looking inward so we can turn outward -- Multiplying the movement -- Sharing your story -- Backyard missionaries -- It's not about you or me, it's about the kingdom.

ADULTS      ***The Story File: 1001 Contemporary Illustrations.*** Peabody, Mass,  
251.08 MAY      Hendrickson, 2000.

**Summary:** 1,001 contemporary illustrations sorted into over 125 categories. Install the database on the included CD-ROM to sort by category, topic, or scripture and copy and paste text.

ADULTS      ***Living by the Word: Meditations from the Christian Century.*** St. Louis,  
251.6           Mo, Chalice Press, 2005.

BENDIS

**Summary:** Essays based on scripture readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for year B. Nineteen authors including Walter Brueggemann, Fred Craddock, Barbara Crafton, John Ortberg, Paul Stroble, William H. Willimon, and more.

ADULTS 253 Bassford, Virginia O. ***Lord, I Love the Church and We Need Help.***  
BASSFORD      Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.

**Summary:** Do we ask too much? No, we've asked too little. Change, chaos, confusion – how can a pastor make sense of it all? The tap root of United Methodism goes deep into fertile soil – firmly planted in Scripture and enriched by the Holy Spirit. Our theology is rich and grounded into the depths of community and accountability, but the way we live out that theology is wide and deep-- both bane and blessing. United Methodists are neither blown away like chaff nor root-bound. Our calling is still to strive to be methodically faithful and alive in Spirit. This is our heritage and our vision. But will we dare to lean into the winds of change and be strengthened by the challenges we find? Only with God's help. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction: rigorous relationships and why they matter -- In the beginning God: relationships with God and God's people -- Relationships of accountability, support, trust, and integrity -- Relationships with those around us -- Relationships with the unexpected and burnout -- Relationship to leadership and a future with hope -- Relationship to the vocation of ministry and full-time Christian service -- Relationship to the source of all life.

ADULTS 253 Corkin, Terence. ***The Church Guide for Making Decisions Together.***  
CORKIN           Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

**Summary:** There's something wrong with your church's present decision-making system, but you don't know what to do about it. And when it comes to complex and divisive issues, you need something besides Robert's Rules of Order. A vital and healthy congregation yearns for a more collaborative, respectful, encouraging, engaging, and empowering process. Discover a step-by-step guide on how to create a new way of working together that draws on tried and tested processes, and advocates for a consensus-building approach. Hopeful, inspiring, and practical for church leaders, members of church boards and committees, and church members. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Winseman, Albert L. ***Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents, and Inspire Your Community***. New York, NY, Gallup Press, 2008.

**Summary:** American churches are experiencing a power shortage, declare the authors of Living Your Strengths. "People aren't harnessing the power of their innate gifts." Does their message sound familiar? Have you felt disconnected from your church lately? Are you not attending as much? Or maybe you're a passionate member who wants to become even more involved, and would also like to inspire others. Whatever the case, more than half of churchgoers report that they don't get to do what they do best in their congregations or parishes. And this is driving people away. But it doesn't have to be this way. Living Your Strengths shows all members how to use their innate gifts to enrich their congregations and parishes-- right now. It teaches you to identify and affirm your talents, and how to use them for growth and service. Every church member plays a role in energizing and shaping the church. Living Your Strengths will help you find your role -- and, most importantly, it will inspire you to discover your true calling. This book includes a unique access code that gives you access to the Clifton StrengthsFinder, a personality assessment that reveals your top five talent themes --Gallup Press

ADULTS 253 Winseman, Albert L. ***The Leader's Guidebook to The Living Your Strengths Journey***. New York, NY, Gallup Press, 2005.

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**Content Notes:**

- Orientation (10:12) -- Milestone Meeting One (10:27) -- Milestone Meeting Two (5:37) -- Milestone Meeting Three (4:51) -- Milestone Meeting Four (8:21) -- Milestone Meeting Five (6:09) -- Milestone Meeting Six (5:09)

ADULTS 253 Winseman, Albert L. ***The Participant's Guidebook to The Living Your Strengths Journey***. New York, NY, Gallup Press, 2005.

