

## New Resources March and April 2020

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ADULTS  
155.937  
PARACLETE

***Among the Many: Wisdom, Companionship, and Hope for Those Who Have Lost a Loved One to Drug Overdose.*** Brewster, MA, Paraclete Press, 2019.

**Summary:** Thousands of families are affected by the drug epidemic in our country. Those who suffer the loss of a loved one to overdose are left questioning and often alone. The truth is that addiction is a disease, just like cancer. And while addiction leaves devastating loss in its wake, those who grieve are not alone, and there are people and resources to help. With testimony from addiction experts, and family members who have walked through this tragic loss, *Among the Many* offers hope for anyone grieving the death of a loved one to overdose. Featured Experts: Franklin Cook, MA, CPC, is a Certified Professional Coach (CPC), private consultant, and owner of Unified Community Solutions in Boston. He has been involved in peer support for addiction recovery since 1981, and has been a peer grief helper since 1999. He is a grassroots advocate for suicide prevention and recovery from addiction, and has implemented community education and training programs for more than twenty years. Sandra Farrell, MS, CADC, has a master's degree in Counseling and Human Services, and is certified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide alcohol and drug counseling. With more than three decades in mental health, Sandra was recently nominated Massachusetts Counselor of the Year by MAADAC, and National Counselor of the Year 2016 by NAADAC. --Paraclete Press

ADULTS  
227.10071  
WRIGHT

Wright, N.T. ***Galatians: 10 Studies for Individuals and Groups.*** Downers Grove, IL, IVP Connect, 2010.

**Summary:** Paul's project, he often says, is building--not building with bricks and mortar but rather with people. He lays the foundation with the shockingly good news of one true God who raised Jesus from the dead, in order to build a new family with no divisions, all of whom can call God Father. In a world of widespread ethnic rivalry and trenchant divisiveness, Paul's strong corrective message in Galatians demands to be heard and reheard. In these studies by Tom Wright, we hear once again what remains shockingly good news. --Intervarsity Press

ADULTS 241  
GCORR

***Implicit Bias Online Course: What We Don't Think We Think.*** Washington, D.C, The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church, 2020.

**Summary:** This resource has been created for anyone who is interested in learning and teaching others about implicit bias. The learning engagements included in each section allow for individual work, group work, and sermon preparation. All of the learning engagements recognize and lift up the reality that context is known best by those on the ground. Thus, while this course provides multiple entry points for learning about, thinking through, and transforming action regarding implicit bias, it does not contextualize the information for you. *Implicit Bias: What We Don't Think We Think* honors the

contextual wisdom that you and others will bring to this material. Each exercise is an invitation to the sacred journey of discovering with your church and community how God is leading you to use this material faithfully within your context. --The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS 242 McEntyre, Marilyn Chandler. ***Word by Word: A Daily Spiritual Practice***.  
MCENTYRE Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2016.

**Summary:** Beautifully written meditations on fifteen well-chosen words. In *What's in a Phrase?* — winner of the 2015 Christianity Today Book Award in Spirituality — Marilyn McEntyre showed readers how brief scriptural phrases can evoke and invite. In *Word by Word* McEntyre invites readers to dwell intentionally with single words — remembering their biblical and literary contexts, considering the personal associations they bring up, and allowing them to become a focus for prayer and meditation. McEntyre has thoughtfully chosen fifteen words (see below), and she gives each word a week, guiding readers in examining the word from seven different angles throughout the week. She draws on the spiritual practices of lectio divina and centering prayer as she encourages readers to allow these small words to help them pause and hear the voice of the Spirit. "I invite you to discover," says McEntyre in her introduction, "how words may become little fountains of grace. How a single word may, if you hold it for a while, become a prayer." -- Eerdmans

**Content Notes:**

- Listen -- Receive -- Enjoy -- Let go -- Watch -- Accept -- Resist -- Allow -- Be still -- Follow -- Rejoice -- Ask -- Dare -- Leave -- Welcome.

