

## New Resources June 2019

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ADULTS  
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SLEETH

Sleeth, J. Matthew. ***Reforesting Faith: What Trees Teach Us About the Nature of God and His love for Us.*** Colorado Springs, WaterBrook, 2019.

**Summary:** "The Bible talks about trees more than any living creation other than people. Perhaps you've missed the forest...and the trees. In this groundbreaking walk through Scripture, former physician and carpenter Dr. Matthew Sleeth makes the convincing case why trees are essential to every Christian's understanding of God"-- --Provided by publisher.

**Content Notes:**

- What trees teach us -- The Bible's trail of trees -- The piece of fruit that changed everything -- The tree of hospitality -- The wooden ladder to heaven -- The bush aflame with God -- The fleece under a tree -- The tree of hope -- Finding common ground -- The Messiah tree -- Christ, the true vine -- Christ and the cross -- Christ, the tree of life -- Bringing heaven to earth.

ADULTS 232  
CRUMPLER

Crumpler, Anne B. ***The World-Shattering Ministry of Jesus.*** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2001.

**Summary:** This 7 session study focuses on Jesus as a revolutionary figure and change agent, both in his own context and in ours and will help adults understand the radical nature of Jesus' ministry for and among all people, including the "outcast," and how Jesus models for us a ministry that challenges and pushes the limits.

ADULTS  
232.95  
GOOCH

Gooch, John O. ***At Table with Jesus.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2002.

**Summary:** Written by John O. Gooch, pastor, editor, and youth ministry consultant and trainer, *At Table With Jesus* will help you discover why Jesus commanded that he be remembered in the breaking of bread. In this study you will explore: Jesus creating fellowship as guest rather than as host, Jesus eating with anyone who welcomed him, Jesus celebrating feasts rather than observing fasts, Jesus satisfying the hunger of all, and Jesus at table as witness to the heavenly banquet in the kingdom of God. Scripture references are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Within each session, Gooch provides an opportunity for group members and individual learners to examine the Scriptures, study the subject of table fellowship, and see the divine made present in daily, ordinary mealtimes. Each session is self-contained and includes study helps

and discussion questions for reflection that are all you need to lead a group or pursue the study on your own --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
232.955  
OTTO

Otto, David. *The Miracles of Jesus*. Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 2000.

**Summary:** 7 sessions. The Miracles of Jesus will help learners experience the miracles as part of the redemptive work of Jesus and to understand these miracles as a testimony to Jesus' identity, as depicted in the Gospels. Included are: Jesus as a miracle-working figure, Healing as symbolic action, such as rethinking the purpose of the Sabbath, Exorcisms, "Portents"—miracles showing Jesus' divine authority and Old Testament predecessors, such as Moses and Elijah, Miracles, or signs, in the Gospel of John, Miracles as signs of the early church, Miracles of healing and touch, and Jesus and miracles beyond the Gospels. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
234.5 JONES

Jones, L. Gregory. *Embodying Forgiveness: A Theological Analysis*. Grand Rapids, Mich, W.B. Eerdmans, 1995.

**Summary:** A topic unjustly neglected in contemporary theology, forgiveness is often taken to be either too easy or too difficult. On the one hand is the conception of forgiveness that views it mainly as a move made for the well-being of the forgiver. On the other hand, forgiveness is sometimes made too difficult by suggestions that violence is the only effective force for responding to injustice. In this exciting and innovative book, L. Gregory Jones argues that neither of these extreme views is appropriate and shows how practices of Christian forgiveness are richer and more comprehensive than often thought. Forgiveness, says Jones, is a way of life that carries with it distinctive concepts of love, community, confession, power, repentance, justice, punishment, remembrance, and forgetfulness. In Part 1 of *Embodying Forgiveness* Jones first recounts Dietrich Bonhoeffer's own struggle against the temptation to make forgiveness either too easy or too difficult in his thought and, even more, in his life and death at the hands of the Nazis. Jones then considers each of these temptations, focusing on the problem of "therapeutic" forgiveness and then forgiveness's "eclipse" by violence. Part 2 shows why a trinitarian identification of God is crucial for an adequate account of forgiveness. In Part 3 Jones describes forgiveness as a craft and analyzes the difficulty of loving enemies. He deals particularly with problems of disparities in power, impenitent offenders, and the relations between forgiveness, accountability, and punishment. The book concludes with a discussion of the possibility of certain "unforgiveable" situations. Developing a strong theological perspective on forgiveness throughout, Jones draws on films and a wide variety of literature as well as on Scripture and theological texts. In so doing, he develops a rich and comprehensive exploration of what it truly means to embody Christian forgiveness. --Eerdmans

