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ADULTS 158 Brown, C. Brené. ***Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead***. New York, NY, Avery, 2012.

Summary: From thought leader Dr. Brené Brown, a transformative new vision for the way we lead, love, work, parent, and educate that teaches us the power of vulnerability. Every day we experience the uncertainty, risks, and emotional exposure that define what it means to be vulnerable or to dare greatly. Based on twelve years of pioneering research, Dr. Brené Brown dispels the cultural myth that vulnerability is weakness and argues that it is, in truth, our most accurate measure of courage. Brown explains how vulnerability is both the core of difficult emotions like fear, grief, and disappointment, and the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, empathy, innovation, and creativity. She writes: “When we shut ourselves off from vulnerability, we distance ourselves from the experiences that bring purpose and meaning to our lives.” *Daring Greatly* is not about winning or losing. It’s about courage. In a world where “never enough” dominates and feeling afraid has become second nature, vulnerability is subversive. Uncomfortable. It’s even a little dangerous at times. And, without question, putting ourselves out there means there’s a far greater risk of getting criticized or feeling hurt. But when we step back and examine our lives, we will find that nothing is as uncomfortable, dangerous, and hurtful as standing on the outside of our lives looking in and wondering what it would be like if we had the courage to step into the arena—whether it’s a new relationship, an important meeting, the creative process, or a difficult family conversation. *Daring Greatly* is a practice and a powerful new vision for letting ourselves be seen. --Penguin

Content Notes:

- What it means to dare greatly -- Introduction: my adventures in the arena -- Scarcity : looking inside our culture of “never enough” -- Debunking the vulnerability myths -- Understanding and combating shame -- The vulnerability armory -- Mind the gap : cultivating change and closing the disengagement divide -- Disruptive engagement : daring to re-humanize education and work -- Wholehearted parenting : daring to be the adults we want our children to be -- Final thoughts -- Appendix-trust in emergence : grounded theory and my research process -- Acknowledgments -- Notes and references.

ADULTS 226.806 Levine, Amy-Jill. ***Short Stories by Jesus DVD: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: Jesus knew how to tell a story. He knew that in order to get his message across he needed to relate to the people who gathered to listen—first century Jews—who lived in a very different world than the one in which we live today. In *Short Stories by Jesus*, author Amy-Jill Levine takes you back in time and explains how original audiences understood Jesus’ parables. You’ll learn how new interpretations of the parables continue to challenge and provoke contemporary readers two thousand years later. In addition to the book, a Participant Guide, Leader Guide, and DVD are available for this six-week study. The six-session DVD features Amy-Jill Levine offering a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus’ narratives. The video segments are approximately 10–

12 minutes each (with closed captioning) and, when combined with the six book chapters, make an ideal six-week group study. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. Lost sheep, lost coin, lost son (11:09) -- 2. The good Samaritan (11:59) -- 3. The pearl of great price (8:37) -- 4. The mustard seed (9:52) -- 5. Laborers in the vineyard (11:03) -- 6. The widow and the judge (10:31)

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ADULTS

Willimon, William H. **Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer & the Christian**

226.9606 *Life*. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1996.
WILLIMON

Summary: After a short introduction, the authors work through each phrase of the Lord's Prayer, using it as a framework for the Christian life. Providing basic faith understanding, this book will help the user experience Christianity as attractive and inviting, not distant, difficult, or foreboding. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Hill, Craig C. ***Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus.***
232.904 HILL Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company,
2016.

Summary: There exists a deep tension between the biblical view of servant leaders and the status that Christian leaders today often desire and pursue. Many pastors and other church leaders, like it or not, struggle with ambition. In this book Craig Hill shows how the New Testament can help Christian leaders deal with this problem honestly and faithfully. Hill examines such passages as the Christ Hymn in Philippians 2 to show how New Testament authors helped early Christians construct their identity in ways that overturned conventional status structures and hierarchies. Status and ambition, Hill says, are not often addressed forthrightly in the church, as Christians either secretly indulge those impulses or feebly try to quash them. Hill's *Servant of All* will help Christian leaders reconcile their human aspirations and their spirituality, empowering them to minister with integrity. --Eerdmans

ADULTS Davis, James Calvin. ***Forbearance: A Theological Ethic for a***
241.4 DAVIS ***Disagreeable Church.*** Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans
Publishing Company, 2017.