ADULTS Arthur, Sarah. ***At the Still Point: A Literary Guide to Prayer in Ordinary***  
242.38 ***Time***. Brewster, Mass, Paraclete Press, 2011.  
ARTHUR

**Summary:** This is a guide to prayer for the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time—that long stretch from Pentecost to Advent. However, it is not an ordinary guide to prayer. It does not contain readings from spiritual or devotional writings, discussing spiritual or devotional things through discursive thought. Rather, it is a journey of the imagination guided by poets and authors, both classic and contemporary, who have known the things of God but speak in metaphor. These are writers who tell the truth, as Emily Dickinson put it, but they “tell it slant.” In not stating out loud what they know, they have left much to our imaginations—which is a way of saying they have trusted the Holy Spirit. --Paraclete Press

ADULTS 248.4 ***A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: A Faith-Based Discussion***  
DISCIPLESHIP ***Companion***. [Place of publication not identified], CTMG, 2019.

**Summary:** Sony Pictures invited Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church to produce the official faith-based study guide to accompany the movie, “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.” The film stars Tom Hanks and Matthew Rhys. The study guide was written by staff from the

Strategic Programming unit and the Office of Communications of Discipleship Ministries. It is designed to help groups learn to process feelings, understand forgiveness, talk about hard things, seek reconciliation, and practice positive spiritual discipline. --Discipleship Ministries

ADULTS  
248.5 LEAR

Lear, Heather. ***The "E-Word" Group Study Guide: Further Exploration on the "Evangelism for Non-Evangelists" Webinar Series***. Lake Junaluska, N.C, The Foundation for Evangelism, 2020.

**Summary:** A new group study guide has been released for "The E Word" webinar which launched in November 2019. This study guide expands on the webinar and provides a way for small groups and congregations to dive deep into what evangelism means and explore ways they can use what they learn to better tell the Gospel story to their community. Written by Rev. Dr. Heather Lear, The Foundation for Evangelism's Teaching and Research Fellow and former Director of Evangelism Ministries for Discipleship Ministries, the guide is broken up into four sections – an introduction, and three sessions based on the webinar speakers' topics, Rev. Dr. Jack Jackson (Claremont School of Theology) with Faith Sharing & "Why Jesus," Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner (Duke Divinity School) with Evangelism and Discipleship, and Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe (Wesley Theological Seminary) with Contextual Awareness. The sessions have a biblical and theological grounding in the Wesleyan tradition while asking culturally relevant questions to help your group look at current practices, motivation, and outcomes with exercises to challenge you to go beyond "what we've always done" and dream for what God is calling you to. The guide is flexible and gives suggestions for groups meeting for different lengths of time, making it ideal for small groups, Sunday School, Bible Study groups, and even as a congregation-wide study. The questions are intentionally open-ended, and can be adapted for your particular ministry setting. This group study guide and "The E-Word" webinar it is based on were both sponsored by The Foundation for Evangelism as a way to help local churches equip disciples to share their faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial ShareAlike 4.0 International license, and may be printed/reproduced under the guidelines of this license. If you wish to reproduce this material for another purpose, please request permission by contacting our office. --The Foundation for Evangelism

ADULTS  
252.62  
KIRBY

Kirby, Wallace H. ***Affirming the Ash Heap: Lenten Sermons Comparing Jesus and Job***. Lima, Ohio, CSS Publishing Company, 2000.

**Summary:** These seven sermons will penetrate the hearts and souls of every listener ... because each one of us has been touched by the tragic side of life. Like Job, everyone sitting in a church pew has at one time or another screamed for a reason why, or even wondered (like Jesus), "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Including sermons for five Sundays in Lent, along with Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Kirby's meditations will help worshippers understand the process of coming to grips with these difficult questions. --CSS Publishing

ADULTS 253  
LEWIS ***Lewis Center Resources***. Washington, D.C, Lewis Center for Church Leadership, 2020.

**Summary:** Free resources from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership including videos, articles, podcasts, 50 ways, and To the Point tip sheets.

ADULTS 253 MacDonald, G. Jeffrey. ***Part-Time is Plenty: Thriving without Full-Time***  
MACDONALD ***Clergy***. Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2020.