ADULTS  
242.332  
OKORO

Okoro, Enuma. ***Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2012.

**Summary:** Usually when we think of the Advent story, Mary, Joseph, and the angel Gabriel come to mind. Okoro approaches Advent a little differently, inviting us to sit for a while with Zechariah and Elizabeth and the story of how they came to bear their only son, John. "The Advent story we so often associate with the joy of Christmas actually begins with deep sorrow and longing. But thankfully, in the kingdom of God, there is always more to the story than meets the eye," Enuma Okoro writes. Zechariah and Elizabeth were good people. They had maintained faith and hope in God for many years, despite Elizabeth's inability to conceive, a condition considered shameful in their time. So they were quite familiar with the universal human experiences of longing and waiting. Even though this couple's story takes up only one chapter in Luke's Gospel, it contains enough lessons about faith and life to last for weeks. In her beautifully written, imaginative meditations for each day of Advent, Okoro looks closely at the doubts and longings of Zechariah and Elizabeth. As you explore their story, Okoro guides you to reflect on your own experiences of waiting and longing, of grief and the need for community, and of hungering for God. These poetic and poignant meditations will linger with you long after Christmas. Reflection questions and a prayer challenge accompany each week's meditations. A perfect book for individual or group study. --Upper Room

ADULTS  
242.722  
CROSSAN

Crossan, John Dominic. ***The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord's Prayer***. New York, NY, HarperOne, 2010.

**Summary:** Every Sunday, the Lord's Prayer echoes in churches around the world. It is an indisputable principle of Christian faith. It is the way Jesus taught his followers to pray and distills the most essential beliefs required of every one of the world's 2.5 billion Christians. In *The Greatest Prayer*, our foremost Jesus scholar explores this foundational prayer line by line for the richest and fullest understanding of a prayer every Christian knows by heart. An expert on the historical Jesus, Crossan provides just the right amount of history, scholarship, and detail for us to rediscover why this seemingly simple prayer sparked a revolution. Addressing issues of God's will for us and our response, our responsibilities to one another and to the earth, the theology of our daily bread, the moral responsibilities that come with money, our nation-states, and God's kingdom, Crossan reveals the enduring meaning and universal significance of the only prayer Jesus ever taught. --HarperCollins

**Content Notes:**

- Prologue : the strangest prayer -- Pray then in this way -- Our Father in heaven -- Hallowed be Your name -- Your kingdom come -- Your will be done on earth -- Give us our

daily bread -- Forgive us our debts -- Lead us not into temptation -- Epilogue : the strangest Book.

ADULTS  
248.3  
WARREN

Harrison Warren, Tish. ***Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life***. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2016.

**Summary:** In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one ordinary day, this book explores daily life through the lens of liturgy, small practices, and habits that form us. Each chapter looks at something—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys—that the author does every day. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Tish Harrison Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day.  
--InterVarsity Press

**Content Notes:**

- Waking: Baptism and learning to be beloved -- Making the bed: liturgy, ritual, and what forms a life -- Brushing teeth: standing, kneeling, bowing, and living in a body -- Losing keys: confession and the truth about ourselves -- Eating leftovers: word, sacrament, and overlooked nourishment -- Fighting with my husband: passing the peace and the everyday work of shalom -- Checking email: blessing and sending -- Sitting in traffic: liturgical time and an unhurried God -- Calling a friend: congregation and community -- Drinking tea: sanctuary and savoring -- Sleeping: sabbath, rest, and the work of God.