Summary: What happens when we approach disagreements in our churches not as problems to solve but as opportunities to practice Christian virtue? In this book James Calvin Davis reclaims the biblical concept of forbearance to develop a theological ethic for faithful disagreement. Pointing to Ephesians and Colossians, in which Paul challenged his readers to "bear with each other" in spite of differences, Davis draws out a theologically grounded practice in which Christians work hard to maintain unity while still taking seriously matters on which they disagree. The practice of forbearance, Davis argues, offers Christians a dignified, graceful, and constructive way to deal with conflict. Forbearance can also strengthen the church's public witness, offering an antidote to the pervasive divisiveness present in contemporary culture. --Eerdmans

Content Notes:

- Forbearance and biblical character -- Humility -- Patience and hope -- Wisdom -- Faithfulness -- Friendship -- Truth -- Justice -- Forbearance as social witness.

ADULTS Rogers, Jack Bartlett. ***Jesus, the Bible, and Homosexuality: Explode the***
241.66 ***Myths, Heal the Church.*** Louisville, Ky, Westminster John Knox Press,
ROGERS 2006.

Summary: Rogers argues for equal rights in both the church and society for lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgendered people. He describes how he moved away from opposition to support, charts the church's history of using biblical passages to oppress marginalized groups, argues for a Christ-centered reading of Scripture, debunks stereotypes about gays and lesbians, and explores texts used most frequently against homosexuals and gay ordination. --Westminster John Knox Press

ADULTS Vincent, Kristen E. ***A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner's Guide to***
248.32 ***Protestant Prayer Beads***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2013.
VINCENT

Summary: Do you ever struggle with prayer? Maybe your mind wanders, you wonder if God even hears your prayers, or you just don't know what to pray. *A Bead and a Prayer* introduces Protestant prayer beads as a tool for connecting with God. This 4-week Bible study is designed for people with no experience in using prayer beads. You will discover answers to such questions as: Why use prayer beads? Is it really okay for Protestants to use beads in prayer? What do the beads mean? How do I use prayer beads? Other features of the book include a brief history of the use of prayer beads easy instructions for making prayer beads prayers and devotions to use with the beads resources for making or purchasing your own set of prayer beads Praying with beads may be exactly what you need to stay focused in your prayers. Consider sharing this experience with your prayer or Bible study group. Youth also enjoy making the prayer beads and learning to use them. The book includes a Leader's Guide for groups. --Upper Room

ADULTS McLaren, Brian D. ***A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a***
248.4 ***Spiritual Journey***. San Francisco, Jossey-Bass, 2001.
MCLAREN

Summary: *A New Kind of Christian's* conversation between a pastor and his daughter's high school science teacher reveals that wisdom for life's most pressing spiritual questions can come from the most unlikely sources. This stirring fable captures a new spirit of Christianity--where personal, daily interaction with God is more important than institutional church structures, where faith is more about a way of life than a system of belief, where being authentically good is more important than being doctrinally "right," and where one's direction is more important than one's present location. Brian McLaren's delightful account offers a wise and wondrous approach for revitalizing Christian spiritual life and Christian congregations. --Wiley

ADULTS Buechner, Frederick. ***A Crazy, Holy Grace DVD: The Healing Power of***
248.86 ***Pain and Memory***. [Nashville, TN], Abingdon Press, 2018.
BUECHNER