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ADULTS      Lewis, Karoline M. ***She DVD: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in***  
253.082      ***Ministry***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, [2017].  
LEWIS

**Summary:** Women who serve as clergy or in other church leadership roles experience ministry differently than men do. They offer remarkably powerful gifts, but their pathways are full of obstructions and thorny challenges. Compounding this problem is the fact that there often is an assumption that these issues have been solved; women are ordained, have been 'granted' their places, end of story. But in fact the issues have not been solved; they are just masked, disguised or buried below the surface. Karoline Lewis's best-selling book SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry addresses the problem. SHE covers everything from biblical arguments for and against women in the church to what not to wear. With startling clarity, Lewis reveals the underpinnings of sexism and examines issues of identity, authority, sexuality, authenticity, embodiment, boundaries and self-care. She guides the reader to develop a personal theology of leadership. Lewis is a scholar and clergywoman, and her book is practical, insightful, and thought-provoking. The SHE study is the essential next step, helping pastors & other leaders to process the information and apply it in their own lives and ministries. It is a five-session group experience for clergy, staff and laity, women and men. It includes a Participant Book, which serves as a personal workbook and journal. It also includes a DVD with brief segment starter videos featuring the author. The facilitator's guide is included on the DVD and available for download online. The study can be organized over a period of weeks, or can be completed as a one- or two-day retreat. It is an exceptional training tool for clergy, church staff, lay leaders, and other ministry professionals, especially women. It shapes leaders who are more fruitful, confident, and theologically grounded. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction (1:31) -- Segment One: The Truth About Women, the Bible, Feminism, and Theology (4:46) -- Segment Two: The Truth About Vulnerability, Bodies, and Sexuality (4:55) -- Segment Three: The Truth About Gender, Identity, and Authenticity (4:21) -- Segment Four: The Truth About Sexism (4:37) -- Segment Five: The Truth About Leadership (4:12)

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- Welcome and Introduction -- Key Number One: The Truth About Women, the Bible, Feminism, and Theology -- Key Number Two: The Truth About Vulnerability, Bodies, and Sexuality -- Key Number Three: The Truth About Gender, Identity, and Authenticity -- Key Number Four: The Truth About Sexism -- Key Number Five: The Truth About Leadership

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LEWIS

Lewis, Karoline M. ***She: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2016].

**Summary:** As a woman in ministry, you negotiate unique challenges every day. You need a trusted and comprehensive resource that not only helps you survive, but one that gives you the tools you need to thrive in your calling. She is that resource. Covering everything from biblical arguments for and against women in the church to what not to wear, this book offers background information to help you navigate through the many and varied issues you face as a woman in ministry. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Preface -- Introduction -- Key Number One: The Truth About Women, the Bible, Feminism, and Theology -- Key Number Two: The Truth About Vulnerability, Bodies, and Sexuality -- Key Number Three: The Truth About Gender, Identity, and Authenticity -- Key Number Four: The Truth About Sexism -- Key Number Five: The Truth About Leadership -- Epilogue -- Notes

ADULTS  
253.7  
ARMSTRONG

Armstrong, Jacob. ***The Connected Life: Small Groups That Create Community***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].

**Summary:** This handy and helpful guide describes how churches can set up, maintain, and nurture small groups to create a congregation that is welcoming and outward-looking. Written by founding pastor Jacob Armstrong, the guide is based on the pioneering small group ministry of Providence United Methodist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction: Disconnected -- 1. Why Small Groups? -- 2. What Do Small Groups Do? -- 3. Forming Small Groups -- 4. The First Two Sessions -- 5. Overseeing Small Groups -- Conclusion: The Connected Life -- Appendix: Sample Forms

ADULTS 254 Berneking, Nate. ***The Vile Practices of Church Leadership: Finance and Administration***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].  
BERNEKING

**Summary:** Many pastors—just like the rest of the population--lack a basic understanding of financial and administrative matters. Most of us feel unprepared in matters of personal budgeting, health insurance, retirement savings and taxes. Finance and administration are often considered tedious, un-compelling, even 'vile' tasks. But pastors are required to offer leadership around these issues in a congregation. And so, since their pastors are poorly equipped in this area, many congregations struggle with budgeting, accounting, staff management, employee benefits, tax and basic legal matters. Author Nate Berneking, attorney and MDiv., manages the finance and administration of a large denominational organization, and offers his expert counsel and practical advice here. *Vile Practices* provides theological language to equip pastors and other leaders to translate these matters for themselves, so that they can effectively lead their congregations. The first part of the book explores several personal matters for pastors, from budgeting to taxes. The second part demonstrates how to lead congregations in their own financial and administrative matters. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Carter, Kenneth H. ***Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, [2017].  
254.1  
CARTER