ADULTS  
248.46  
LEBOLT

LeBolt, Wendy. ***Made to Move: Knowing and Loving God Through Our Bodies***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2019.

**Summary:** Jesus affirmed that the greatest purpose of our lives is to love God. But how do we express love to a God we can't see or touch? Each of us has a body, and our bodies and senses provide tangible ways for us to know and love God. Author Wendy LeBolt writes, "We are made to move in God's direction, by God's initiative, and at God's pace. Our bodies will speak to us if we listen. Our bodies will teach us if we pay attention." Made to Move is a 6-week study designed to help people of all ages experience God through heart, soul, mind, strength, and stretch, using activities that engage the body and its senses, as well as the mind, including its imagination. Through daily prayer, scripture reading, reflection, and activities, individuals and groups will discover the masterpiece God created and is continuously crafting in their lives. Made to Move can be used by individuals and groups,

including intergenerational groups. Includes a Leader's Guide. --Upper Room

ADULTS 248.6      Schwarzentraub, Betsy. ***Growing Generous Souls: Becoming Grace-Filled Stewards***. Garden Valley, CA, SCHWARZENTRAUB      Generous Stewards Communications, 2019.

**Summary:** Growing Generous Souls: Becoming Grace-Filled Stewards invites church leaders and inquiring individuals to stop racing from one activity to another and instead to focus on being rather than on compulsive doing and consuming. The book offers reflection questions and resources to help communities move toward becoming more fully grace-filled stewards of all that God has provided. --book website

ADULTS      Hatmaker, Jen. ***Of Mess and Moxie: Wrangling Delight Out of This Wild and Glorious Life***. Nashville, Tennessee, Nelson Books, an 248.843      imprint of Thomas Nelson, 2017. HATMAKER

**Summary:** Christian blogger Jen Hatmaker parlays her own triumphs and tragedies into a sigh of relief for all normal, fierce women everywhere. Whether it's the time she drove to the wrong city for a fourth-grade field trip ("Why are we in San Antonio?") or the way she learned to forgive (God was super clear: Pray for this person every day, which was the meanest thing He ever said to me. I was furious.), she offers a reminder to those of us who sometimes hide in the car eating crackers that we do have the moxie to get back up and get back out. We can choose to live undaunted "in the moment" no matter what the moments hold, and lead vibrant, courageous, grace-filled lives.

**Content Notes:**

- Unbranded -- Moms, we're fine -- Beauty, food, fun, and naps -- Grocery store theology -- We live -- Private Baby -- It's just paint -- No strings attached -- My soul mate Netflix -- Makers and dreamers -- Defer and prefer -- Sanctuary -- On exercise -- The cabin -- Doldrums -- Identifiable signs of athletic greatness -- Bonus moms -- Forgiveness school -- Potato and knife -- Fangirl -- We were sort of medium -- String eighteen parties together -- Rewoven -- One more word as you go ...

ADULTS      Burns, Jim. ***Confident Parenting***. Minneapolis, Minnesota, Bethany 248.845      House Publishers, 2007. BURNS

**Summary:** Meet Mark and Becky, two normal parents trying their best to raise normal kids. But as their children grow older, these sincere parents have a growing sense that they are in over their heads. After all, it's not like children come with a 445-page instruction manual or a 24-hour customer service line. Yet the problems and difficulties Mark and Becky face are not unusual or far-fetched—in fact, they are the

normal, day-to-day battles most parents share. So why is it still so hard? Because no one showed them the basics of good parenting. In *Confident Parenting*, Jim Burns weaves together the fictional story of Mark and Becky with common sense and accessible parenting tips and strategies. Part story, part information, each chapter explores a different aspect of parenting, such as balancing self-care with family care, and includes the ingredients involved in proper discipline. With more than 20 years of experience counseling hundreds of families and children, Burns offers time-tested advice in a painless and creative way, helping parents everywhere lay a positive foundation for raising healthy families. --HomeWord

ADULTS  
248.845  
BURNS

Burns, Jim. ***Confident Parenting DVD***. San Juan Capistrano, CA, HomeWord, 2014.