Summary: Each of us experiences pain. That's part of being human. Though time really does help to heal wounds, nothing can erase our memories. In the four-week study *A Crazy, Holy Grace*, by Frederick Buechner, you'll learn about the healing power of those memories and about how to use past goddesses and graces from God to close old wounds. Study questions and prompts, which are included for each of Buechner's essays, lead your group into discussions about letting go, the power of hidden secrets, rising from the ruins, and listening for the quiet voice of God. A Participant Guide, Leader Guide and a DVD are part of this study. The four-session DVD video segments are approximately 10–12 minutes each and, when combined with the Participant and Leader Guides, make an ideal four-week group study. All videos sessions are closed captioned. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. The Gates of Pain (11:54) -- 2. A Crazy, Holy Grace (14:03) -- 3. The Magical Room of Memory (11:02) -- 4. The Struggle and Hope of Memory (13:20)

ADULTS Buechner, Frederick. ***A Crazy, Holy Grace Leader Guide: The Healing***
248.86 ***Power of Pain and Memory***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

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Content Notes:

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ADULTS Buechner, Frederick. ***A Crazy, Holy Grace: The Healing Power of Pain and***
248.86 ***Memory***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan, 2017.

BUECHNER

Summary: When pain is real, why is God silent? Frederick Buechner has grappled with the nature of pain, grief, and grace ever since his father committed suicide when Buechner was a young boy. He continued that search as a father when his daughter struggled with anorexia. In this essential collection of essays, including one never before published, Frederick Buechner finds that the God who might seem so silent is ever near. He writes about what it means to be a steward of our pain, and about this grace from God that seems arbitrary and yet draws us to his holiness and care. Finally he writes about the magic of memory and how it can close up the old wounds with the memories of past goodnesses and graces from God. Here now are the best of Buechner's writings on pain and loss, covering such topics as the power of hidden secrets, loss of a dearly

beloved, letting go, resurrection from the ruins, peace, and listening for the quiet voice of God. And he reveals that pain and sorrow can be a treasure--an amazing grace. Buechner says that loss will come to all of us, but he writes that we are not alone. Crazy and unreal as it may sometimes seem, God's holy, healing grace is always present and available if we are still enough to receive it. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Yancey, Philip. ***Where is God When It Hurts?***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, 248.86 Zondervan Publishing House, 1990.

YANCEY

Summary: If there is a loving God, then why is it that ... ? You've heard that question, perhaps asked it yourself. No matter how you complete it, at its root lies the issue of pain. Does God order our suffering? Does he decree an abusive childhood, orchestrate a jet crash, steer a tornado through a community? Or did he simply wind up the world's mainspring and now is watching from a distance? In this Gold Medallion Award-winning book, Philip Yancey reveals a God who is neither capricious nor unconcerned. Using examples from the Bible and from his own experiences, Yancey looks at pain—physical, emotional, and spiritual—and helps us understand why we suffer. *Where Is God When It Hurts?* will speak to those for whom life sometimes just doesn't make sense. And it will help equip anyone who wants to reach out to someone in pain but just doesn't know what to say. Includes discussion guide. --Zondervan

ADULTS Nouwen, Henri J. M. ***The Way of the Heart: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Ministry***. San Francisco, HarperSanFrancisco, 1991. 248.89

NOUWEN

Summary: Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the greatest of all spiritual writers, invites us to search deeply for the well-springs that nourish true ministry in his classic *The Way of the Heart*. Interweaving the solitude, silence, and prayer of the fifth-century Egyptian Desert Fathers and Mothers with our contemporary search for an authentic spirituality, *The Way of the Heart* not only leads us to a fuller encounter with God, but to a more creative ministry with our fellow human beings. Here is one of the most profound works from a writer known for his fresh and perceptive insights—and who stands alongside C.S. Lewis and Thomas Merton as an essential Christian scholar and thinker. --HarperCollins

ADULTS 251 Brewer, Guy. ***The Poet-Gardener: A Soul Care Model for Preaching***. BREWER [Place of publication not identified], [Publisher not identified], 2009.