**Summary:** A wave of new Christian churches are emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly non-religious and multi-religious. These new forms of church gather and network with people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and go where they are on the journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical but do not lose their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through discipleship. *Fresh Expressions* began in the United Kingdom where it ignited over 3000 new faith communities. In the United States the movement is putting down roots in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Ken Carter and Audrey Warren offer this book as a group study for church leaders and congregations who are in the grip of Holy Spirit motivation to renew their tradition by reaching people who are dechurched or not yet in a discipleship relationship with Jesus. Each chapter includes two Bible study experiences for group conversation. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Rendle, Gilbert R. ***Back to Zero: The Search to Rediscover the Methodist Movement***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.  
262.0017  
RENDELE

**Summary:** The lifeblood of the United Methodist is passion rather than organizational neatness, entrepreneurial freedom rather than denominational restraint, and agility rather than staid institutional dependence. But if United Methodists want to change and be the church we say we want to be, what must we risk and how can we challenge current practices? At the heart of becoming a spiritual movement once again is the requirement that we develop a new understanding of connection as Christians and as United Methodists. We are currently at a time in which United Methodists are reinventing denominational connectionalism. One way of framing the issue is to distinguish between members and disciples, or consumers (those who wait for the institution to care for their needs) and citizens (those who are willing to commit themselves to and be held accountable for the whole of the community). United Methodism has nurtured generations of leaders and congregations that see themselves as consumers of the resources and attention of the denomination. The impulse toward movement is

challenging spiritually purposeful leaders and congregations to risk becoming citizens who fully expect to make a difference in the lives of individuals and also in the world through an encounter with Christ. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Hunter, George G. ***The Recovery of a Contagious Methodist Movement.***  
262.076 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2011.  
HUNTER

**Summary:** Methodism started out as a missional alternative to establishment Christianity, but is now like the establishment Christianity it once critiqued. In this book, Dr. Hunter asks whether enough New Testament Christianity exists in any institutional form of Christianity, including The United Methodist Church, to change the world. If United Methodism is to survive, it must recover bold directions in ministry, in addition to Wesley's theological vision. If only it was so simple as to stand on Wesley's shoulders to see our way forward. This means that laity and clergy must be biblically informed, spiritually energized, and systematically organized. If United Methodism is to thrive, it needs to focus on mission, recalling that early Methodism was an extravagant expression of missional Christianity. Net membership decline is not from losing more people but from reaching fewer people than it used to. The need for the gospel of Jesus Christ is greater than ever. United Methodists must create structures and serve God and neighbor in order to spread, as Wesley admonished, scriptural holiness throughout the land. --Cokesbury

**Content Notes:**

- Christianity according to the Wesleys -- What contagious Christian movements look like -- Why not re-join the Methodist movement?.

ADULTS Rasmus, Rudy. ***Jesus Insurgency: The Church Revolution from the***  
262.07673 ***Edge.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2012.  
RASMUS

**Summary:** Crunching more data may be helpful but will not revolutionize, let alone save, a declining church. We need creative thinking done by people who are not afraid to face the institutional church. Indeed, the change we long for is already happening. It is happening on the margins in ministries to the least, the last, and the lost. Written by two creative pastors with different but successful ministries, this breathtaking book will show you how the church can live out its mission and ignite a movement. If we pay attention, we can let this Jesus Insurgency create new life. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Crowe, John Marshall. ***Church Health for the Twenty-First Century: A***  
262.2 ***Biblical Approach.*** Little Elm, TX, eLectio Publishing, [2017].  
CROWE

**Summary:** What does the Bible have to say about church health? In this new resource from John Marshall Crowe, clergy and lay leaders alike will discover: What are the characteristics of churches where Jesus is the head or not? How to disciple church leaders into a healthy team? Are the Great Commission and the Great Commandment connected to ministry for the mentally ill? How can biblical preaching promote church health? All types of churches and all kinds of pastors will find this a useful and inspiring book for individual or small group study. Helpful questions follow each chapter to assist in stimulating thoughtful discussion and meaningful action. --Back Cover

ADULTS Field, David N. ***Bid Our Jarring Conflicts Cease: A Wesleyan Theology***