**Summary:** Somewhere in the busyness of life many of us have forgotten – or perhaps we weren't even taught – the basics of good parenting and our kids are suffering for it. We have good intentions, but daily frustrations and ongoing struggles might be evidence that we were better prepared to drive a car or pursue our career than raise children. Inspired by the book *Confident Parenting* by Jim Burns, this study equips leaders to facilitate four video sessions for small groups. Curriculum kits include: DVD featuring 6 video sessions taught by Jim Burns, CD-ROM with small-group leader's handbook, participants' worksheets, and poster/bulletin inserts. In this must-have resource for today's family, Jim Burns offers practical, time-tested principles and strategies for raising your kids. This study helps parents take the critical next steps in becoming the confident parents their family needs. --HomeWord

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Being a Confident Parent & Being the Transitional Generation -- 2. The Lesson of Shema: A Road Map for Parenting -- 3. The Lesson of the Sabbath: Finding Replenishment for Overcrowded Lives -- 4. The Lesson A.W.E.: Communicating with Affection, Warmth, and Encouragement -- 5. The Lesson of Discipline and Grace: Creating a Grace-Filled Home -- 6. The Lesson of the Blessing and the Legacy.

ADULTS 250 SMITH  
SMITH  
Smith, C. Christopher. ***How the Body of Christ Talks: Recovering the Practice of Conversation in the Church***. Grand Rapids, Brazos Press, 2019.

**Summary:** In today's highly charged social and political environment, we often don't know how to talk well with others--especially with people whose backgrounds differ from our own. C. Christopher Smith, coauthor of the critically acclaimed and influential *Slow Church*, addresses why conversation has become such a challenge in the 21st century and argues that it is perhaps the most-needed spiritual practice

of our individualistic age. Smith likens practicing conversation to the working of the human body. Bodies are wondrous symphonies of diverse, intricate parts striving for our health, and our health suffers when these parts fail to converse effectively. Likewise, we must learn to converse effectively with those who differ from us in the body of Christ so we can embody Christ together in the world. In community, we learn what it means to belong to others and to a story that is bigger than ourselves. Smith shows how church communities can be training hubs where we learn to talk with and listen to one another with kindness and compassion. The book explores how churches can initiate and sustain conversation, offers advice for working through seasons of conflict, suggests spiritual practices and dispositions that can foster conversation, and features stories from several congregations that are learning to practice conversation. --Brazos Press

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction: We Are Conversational Bodies -- 1. Orienting Ourselves for the Journey: Theological Roots of Conversation -- Part 1: Setting Out on the Journey -- 2. Learning the Dynamics of Conversation -- 3. What Will We Talk About? -- 4. The Healing Potential of Conversational Methods -- Part 2: A Spirituality for the Journey -- 5. Conversation as a Prayerful Way of Being -- 6. Abiding in the Messiness of Life -- 7. Preparing Our Whole Selves for Conversation -- Part 3: Sustaining the Journey -- 8. Cultivating a Sense of Mission and Identity -- 9. Sustaining Conversation through Conflict -- 10. Enmeshing Ourselves in the Dance of Community -- Conclusion: Conversational Bodies Bearing Witness -- Appendix A: Sample Conversational Ground Rules -- Appendix B: Additional Resources on Conversational Methods -- Appendix C: Finding Common Ground in Conversations on Sexuality.

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HEATH

Heath, Elaine A. ***Healing the Wounds of Sexual Abuse: Reading the Bible with Survivors***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Brazos Press, 2019.

**Summary:** This accessibly written book illuminates the good news of healing and liberation the Bible offers survivors of sexual abuse. As an expert in pastoral ministry and a survivor of abuse herself, Elaine Heath handles this sensitive topic with compassion and grace. The book is illustrated with stories and insights from survivors, and each chapter ends with reflection questions and recommended activities. Previously published as *We Were the Least of These*, this repackaged edition includes a new contextualized introduction that explores how the book speaks into a vital cultural conversation (#MeToo). --Brazos Press

**Content Notes:**

- Introduction -- 1. We Were the Least of These -- 2. Fig Leaves -- 3. Through the Wilderness -- 4. The Terrible Secret -- 5. Beauty Pageants -- 6. Prayers of Lament and Mercy -- 7. Are You My Mother? -- 8. Eunuchs -- 9. We Are Clean -- 10. About Judas and Mary -- 11. Emmanuel -- 12. In Remembrance of Me -- 13. Letting Go -- 14. Final Thoughts -- Appendix A: The Healing -- Cloud -- Appendix B: A Definition of Sexual Abuse -- Recommended Resources -- Index.