Summary: *The Poet-Gardener* offers both seasoned preachers and newcomers to the sacred task of preaching an imaginative approach to building transformative sermons. Dr. Brewer explores a voice for preaching that speaks to postmodern listeners in imaginative and authentic ways. The book offers a rhythm of soul care as a model for preaching that builds faith communities and offers hope to hurting people. --Amazon.com

ADULTS 251 Thomas, Frank A. ***How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon: Preaching and Moral Imagination***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018. THOMAS

Summary: Learn to use four characteristics of preaching with moral imagination to proclaim freedom for all. The author describes the four characteristics using examples like Robert F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Pauli Murray, and the Moral Monday Movement, along with musicians and other artists of today. Moral imagination helps the hearer to see what they cannot see, to hear what they cannot hear--to inhabit the lives of others, so that they can embody Christ and true freedom for those others. This book equips and empowers preachers to transcend their basic skills and techniques, so that

their proclamation of the Word causes actual turnaround in the hearts and lives of their hearers, and in their communities.

ADULTS 251 Webb, Joseph M. ***Preaching for the Contemporary Service***. Nashville, TN, WEBB Abingdon Press, 2006.

Content Notes:

- Introduction: why preaching in contemporary worship? -- Contemporary preaching as improvisation -- The rules of improvisational preaching -- Story : improvisation's fundamental form -- The Bible : improvisation's great source -- Preparing the improv sermon's storyboard.

ADULTS 253 Hagiya, Grant. ***Spiritual Kaizen: How to Become a Better Church Leader***. HAGIYA Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: "Kaizen" is a Japanese word that translates roughly, "to change or correct for the better." What are the traits, qualities and characteristics of effective clergy? Is it possible to transform an average local church pastor into a highly effective and growth-oriented pastor? Leadership is not defined at birth. All of us can grow and develop into more effective leaders and we can do this at any time during our careers. Spiritual Kaizen works from the best secular and ecclesial models of leadership in order to draw out the best leadership practices available for current and future leaders of the church. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Spiritual leadership 101 -- Our present reality -- The big three of spiritual leadership -- Additional qualities and traits of highly effective clergy -- The critical role of church culture, systems, and organizational development.

ADULTS 253 Schreiner, Mike. ***Stride: Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Your Church***. SCHREINER Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2017.

Summary: John Wesley said, "The way to keep a Methodist alive is to keep him moving." Morning Star United Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri used this idea to develop and launch a highly successful pathway to discipleship for their church. Authors Mike Schreiner and Ken Willard will be the first to tell you that their book offers no quick fix or secret formula for struggling churches. Instead, they share the principles they developed at Morning Star and show you how to plot a course to fruitful discipleship in your church. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 254.8 Miller, Kristine Perry. ***Bounty: Ten Ways to Increase Giving at Your Church***. MILLER Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Summary: Church leaders struggle with issues related to financial giving every year, in every economic climate. Most do not want to preach about the topic, and some don't even like to think about it. The topic of financial giving is, for many, a perennial headache and an energy drain. Many church leaders have not considered the single most important aspect of giving, however. Bounty explores the critical spiritual component of stewardship development, and in ten immediately do-able and transformative steps, clearly instructs pastors and laity how to lead congregations to grow in generosity. Laid

out with sound rationale and the wisdom of real-church experience, Bounty equips leaders to shift their congregants' hearts as well as their pocketbooks. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Field, David N. ***Our Purpose is Love Leader Guide: The Wesleyan Way to***
262.7 FIELD ***Be the Church***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Summary: What does it mean to love God and neighbor today, when things so often feel divided and in conflict? In *Our Purpose Is Love*, author David Field challenges us to recognize and reclaim love as the center of our identity and purpose as the church. Field presents a Wesleyan vision of the church as the embodiment of God's love in the world and explores the implications of this vision for our life together. In this vision, the church is where we become creatures of love, learning to love God and neighbor ever more completely and authentically through the means of God's grace. As a result, we bear witness to the world by reflecting God's love more and more perfectly in the way we treat others and order our common life. With a special focus on the importance of unity for the church's witness, Field invites us to consider the ways in which embodying God's love can and should influence how we live as individuals and as communities of faith, calling us to reclaim and recommit to love as the center of who we are. This Leader Guide includes leader helps and complete session plans for facilitating an eight-week small group study using *Our Purpose Is Love: The Wesleyan Way to Be the Church*, by David N. Field. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Swoboda, A. J. ***Subversive Sabbath: The Surprising Power of Rest in a***
263.3 ***Nonstop World***. Grand Rapids, Brazos Press, 2018.