262.72 FIELD **and Praxis of Church Unity**. Nashville, TN, Foundry Books, [2017].

**Summary:** In theological discussions about diversity within Methodist Churches, people usually reference a few standard quotes from John Wesley, particularly his sermon "Catholic Spirit." However, these references are only a part of the greater whole of Wesley's theology and his understanding of the mission of the Methodist movement; and hence as part of the issue of Methodist identity and holiness. Wesley proposed that the central mission of Methodism was to spread "scriptural holiness," and hence his understanding of the unity and diversity the church must be understood in this context. This book: 1) examines and interprets John Wesley's key sermons "Catholic Spirit," "A Caution against Bigotry," and "On Schism" in relation to his other writings and the integrating theme of holiness; 2) understands that Wesley's interpretation of holiness is shaped by eighteenth-century understandings of the human person; and 3) relates this constructive stance of holiness and diversity to the debates around human sexuality and presents it as an opportunity to go forward with a greater love. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 287 Eltscher, Susan M. **Women in the Wesleyan and United Methodist Traditions: A Bibliography**. Madison, N.J, General Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, 1992.  
ELTSCHER

ADULTS **Job Descriptions and Leadership Training in the United Methodist Church: A Leader Development Guide**. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, [2016].  
287.6068  
DISCIPLESHIP

**Summary:** The new version of Job Descriptions differs from previous editions, including format and design changes. Each job description includes this information: Result Expected, Spiritual Gifts and Qualifications Helpful for This Position, Responsibilities, Support to Expect from the Congregation, Getting Started, People and Agencies That Can Help, Resources for Help. In addition to individual positions within congregational life, the book explores biblical roots and dimensions of leader development. It includes new thinking based on field research and training leaders in a variety of settings. --Upper Room

ADULTS **Spirituality and Social Responsibility: Vocational Vision of Women in the United Methodist Tradition**. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1993.  
287.60922  
KELLER

**Summary:** Women in the United Methodist tradition have long expressed their commitment to Christ and to their sisters and brothers. Here is a collection of essays and primary source documents that tells the stories of pioneering ministries of United Methodist women--of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds--from the eighteenth century. Each essay traces the individual faith journeys and self-understanding of its subject. The stories also reveal the sexism and racism that confronted each woman overtly or covertly in church and society, as well as their own attitudes toward it. A selection of primary source documents by the subject follows each essay; these personal statements express vividly each woman's vision of vocation. In this way, the volume provides a lens for interpreting and analyzing the subjects' lives through their own words and enables women and men of today to identify with the commitment, experiences, and struggles of these pioneers and apply them to their own faith journeys. Thus, through the witness of these women, Spirituality and Social Responsibility calls the church to accountability and discipleship, both pastorally and prophetically. --Cokesbury

CHILDREN Levine, Amy-Jill. ***Who Counts?: 100 Sheep, 10 Coins, and 2 Sons.***  
 226.806 Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 2017.  
 LEVINE

**Summary:** Who Counts? is a creative retelling of three of Jesus' most popular parables: the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. As young readers count to help the characters find what's missing, Who Counts? teaches that every one of us counts in God's eyes and that everyone should feel counted. The stories are beautifully illustrated with modern-day characters and a diversity of ethnicities so that all children will be able to see themselves in the stories. Ideal for children ages 4- 8. Includes a note for parents and teachers. --Westminster John Knox Press

CHILDREN Brown, Carolyn C. ***Forbid Them Not: Involving Children in Sunday***  
 264.0083 ***Worship : Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A.***  
 BROWN Nashville, Abingdon Press, [1992].

**Summary:** This resource shows how to create meaningful worship experiences for everyone who comes to your church--children, youth, and adults. A three-volume series based on the Revised Common Lectionary, Forbid Them Not offers specific suggestions for prayers, hymns, litanies, sermon illustrations, and ways to present Scripture so that children--as well as older worshipers--can really hear the message. (Even if your church does not follow the lectionary, you can find suggestions related to any Scripture passage by using the index.) Forbid Them Not, Year A includes 58 full-page, reproducible activity worksheets related to each Sunday's worship theme. With these ideas and resources at hand, you can create worship services that minister to adults and to children. -- Cokesbury

YOUTH Short, Sabrina N. ***Building Spiritual Muscle: A Six-Week Journey to***  
 248.83 ***Shape a More Powerful Faith.*** Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources,  
 SHORT [2016].

**Summary:** This six-session Bible Study and discipleship resource designed for youth will help work out their spiritual muscles and build their faith. Included in this resource are scripts for training and coaching the adult group leaders, as well as links to video clips of key speakers from the Youth 2015 event. The brief video clips will guide discussion for groups, with individuals setting their own learning and spiritual growth goals. This resource will help strengthen its users' faith and develop leaders. --Upper Room

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Believe God -- 2. Mastering Determination -- 3. Change Is Good -- 4. Proceed with Passion -- 5. Anchored in Discipline -- 6. Go On Together