ADULTS  
261.8328  
NCCC

***For You Were Once a Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. through the Lens of Faith : An Eight-Week Study Guide on Immigration for People of Faith.*** Raleigh, N.C, North Carolina Council of Churches, 2010.

**Summary:** The debate about immigration policy continues to divide people of good will across our nation and our state. Immigration divides us, in part, because of both the breadth and the depth of the issues involved – from powerful global economics to fast-changing local cultures, from the complex world of international politics to family histories intricately woven across borders, from worldwide patterns of migration to the very heart of American identity. The question of how to respond to the complicated realities of immigration has divided us not only as Americans, but also as people of faith. What do our faith traditions have to say about immigrants and foreigners? What resources do we have for naming forms of oppression and liberation in our society? And how might we learn to live with such radical hospitality that we find ourselves ready to welcome even the “least of these” (Matthew 25:40) – willing to obey God rather than the laws of any human authority (see Acts 5:29)? To think theologically about immigration may not provide people of faith with specific policy solutions, but inevitably it does change the nature of the debate itself, transposing it from the realm of fear and scarcity to the realm of love, generosity and abundance. For 75 years, the North Carolina Council of Churches has been fighting racism and working towards a more just society. Today, this work continues as we learn to welcome immigrants with open arms. We believe that this study guide will help your congregation wrestle with these issues in a faithful way. We offer our deepest thanks to Interfaith Worker Justice and to the individual authors for permission to reprint this study guide. --North Carolina Council of Churches

ADULTS  
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TRINITY

***Undocumented: What Do Faith Communities Need to Know?.*** New York, Trinity Church Wall Street, 2017.

**Summary:** An on-demand video teach-in for people of faith to learn about current issues related to immigration, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), temporary protected status, and sanctuary. --Trinity Church Wall Street

ADULTS      **NC No Torture Christian Study.** Raleigh, N.C, North Carolina Council  
261.87 NCCC      of Churches, 2019.

**Summary:** NC No Torture has launched its Christian study addressing North Carolina's involvement in the CIA's Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation program. The study offers a guide for how to prepare, organize, and conduct a workshop that will produce meaningful conversation and reflection. The document is supported by a comprehensive list of primary sources, relevant news articles, and information from related non-governmental organizations. It is designed to accommodate all levels of familiarity with the topic. The study is released in the context of the latest developments of the 9/11 military tribunal at Guantanamo Bay, which is trying five men who are charged with helping to plan and assist the September 11, 2001 attacks. As of May 21, the two designers of the CIA's torture program, Dr. James Mitchell and Dr. Bruce Jessen, have been called to testify in the tribunal. James Connell, a lawyer for Ammar al Baluchi, a current detainee who was rendered by North Carolina's Aero Contractors, states "this will be the first time Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Jessen will have to testify in a criminal proceeding about the torture program they implemented." The torture program designed by Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Jessen sought to instill a sense of "learned helplessness" among detainees, where individuals would become "passive and depressed in response to adverse or uncontrollable events." The techniques used to achieve this state include walling (slamming detainees head against a wall), sleep deprivation, solitary confinement, stress positions, and torture. --North Carolina Council of Churches

ADULTS      Kaylor, Robert. **Your Best Move: Effective Leadership Transition**  
262.1      **for the Local Church.** Wilmore, Kentucky, Seedbed, 2013.  
KAYLOR