**Summary:** "Churches experiencing numerical and financial decline may dread the day when they can no longer afford a full-time pastor. Freeing up funds that would go to a full-time salary sure would help the budget-maybe even enough to turn things around-but is it even possible to run effective ministries with just a half- or quarter-time professional? Journalist and part-time pastor Jeffrey MacDonald says yes-churches can grow more vibrant than ever, tapping into latent energy and undiscovered gifts, revitalizing worship, and engaging in more effective ministry with the community. Readers get a much-needed playbook for helping congregations to thrive with a part-time ministry model. They learn to see the model in a new light: to stop viewing part-time as a problem to be eradicated and to instead embrace it as a divine gift that facilitates a higher level of lay engagement, responsibility, playfulness, and creativity"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS Donahue, Bill. ***Leading Life-Changing Small Groups***. Grand Rapids, MI,  
253.7 Zondervan, 2018.  
DONAHUE

**Summary:** Like nothing else, small groups have the power to change lives. They're the ideal route to discipleship—a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relationships. This updated and revised third edition of the bestselling *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* handbook helps small group leaders learn the basics of leading a successful small group. Regardless of whether a person is leading for the first time or has been for years, this resource will help a small group leader more effectively facilitate group discussion and encourage and support group members in a way that leads to authentic and lasting life change. The unique, ready-reference format highlights the requirements and responsibilities of a small group leader, gives helpful insight into the process of group formation and answers practical questions about meeting preparation and how to encourage group participation. It includes a model for discipleship within a small group and suggestions for dealing with some of the common roadblocks and struggles that most groups encounter. This workbook can be used as a stand-alone resource to train coaches or partnered with the eight-session training videos taught by the author, available on the *Equipping Life-Changing Small Groups* DVD. For those who want to lead small groups with excellence and truly witness life change in their small groups, this go-to guide offers practical answers and inspiring examples. --Zondervan

ADULTS Donahue, Bill. ***Leading Life-Changing Small Groups Video Study***. Grand  
253.7 Rapids, MI, Zondervan, 2018.  
DONAHUE

**Summary:** In *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups Video Study*, together with the *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups* handbook, author and speaker Bill Donahue teaches small group leaders the basics of leading a successful group. Regardless of whether a person is leading for the first time or has

been doing so for years, these sessions will enable them to more effectively facilitate group discussion and to encourage and support group members in a way that leads to authentic and lasting life change. Sessions highlight the requirements and responsibilities of a small group leader, provide helpful insight into the process of group formation, and answer practical questions about meeting preparation and how to encourage group participation. For anyone who wants to lead small groups with excellence and truly witness life change in their groups, *Leading Life-Changing Small Groups Video Study* offers practical answers and inspiring examples as a go-to guide. -- Zondervan

**Content Notes:**

- 1 - Introduction (6 min) -- 2 - Clarifying Your Purpose (18 min) -- 3 - Sharpening Your Leadership (23 min) -- 4 - Developing Your Apprentice (23 min) -- 5 - Pursuing Spiritual Growth (23 min) -- 6 - Leading Life-Changing Meetings (24 min) -- 7 - Measuring Group Progress (20 min) -- 8 - Caring for Members (20 min) -- 9 - Impacting Your World (26 min)

ADULTS  
261.7 GBCS

***Creating Change Together: A Toolkit for Faithful Civic Engagement.***

Washington, D.C, General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, 2019.

**Summary:** Civic engagement is the process by which an individual or group addresses public concerns. This can happen at many levels, from local issues up to national and global topics as well as engagement with corporations. Strategies and tactics to influence change are varied. Many options for engagement are unpacked in *Creating Change Together: A Toolkit for Faithful Civic Engagement*. Within these pages, you will find the biblical and United Methodist grounding for civic engagement as well as strategies and tactics that you can do as an individual or group to pursue the common good. *Creating Change Together* will equip you with essential tools to address public concerns. Topics include: claiming our story, connecting with decision makers (with tips for advocating through visiting, public witness, calling, writing and social media), and engaging in the electoral process. -- General Board of Church & Society