SWOBODA

Summary: We live in a 24/7 culture of endless productivity, workaholism, distraction, burnout, and anxiety--a way of life to which we've sadly grown accustomed. This tired system of "life" ultimately destroys our souls, our bodies, our relationships, our society, and the rest of God's creation. The whole world grows exhausted because humanity has forgotten to enter into God's rest. This book pioneers a creative path to an alternative way of existing. Combining creative storytelling, pastoral sensitivity, practical insight, and relevant academic research, *Subversive Sabbath* offers a unique invitation to personal Sabbath-keeping that leads to fuller and more joyful lives. A. J. Swoboda demonstrates that Sabbath is both a spiritual discipline and a form of social justice, connects Sabbath-keeping to local communities, and explains how God may actually do more when we do less. He shows that the biblical practice of Sabbath-keeping is God's plan for the restoration and healing of all creation. The book includes a foreword by Matthew Sleeth. --Baker Books

Content Notes:

- Foreword -- Prologue -- Part 1: Sabbath for Us -- 1. Sabbath and Time -- 2. Sabbath and Work -- 3. Sabbath and Health -- Part 2: Sabbath for Others -- 4. Sabbath and Relationships -- 5. Sabbath, Economy, and Technology -- 6. Sabbath and the Marginalized -- Part 3: Sabbath for Creation -- 7. Sabbath and Creation -- 8. Sabbath and the Land -- 9. Sabbath and Critters -- Part 4: Sabbath for Worship -- 10. Sabbath and Witness -- 11. Sabbath and Worship -- 12. Sabbath and Discipleship -- Index

ADULTS Warner, Lacey. ***From Relief to Empowerment: How Your Church Can***
266.76 ***Cultivate Sustainable Mission***. Nashville, TN, Foundry Books, 2018.

WARNER

Summary: Mission flourishes when relationships are characterized by mutuality--a difficult, but important, balance to sustain. While there are times for the relief efforts and traditional charity when disasters strike, if years later the same people are receiving the same aid, an opportunity is lost. Mission that moves beyond relief to empowerment opens up ways to address systemic forms of oppression and poverty. This book is ideal for groups who want to engage or re-engage in mission. This book looks at ZOE, a Christian non-profit and United Methodist advanced special, as an exemplar of sustainable mission that can empower even the most vulnerable to help themselves. Includes reflection questions. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Seymour, Jack L. ***Teaching the Way of Jesus: Educating Christians for***
268.01 ***Faithful Living***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2014.
SEYMOUR

Summary: Christian religious education provides the content, processes, and settings to empower the church's mission in the world—a mission that includes health care, peace with justice, and disciple-making ministries. Today, the field Christian Education is clear about its tasks of helping form and nurture faith that is then embodied in faithful practices. Research studies on Christian faith practices show how participating in Christian community undergirds and complements thoughtful living through one's life. With an emphasis on practices and mission, this book offers readers concrete ways to empower vital faith formation in congregations as it describes current trends, which include richer diversity, entrepreneurial spirit, and interfaith dialog. This book will also help prepare students for leadership in the Church universal and in the field of Christian Education. --Cokesbury

ADULTS Wilson-Hartgrove, Jonathan. ***Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding***
277.3083 ***Freedom from Slaveholder Religion***. Downers Grove, InterVarsity
WILSON- Press, 2018.
HARTGROVE

