

New Resources October 2017

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ADULTS Moore, James W. ***Christmas Gifts That Won't Break***. Nashville, Abingdon
242.332 Press, 2017.

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Content Notes:

- 1. The Gift of Hope (7:59) -- 2. The Gift of Love (8:09) -- 3. The Gift of Joy (8:16) -- 4. The Gift of Peace (7:49) -- 5. The Gift of Christ (7:37) -- Promo (1:22)

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- To the Leader -- 1. The Gift of Hope -- 2. The Gift of Love -- 3. The Gift of Joy -- 4. The Gift of Peace -- 5. The Gift of Christ -- Suggestions for an All-Church Study

ADULTS **Every Day Grace Magazine.** Garner, N.C, North Carolina Conference of The
248.4 United Methodist Church, 2017.
NCCUMC

Summary: In Every Day Grace, discover the stories that unite us in our everyday experiences of life, where in the midst of it all, there is grace. This fifth issue explores the topic of the storms of life. --North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS Jurovics, Stephen A. **Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate**
261.88 **Change.** New York, Morehouse Publishing, 2016.
JUROVICS

Summary: Most books about climate change that include a religious argument do not address what individuals can do to help our society transform from fossil fuel use, other than changing personal behavior—and readers suspect that will likely not suffice. Thus, some readers are left feeling disheartened. In contrast, books that primarily address the environmental issues have limited appeal to people motivated more by faith than science, thereby leaving out many who could constitute the tipping point for full American engagement on the issue. *Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action, and Climate Change*, seeks to fill the gap in religious and secular texts by providing both a compelling biblical case for action on climate change and by identifying substantive measures to mitigate climate change and how to achieve their implementation. The book describes quite clearly what actions to undertake, how to accomplish them, and why this course of action can attain its objectives. The book lists the major steps needed to slow climate change, drawn primarily from writings of James Hansen and Amory Lovins that, regrettably, do not reach a general audience. In addition, the book recommends an environmental rights movement, akin to the civil rights movement, as a way to implement the recommended actions. --Church Publishing

Content Notes:

- Environmental Teachings in the Bible Jesus Knew -- A Call to Action-National Level -- A Call to Action-Local Level --

ADULTS Moore, Lucy. **Messy Christmas: 3 Complete Sessions and a Treasure**
263.91 **Trove of Ideas for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.** Downers Grove,
MOORE InterVarsity Press, 2017.

Summary: Christmas can be complicated. Parties, gifts, and family tensions dominate the season. So maybe it's time we explore what Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany are

really about. The Messy Church series provides resources to help your church bring together people of all ages and stages of faith, allowing them to experience a creative and fun-filled Christian community. Messy Christmas offers your church a tool to create a unique, come-as-you-are experience built on creativity--allowing space for all to play and create, celebration--worshiping God and his redeeming work in Jesus, hospitality--sharing a meal where all are welcome. These three once-a-month sessions include Christmas prayers, global action suggestions, games and competitions, Christmas food crafts, and many other ideas to experience joy during this time of the year. This season, give your community the gift of a messy church! --Cokesbury

CHILDREN Turner, Matthew Paul. ***When God Made You***. [Colorado Springs, Colorado], 231.7 WaterBrook, 2017.

TURNER

Summary: From early on, children are looking to discover their place in the world and longing to understand how their personalities, traits, and talents fit in. The assurance that they are deeply loved and a unique creation in our big universe is certain to help them spread their wings and fly. Through playful, charming rhyme and vivid, fantastical illustrations, *When God Made You* inspires young readers to learn about their own special gifts and how they fit into God's divine plan as they grow, explore, and begin to create for themselves. --Waterbrook Multnomah

CHILDREN Newman, Barbara J. ***Helping Kids Include Kids With Disabilities***. Grand 259.44 Rapids, Mich, Faith Alive, 2012.

NEWMAN

Summary: Children with disabilities are part of God's family, but people don't always treat them that way. In this book you'll discover how to help kids and their leaders welcome and include kids with disabilities at church or school. This revised edition contains a wealth of helpful information for understanding disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder; AD/HD; behavioral challenges; hearing, visual, and speech/language impairments; intellectual disabilities; physical disabilities; learning disabilities; and severe or multiple disabilities. This book also includes guidelines and forms to help churches identify and meet needs, lesson plans for presenting information on each area of disability, fact sheets about specific disabilities to share with adult leaders, and much more. It's an indispensable resource for teachers, Sunday school leaders, church staff, and anyone who works with children. --Cokesbury

YOUTH ***Fathom: The Coming of Jesus, The Birth of a Savior Student Journal: A***
232.92 ***Deep Dive Into the Story of God***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 2017.

BABER

Summary: *The Coming of Jesus* is a journey through some of the key Old Testament scriptures that shape our beliefs about the specific events leading to the birth of Jesus. As you compare these scriptures to the New Testament fulfillment's, may you join those first disciples in saying, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he explained the scriptures for us?" (2 Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Matthew, Luke) *A Deep Dive into the Story of God Fathom* is a Bible study for teens that covers the Old and New Testaments in 18 4-session studies. The lessons are a blend of narrative and traditional theological approaches to understanding the Bible story. Each lesson will focus on one passage that will launch into the larger context of God's story being studied, and how that story is meant to be theirs. *Fathom* is suitable for groups with middle schoolers, high schoolers, and any combination of the two. But unlike many other resources, it acknowledges the differences between older and younger youth and the way they learn. It provides

activities specific to each age group, as well as activities for mixed groups in which older youth have leadership opportunities. Fathom gives leaders the option to let youth take ownership of their learning through teaching and leading alongside adults. Fathom creates space and tension for teens to wrestle with how to interpret and experience the Bible. Through youthministrypartners.com, leaders will have access to planning and teaching tools, customizable content, and other supplemental content to support their use of Fathom as well as their youth ministries in general. --Cokesbury

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