ADULTS  
261.8 UMW

***School-to-Prison Pipeline Bible Study.*** New York, United Methodist Women, 2019.

**Summary:** As members of United Methodist Women, we are committed to work on behalf of women, children and youth. Holding a particular focus on women, children and youth means that we sometimes bring different questions, concerns and approaches to decision-making — whether in the ministry of the church or in mission to the world. We look at the same situations, understand the same facts and talk to the same people, but we are able to see differently because we bring this special perspective to our mission work, whether globally or in our own backyards. It is like we're wearing special women-, children- and youth-seeing eyeglasses in a world where women, children and youth are too often treated as either invisible or expendable. What happens when we allow that same focus — those special women-, children- and youth-seeing eyeglasses — to inform our approach to Bible study? What happens when we bring a set of “glasses” to consider the perspectives of other communities and individuals who are often harmed,

ignored or forgotten in the biblical world and in today's world? How might such a perspective let us see afresh both familiar and less familiar Scriptures? --United Methodist Women

**Content Notes:**

- 1. Reading the Bible Together: Focus on Women, Children and Youth -- 2. Biblical Women: Claiming Justice for Ourselves and Our Children -- 3. Children and Youth Through God's Eyes -- 4. Claiming Joy and Truth in a World that Misses Out on #BlackGirlMagic -- 5. Seeking the Lost with Love -- 6. Systemic Racism, Social Holiness and the Powers and Principalities of Our Time.

ADULTS  
363.34575  
SMITH

Smith, Clayton L. ***Growing Through Disaster: Tools for Financial and Trauma Recovery in Your Faith Community***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2019.

**Summary:** Helping the community recover from the trauma from a disaster, together. A tornado rips through your town leaving a swath of destruction. A flood forces people to climb onto roofs, waiting to be rescued. The public is gripped by the shocking footage...until a new headline gets their attention. Yet in the days, weeks, and months to follow, your community must face the aftermath associated with the trauma of disaster: business closings, loss of local industry, recession, high unemployment, and more. *Growing Through Disaster* shows faith communities how to come together to combat hopelessness and gain/regain financial strength. No matter the type of disaster, the authors' vast experience in assisting communities through recovery can help lead your own community through the process of spiritually-rooted renewal and revitalization. There is a six-session group study to assist pastors and others in facilitating discussion and focus on recovery strategies. The study offers Scripture-based hope and encouragement as a way for people to process trauma together in a safe place. --Cokesbury

ADULTS  
787.2  
SCHLESKE

Schleske, Martin. ***The Sound of Life's Unspeakable Beauty***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2020.

**Summary:** One of the greatest luthiers of our time reveals the secrets of his profession—and how each phase of handcrafting a violin can point us toward our calling, our true selves, and the overwhelming power and gentleness of God's love. Schleske explains that our world is flooded with metaphors, parables, and messages from God. But are we truly listening? Do we really see? Drawing upon Scripture, his life experiences, and his insights as a master violinmaker, Schleske challenges readers to understand the world, ourselves, and the Creator in fresh ways. The message of this unique book is mirrored in sensitive photographs by Donata Wenders, whose work has appeared in prominent newspapers and magazines, including *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Esquire*, as well as museums and galleries throughout the world. --Eerdmans

**Content Notes:**

- Translator's Note -- Preface: Creating Metaphors for Life -- 1. The Singing Tree: The Heart's Search -- 2. The Tree's Wisdom: The Beginning of Spiritual Strength -- 3. The Design: The Harmony of Opposites -- 4. Tone Colors: Beauty's Vulnerability -- 5. The Arching and the Wood's Grain: Belief as Reverence and Mercy -- 6. To Be an Instrument: The Beauty of our Calling -- 7. The Closed Sound: Belief in a Loving and Therefore Suffering God -- 8. Reworking the Violin: The Pain and Crisis of Faith -- 9. The Sculpture (I): The Meaning of Doubt -- 10. The Charisma of the Stradivarius: The Meaning of Grace -- 11. The Secret of the Violin's Varnish: Reconciliation in the Diversity of Community -- 12. The Inner Fire: Living by the Holy Spirit -- 13. The Concert: From "Me" to "You" -- 14. The Sculpture (II): The Meaning of Beauty -- Conclusion: A New Beginning.

CHILDREN    Watson, Jane Werner. ***My Little Golden Book about God***. New York,  
231 WATSON    Golden Books, 1975.