**Summary:** The announcement has just been made: the pastor is moving! Whether you are the pastor making the move or part of a congregation receiving a new pastor, transition is a time full of both anticipation and anxiety. Your Best Move: Effective Leadership Transition for the Local Church is designed to help pastors and congregations develop an intentional transition plan for those first critical months of ministry together. The key transition tasks outlined in this book will help you create momentum and move the focus of pastor and parishioners toward a great future together for the work of God's Kingdom. --Seedbed

ADULTS      Hadra, Teesha. **Black & White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship**  
270.089      **at a Time.** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.  
HADRA

**Summary:** Working against racism is part of what it means to call Jesus Lord and Savior. Most of us don't need to make speeches. We need to make friends. This is the core message of Black and White by authors Teesha Hadra, a young African American woman, and John

Hambrick, a 60-year-old white man. The book helps us see the various and often subtle ways racism continues to be a part of American culture, but then, using their story of friendship as an example, we learn how racism can be disrupted when we risk forging friendships with those who do not look like us. Readers are equipped to take faithful, practical, next steps in obedience to God's call to join the movement against racism, changing the way we see the world, which, in turn, could actually bring change to the world. --Abingdon Press

ADULTS  
270.2092  
FAITH

**Patrick.** New York, Faith and Values Media, 2004.

**Summary:** Documentary on the life of St. Patrick and his conversion of Ireland.

ADULTS  
270.6  
SUNSHINE

Sunshine, Glenn S. ***The Reformation for Armchair Theologians.*** Louisville, Ky, Westminster John Knox Press, 2005.

**Summary:** This readable, accessible narrative story of the Protestant Reformation is written for lay audiences. It is part of the popular Westminster John Knox Press Armchair series and is illustrated with memorable cartoons by Ron Hill. The chapters of the book are suitable for use in church adult education settings to provide a solid grounding in the history of the Reformation and its leading ideas. Questions for discussion and suggestions for further reading provided for each chapter make this book great for group study. Since the Protestant Reformation is such a formative event in the lives of churches, it is important to have an accessible resource to tell its story available for laypersons in all denominations. Written by experts but designed for the nonexpert, the Armchair series provides accurate, concise, and witty overviews of some of the most profound moments and theologians in Christian history. These books are an essential supplement for first-time encounters with primary texts, a lucid refresher for scholars and clergy, and an enjoyable read for the theologically curious. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS  
277.3083092  
CLAIBORNE

Claiborne, Shane. ***The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical.*** Grand Rapids, Mich, Zondervan, 2006.

**Summary:** In *Irresistible Revolution*, Shane Claiborne describes an authentic faith rooted in belief, action, and love, inviting us into a movement of the Spirit that begins inside each of us and extends into a broken world. "The irresistible revolution isn't just about going to heaven when you die but bringing heaven down as you live. The love we're talking about is big enough to set both the oppressed and the oppressors free. It's about healing our broken hearts, healing our broken streets, and healing our broken world. The revolution we are

talking about begins inside each of us and extends to the ends of the earth.” —Shane Claiborne --Zondervan

**Content Notes:**

- When Christianity was still safe -- Resurrecting church -- In search of a Christian -- When comfort becomes uncomfortable -- Another way of doing life -- Economics of rebirth -- Pledging allegiance when kingdoms collide -- Jesus made me do it! -- Jesus is for losers -- Extremists for love -- Making revolution irresistible -- Growing smaller and smaller-- until we take over the world -- Crazy but not alone -- Appendix 1 : local revolutions and ordinary radicals -- Appendix 2 : marks of a new monasticism -- Appendix 3 : to Iraq.

ADULTS  
287.092  
GUERRANT

Guerrant, William C. ***Organic Wesley: A Christian Perspective on Food, Farming, and Faith***. Franklin, TN, Seedbed, 2015.