Summary: Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove grew up in the Bible Belt in the American South as a faithful church-going Christian. But he gradually came to realize that the gospel his Christianity proclaimed was not good news for everybody. The same Christianity that sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound" also perpetuated racial injustice and white supremacy in the name of Jesus. His Christianity, he discovered, was the religion of the slaveholder. Just as Reconstruction after the Civil War worked to repair a desperately broken society, our compromised Christianity requires a spiritual reconstruction that undoes the injustices of the past. Wilson-Hartgrove traces his journey from the religion of the slaveholder to the Christianity of Christ. Reconstructing the gospel requires facing the pain of the past and present, from racial blindness to systemic abuses of power. Grappling seriously with troubling history and theology, Wilson-Hartgrove recovers the subversiveness of the gospel that sustained the church through centuries of slavery and oppression, from the civil rights era to the Black Lives Matter movement and beyond. When the gospel is reconstructed, freedom rings for both individuals and society as a whole. Discover how Jesus continues to save us from ourselves and each other, to repair the breach and heal our land. --Inter-Varsity Press

Content Notes:

- Slaveholder religion -- Christmas on the plantation -- Immoral majority -- Racial blindness -- Living in skin -- This is my body, broken -- A gilded cross in the public square -- The Christianity of Christ -- The other half of history --

Moral revival -- Having church -- Healing the heart -- A letter to my grandfather and son.

ADULTS
278.6
GBHEM

Missio Dei and the United States: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness: Study Guide. Nashville, TN, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: The guide, suitable for a six- to eight-week study, is a resource to help readers take stock of Wesleyan heritage and ask how to best participate in God's mission for the church. The study guide's premise is that the mission field is ripe for a vital United Methodist witness here and now. As the U.S. continues to experience changes that are increasingly rapid and drastic, we, as Christians, believe that God is at work in ways that are obvious and mysterious, to reconcile, redeem, save, and recreate humanity along with all creation. Through grace, we must heed the call and take up our purpose to participate in God's salvific mission. "Missio Dei and the United States" is the result of the academic colloquy that shares its name held at Boston University School of Theology in November 2017. The colloquy brought together more than 40 United Methodist scholars and seven United Methodist bishops from across the U.S. to engage in constructive dialogue that will open new pathways in our understanding and faithful practice of the Missio Dei. The participants explored what the future of the church could look like from a missional perspective. --General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

Content Notes:

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 - Introduction /Kim Cape
 - 1. Engage for a Vibrant Methodist Movement /Scott J. Jones
 - 2. Engage for Such a Time as This /J. Michael Lowry
 - 3. Engage for the Benefit of the World /Grant Hagiya
 - 4. Engage with Soul Curiosity /Bob Farr
 - 5. Engage with Strength and Generosity /Hope Morgan Ward
 - 6. Engage to Multiply Our Witness /Robert C. Schnase
 - 7. Engage for Generous Orthodoxy, United Methodism, and the Missio Dei in the United States /Kenneth H. Carter, Jr.

ADULTS
286.1092
TRENT

Trent, J. Dana. ***Saffron Cross: The Unlikely Story of How a Christian Minister Married a Hindu Monk.*** Nashville, Fresh Air Books, 2013.

Summary: A Christian minister and a Hindu monk fall in love and get married. How does this interfaith relationship work? Saffron Cross is the intriguing memoir of the relationship between Dana, a Baptist minister, and Fred, a devout Hindu and former monk. The two meet on eHarmony and begin a fascinating, sometimes daunting but ultimately inspiring journey of interfaith relationship and marriage. Dana's compelling vignettes, laced with self-deprecating humor and refreshing honesty, give you a glimpse into the challenges and benefits of bringing together two vastly different spiritual paths into one household. Saffron Cross includes chapters on Dana and Fred's honeymoon at an ashram in India, their individual spiritual journeys, Sabbath keeping, vegetarianism, grief, community, and more. You will sense what an adventure their East-meets-West partnership has been, and you'll also see how much Fred's commitment to his faith has enhanced Dana's Christian growth. At a time when we are inundated with messages of intolerance and hate, Saffron Cross offers a welcome and inspiring story of empathy, love, and understanding. --Upper Room

ADULTS Chilcote, Paul Wesley. ***She Offered Them Christ: The Legacy of Women***
287.082 ***Preachers in Early Methodism***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1993.