CHILDREN    Pingry, Patricia A. ***The Easter Story***. New York, Worthy Kids, 2006.  
232.97  
PINGRY

**Summary:** This small book with about 200 words introduces young children to Jesus the man, from his teaching to his healing. And it gently reveals the meaning of Easter and the story of Christ's death and Resurrection. Bright, colorful illustrations make this a perfect book for toddlers. Ages 2-5. --Worthy Kids

CHILDREN    Ingram, Jason. ***I Couldn't Love You More***. Carol Stream, Ill, Tyndale House  
242.62        Publishers, 2012.  
INGRAM

**Summary:** In the same manner as touching picture books like bestsellers Let Me Hold You Longer and Love You Forever, I Couldn't Love You More tells a sweet, loving, yet powerful message: I couldn't love you more, but there is someone who does. Through the unique relationship of adorable animals, the book shares that Christ is always with you and he loves you more than you can imagine. This engaging picture book combines lovable and irresistible images with the lyrics from the song (co-written by Jason Ingram and Matt Hammitt). --Tyndale

CHILDREN    ***The Bible App for Kids Curriculum for Early Childhood***. Edmond, OK,  
268            Life.Church, 2020.  
LIFE.CHURCH

**Summary:** This curriculum accompanies The Bible App for Kids. Each of the 24 month-long units teaches engaging Bible stories that transfer to true life application. Download all support materials in one convenient place. From Picture Passes to Story Cards to Small Group Guides. Sing along to original, downloadable kids songs from Mr. Music—and never worry about licensing or fees. Teach with monthly videos featuring live-action hosts, colorful animated

characters, and the actual Bible App for Kids stories. There's even a video for leader training! --Life.Church

CHILDREN Van Houten, Sharon. ***Women in the Bible: Crafts and Activities***. Grand  
268 VAN Rapids, MI, Baker Book House, 2000.  
HOUTEN

**Summary:** As kids complete these fun-to-do crafts and activities, they will learn about many fascinating women of the Bible! --Back cover

CHILDREN Abbas, Mandy. ***The Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles***. Ventura, CA,  
268.432 Gospel Light, 2001.  
ABBAS

**Summary:** Teacher-friendly, kid-tested book containing a full year's worth of Bible story puzzles.

CHILDREN Eder, Enelle. ***Make It Take It Crafts: Special Days***. San Diego, CA,  
268.432 Rainbow Books, 2001.  
EDER

**Summary:** Bible crafts for ages 5-8 and 8-11. Includes crafts for Fall, Thanksgiving, Winter, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Spring, Easter, Mother's Day, Summer, Independence Day, Presidents' Day, and Father's Day. Reproducible pages.

CHILDREN Finegan, Katherine A. ***Six Seasons of Fun!: Activities, Crafts, and More***.  
268.432 Minneapolis, Augsburg Fortress, 2002.  
FINEGAN

**Summary:** Crafts, seasonal activities, and resources for pre-elementary, lower elementary, upper elementary, combined age groups, intergenerational age groups, and worship/education/music helps. Chapters are organized by six church year seasons: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. --Back cover

CHILDREN ***Friend-Makers & Crowd Breakers***. Loveland, Colo, Group Pub, 1997.  
268.432  
GROUP

**Summary:** Teach your kids how to be friends with examples from the Bible. You'll help your kids discover Bible-based qualities that make for lasting friendships. You'll examine Bible friendships. And find easy-to-do activities that help your children become best friends! Crowdbreaker activities help children know each other and make it easy for new kids to join in your class. Friend-maker activities help children learn friend-making skills and experience laughing and learning with friends as they apply Scripture verses and biblical truths. --Back cover

CHILDREN Stickler, LeeDell. ***From Bags to Bushes***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2000.  
268.432  
STICKLER

**Summary:** Each craft relates to a specific event in the Bible. Many use reproducible pages that are included here.

YOUTH 261 ***Connecting Faith & Justice: Junior High Curriculum***. Washington, D.C,  
CHURCH Church & Society, The United Methodist Church, 2019.

**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 runs from December 1, 2019 through December 20, 2020. If you are currently using last year's curriculum (Lectionary Year C), the lessons from December 1-December 22, 2019 are the same lessons in both. --Church & Society, The United Methodist Church