**Summary:** Thanks to globalization, and scientific and technological achievements in industrial agriculture, food has never been more abundant and less expensive than it is today. But these changes have come with a cost - obesity, illnesses, environmental degradation, the demise of the family farm and traditional animal husbandry. When choosing food these days we must navigate the competing claims of the industrial system and the contemporary food movement - organic versus conventional, whole foods versus processed foods, free range animals versus caged animals, locavores versus globalization - the choices are seemingly endless. Does our faith tradition speak to these issues? Are there moral, spiritual, and religious implications to our food choices? How do we make sense of the frequently contradictory, sometimes overwhelming, and often bewildering, set of messages coming from the food industry and the contemporary food movement? John Wesley and the early Methodists were no strangers to these very issues. Wesley and his followers recognized the importance of nutritious diets, moderation in consumption, the humane treatment of animals, and the ethics of food choices in ways that may be surprising to Christians today. *Organic Wesley: A Christian Perspective on Food, Farming, and Faith* examines the intersection of the teachings of John Wesley with the ethics of the contemporary food movement. Wesley's teachings can provide us with guidance as we seek to make food choices that are consistent with our Christian values - the choices that are best for our bodies, our fellow creatures, our communities, the environment, and all of creation. --Seedbed

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ADULTS  
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NACOSTE

Nacoste, Rupert W. ***Taking on Diversity: How We Can Move from Anxiety to Respect, a Diversity Doctor's Best Lessons from the Campus.*** Amherst, New York, Prometheus Books, 2015.

**Summary:** "In this enlightening book, a campus "diversity doctor" relates stories that individuals have shared with him about their anxieties in situations involving people who are in some way different than themselves. Dr. Rupert W. Nacoste regularly counsels students at North Carolina State University about their problems dealing with diversity of all kinds, including of gender, race, ethnicity, and sexual-orientation. Here, he shares his most effective techniques for handling the unavoidable realities of being in a neo-diverse community, whether that means in college or America as a nation. The author's proven "safe space" strategy can be applied to the campus, community groups, churches, and workplaces as a means to facilitate positive dialogue about diversity. In this time of current tensions, students, or "young travelers" as Nacoste fondly refers to them, still have much work ahead of them to achieve mutual respect and understanding. From everyday encounters, parties, and email and social media exchanges, they provide examples of ongoing bigotry: racial slurs and stereotypes are still used; young men continue to project demeaning attitudes toward women; and the heterosexual majority sometimes shows little understanding of the LGBT minority. Dr. Nacoste considers it his role to usher students off the "Wrong-Line train," and he has noticed that as they "leave the station," adults begin to follow their lead.

The author demonstrates how we can maintain fairness and respect while still acknowledging our differences. By doing so, we can all learn to meet these challenges using sensitivity to different perspectives, open-minded attitudes, and the recognition that diversity in America is here to stay. "-- --Provided by publisher.

CHILDREN  
220.92082  
SMITH

Smith, Angie. ***For Such a Time as This: Stories of Women from the Bible, Retold for Girls***. Nashville, Tennessee, B&H Kids, 2014.

**Summary:** "For Such a Time as This illuminates the stories from the perspective of prominent women of the Bible, including Eve, Sarah & Hagar, Esther, Mary Magdalene, Gomer, and more with vivid and historical accuracy. Girls aged 6 to 10 will enjoy learning about God through the recounts of the Bible's heroines and stunning illustrations. Summaries at the end of each story highlight the attribute of God to be learned and offer thoughtful reflections for both parent and child to takeaway." --Amazon.com.

CHILDREN  
259.44  
CHRISTIE

Christie, Elizabeth. ***Including Children with Special Needs in the Life of the Church***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church, 2016.

**Summary:** Including Special Needs Children in the Life of the Church is a resource developed by Elizabeth Christie through Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church to assist teachers and leaders of children in the area of faith formation. You will find this resource helpful as you provide intentional and radical hospitality to children with special needs and their families. Included is information on identifying the needs of parents and families, classroom setup and management, and also adapting curriculum and activities. --Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

CHILDREN E  
TOMLIN

Tomlin, Chris. ***Good Good Father***. Nashville, Tennessee, Passion Publishing-Tommy Nelson, a division of Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2016.

**Summary:** "When his town is in trouble, a little bear named Tucker doubts why the King would have time for him and if he would really offer help. Just as Tucker is about to give up, the King runs to him offering love, acceptance, and help, assuring the reader that God truly is a Good Good Father and they are loved by Him"-- --Provided by publisher.