CHILCOTE

Summary: *She Offered Them Christ* is a piece of United Methodist family history that serves as a link between today's women in The United Methodist Church and their predecessors in the early history of The Methodist Church. --Back cover

ADULTS Knight, Henry H. ***The Conversation Matters: Why United Methodists***
287.6 ***Should Talk with One Another***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1999.

KNIGHT

Summary: We live in a pivotal time for Christianity in North America, a fact that is no more evident than it is among United Methodists. Deep discord exists, not only over the "hot button" issues, but also over what is at stake in the debates that divide us, and hence how we might go about overcoming it. In this book, Knight and Saliers issue a challenge to members. They insist that we recover the lost Wesleyan art of Christian conference, a way of carrying on theological debate that is at once true to the principles we hold, yet open to the possibility of changing our minds. Drawing on recent essays on civility in political discourse, they argue for "speaking the truth in love" in a way that makes respect and love for the other our paramount concern, and in which making an argument is not the same thing as having an argument.

ADULTS Oluo, Ijeoma. ***So You Want to Talk About Race***. New York, NY, Seal Press,
305.800973 2018.

OLUO

Summary: "A current, constructive, and actionable exploration of today's racial landscape, offering straightforward clarity that readers of all races need to contribute to the dismantling of the racial divide. In *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Editor at Large of *The Establishment*, Ijeoma Oluo offers a contemporary, accessible take on the racial landscape in America, addressing head-on such issues as privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word. Perfectly positioned to bridge the gap between people of color and white Americans struggling with race complexities, Oluo answers the questions readers don't dare ask, and explains the concepts that continue to elude everyday Americans. Oluo is an exceptional writer with a rare ability to be straightforward, funny, and effective in her coverage of sensitive, hyper-charged issues in America. Her messages are passionate but finely tuned, and crystalize ideas that would otherwise be vague by empowering them with aha-moment clarity. Her writing brings to mind voices like Ta-Nehisi Coates and Roxane Gay, and Jessica Valenti in *Full Frontal Feminism*, and a young Gloria Naylor, particularly in Naylor's seminal essay "The Meaning of a Word." -- Provided by publisher.

ADULTS Waters, Michael W. ***Stakes Is High: Race, Faith, and Hope for America***.
305.800973 Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2017.

WATERS

Summary: What happens when a people can take no more injustice rained down upon their sons and daughters? When each new travesty echoes the cries of ancestors killed for the color of their skin? How do a people rediscover hope? And how do they use that new-found hope as momentum and strength for change? In his powerful new book *Stakes Is High*, pastor, activist, and community leader Michael W. Waters blends hip-hop lyricism and social justice leadership, creating an urgent voice demanding that America listen to the suffering if it hopes to redeem its soul. Weaving stories from centuries of

persecution against the backdrop of today's urban prophets on the radio and in the streets, Waters speaks on behalf of an awakened generation raging against racism – yet fueled by the promise of a just future. Through the pain and hard but holy work, you will hear the call to join the faithful struggle for racial justice. --Chalice Press

ADULTS ***The Outward Mindset: Seeing Beyond Ourselves : How to Change Lives***
650.1 ***& Transform Organizations.*** Oakland, CA, BK/Berrett-Koehler
ARBINGER Publishers, 2016.

Summary: The Arbinger Institute has helped millions with its bestsellers Leadership and Self-Deception and The Anatomy of Peace. Now, with unique grace and clarity, it describes the one change that can dramatically improve organizational performance, spark innovation, strengthen all your relationships, and make your life and the lives of everyone around you better. To change what we do, we first need to change how we see and relate to the world. Changing from an inward mindset to an outward mindset makes all the difference. Without even being aware of it, many of us operate from an inward mindset, a single-minded focus on our own goals and objectives. This book points out the many ways, some quite subtle and deceptive, that this mindset invites tension and conflict. But incredible things happen when people switch to an outward mindset. They intuitively understand what coworkers, colleagues, family, and friends need to be successful and happy. Their organizations thrive, and astonishingly, by focusing on others they become happier and more successful themselves! This new mindset brings about deep and far-reaching changes. The Outward Mindset presents compelling true stories to illustrate the gaps that individuals and organizations typically experience between their actual inward mindsets and their needed outward mindsets. And it provides simple yet profound guidance and tools to help bridge this mindset gap. In the long run, changing negative behavior without changing one's mindset doesn't last—the old behaviors always reassert themselves. But changing the mindset that causes the behavior changes everything. --Berrett-Koehler Publishers

ADULTS Roberts, Gary L. ***Massacre at Sand Creek: How Methodists Were***
978.802 ***Involved in an American Tragedy.*** Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2016.
ROBERTS

Summary: "At dawn on the morning of November 29, 1864, Colonel John Milton Chivington gave the command that led to slaughter of 230 peaceful Cheyennes and Arapahos--primarily women, children, and elderly--camped under the protection of the U. S. government along Sand Creek in Colorado Territory and flying both an American flag and a white flag. The Sand Creek massacre seized national attention in the winter of 1864-1865 and generated a controversy that still excites heated debate more than 150 years later. At Sand Creek demoniac forces seemed unloosed so completely that humanity itself was the casualty. That was the charge that drew public attention to the Colorado frontier in 1865. That was the claim that spawned heated debate in Congress, two congressional hearings, and a military commission. Westerners vociferously and passionately denied the accusations. Reformers seized the charges as evidence of the failure of American Indian policy. Sand Creek launched a war that was not truly over for fifteen years. In the first year alone, it cost the United States government \$50,000,000."-- Provided by publisher.

Content Notes:

- Which way? Whose way? -- The road to dominion -- The bitter conundrum -- Methodists and the American Indian -- John Milton Chivington: the fighting parson -- John Evans, M.D.: entrepreneur and philanthropist -- Colorado's "Indian problem" -- The path to Sand Creek -- Protest and

recrimination -- Methodists, Sand Creek, and the "Indian
question"; -- Chivington and Evans: the later years -- The balance sheet.

CHILDREN ***Trackers of Truth.*** [Franklin, TN], Seedbed Kids, 2018.

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SEEDBED

Summary: Trackers of Truth is a program designed to develop the basics of Christianity in our children, instilling in them a knowledge of where truth is found, examples of Biblical "Trackers of Truth," and a desire to seek truth for themselves. Using a mixed agriculture and time-travel theme, the children will go through the Old Testament in chronological order, learning many highlights of the Old Testament stories. At the same time, they will learn of the many glimpses of the coming Savior, as revealed in the New Testament. They will soon understand that in the Old Testament, Jesus was present but concealed, whereas in the New Testament, Jesus was revealed. Each week, the children will also learn practical lessons of personal application to assist them in their own spiritual growth. The program begins in the same way every time, with a series of challenges which will assist the children in learning the books of the Old Testament, in order, and what they are about. After this, they will participate in fun lessons about various people, "Trackers," of the Old Testament. The instruction will not only emphasize the story, but also provide practical application for the children. This section of the lesson is called "Planting Seeds". Trackers of Truth was written with K-6th grades in mind, but could be adapted down for preschoolers as well. In our testing of the curriculum, preschool students engage really well with the videos and characters. The Trackers of Truth program may be used in a single-classroom teaching model or in a large-group/small-group teaching model. If the single-classroom teaching model is being implemented, the teacher will go through the whole lesson with the class. If the large-group/small-group model is being implemented, all the children will go through the Planting Seeds sections together, then the students will divide into age level small groups and continue through the Watering Seeds section. --Seedbed Kids