

New Resources October 2018

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DREFF

Dreff, Ashley Boggan. ***Entangled: A History of American Methodism, Politics, and Sexuality***. Nashville, TN, New Room Books, 2018.

Summary: This book maps how American Methodists have responded to sexual change since World War II. It argues that the current United Methodist impasse over human sexuality has its root in the existence of two dichotomous ideologies of Methodist history and theology—one liberal and one evangelical, which come to the foreground in discussions of human sexuality. It offers evidence about how these ideologies have sought to reconcile their sexual ethic with sexual change since the birth control movement of the 1920s. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 241
GCORR

Implicit Bias: What We Don't Think We Think : A Resource for Preachers & Teachers Who Want to Learn and Teach Congregations about Implicit Bias. Washington, D.C, The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: As each of us experiences life — in school, at home, in church, at work, watching T.V. — we are surrounded by a number of biases. Some of these biases we consciously accept as our own, some we consciously reject, while many more fall into the subconscious level. Even though we are not aware of implicit biases, they constantly help to form our beliefs, values, ideas, and actions every day. As followers of Jesus, we are created and called by the God who consistently questions beliefs, values, and motives. By taking an intentional look at implicit bias and the ways it works in our brains and in our actions, we commit to rooting out the biases that are corrupted by stereotype or prejudice and separate us from the Beloved Community. Use this workbook to learn more about one of the significant barriers to reaching our true goals of diversity, community, and equity. --The General Commission on Religion and Race of The United Methodist Church

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PEACOCK

Peacock, Larry J. ***The Living Nativity: Preparing for Christmas with Saint Francis***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2018.

Summary: Who came up with the idea of using nativity scenes to celebrate Christmas? Many might be surprised to learn that Francis of Assisi, the well-known thirteenth-century saint, is credited with creating the first nativity scene. The Living Nativity introduces readers to Saint Francis and his joyous reenactment of the birth of Jesus, complete with a manger and animals. The Living Nativity explores how nativity sets, Advent wreaths, candles, carols, Christmas cards, and other traditions help prepare our hearts for the God "who bends low to enter our world

and our lives." Prayer poems for each day of the season lead readers to deepen their spiritual journey, and the book provides a guided pattern for individuals and small groups to share reflections and experience activities that open their hearts to the Christ child. The Living Nativity provides a prayer, meditation, and reflection questions for each day of Advent. The Leader's Guide includes suggestions for worship, discussion questions focused on the readings, and guidance for a mini-retreat on a theme of the week. --Upper Room Books

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OUTCALT

Outcalt, Todd. ***Blue Christmas: Devotions of Light in a Season of Darkness***. Nashville, Upper Room Books, 2018.

Summary: The Advent and Christmas season is often associated with joy, love, generosity, and unity. But for many people, this time of year magnifies loneliness, anxiety, grief, and despair. While others are enjoying celebrations with their friends and families, those who are hurting often feel even more lost, abandoned, and alone than ever. "Not all Christmases are white; some are blue," Todd Outcalt writes. *Blue Christmas* is a devotional book for the 28 days of Advent and Christmas Day. Each devotion includes a scripture selection, meditation, prayer, and suggested Advent action. The book also features additional prayers, a "Blue Christmas" worship service, and reflection questions. In these honest devotions, readers will find their fears and realities named and brought into the light of God's love. They will be led to sit with their experiences, acknowledge their losses, and remember Jesus' promise "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." *Blue Christmas* reminds us that all of our Christmases, even the darkest ones, can be filled with honesty and hope if we are first willing to sit in silence and bring our deepest fears to God. --Upper Room Books

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GBGM

Abundant Health Game. Atlanta, GA, General Board of Global Ministries, 2018.

Summary: Are you looking for a fun and interactive way to get your church congregation excited about health? The *Abundant Health game* is a great way to do so. Add this to your Bible study night or vacation Bible school curriculum. --General Board of Global Ministries

ADULTS
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WILMOTH

Wilmoth, Rodney E. ***How United Methodists Share Their Faith***. Nashville, TN, Abingdon Press, 1999.

Summary: The author believes that United Methodists are sometimes reluctant to bring up the subject of religion with their friends and next-door neighbors. They doubt that their acquaintances would be interested and feel it would be inappropriate to inquire about their personal faith. They know, however, that they should witness to United Methodist beliefs. How do United Methodists share their faith?

Discussing evangelistic practices that are unique to United Methodists, Rodney E. Wilmoth suggests ways in which United Methodists can become more comfortable about sharing their faith. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 253 Cleaver, Emanuel. ***Pastor on Track: Reclaiming Our True Role.***
CLEAVER Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2014.

Summary: So often pastors are defined by external forces, rather than by the essential nature of the pastoral leader as modeled in scripture. Taking positive steps to 'put pastors on track,' author Emanuel Cleaver III draws on his own experiences and from dynamic and effective pastors and churches across the country. He presents biblical models to distill his message and to recalibrate the definition of what makes the best church leaders. *Pastor on Track* helps clergy re-frame their congregation's expectations and empowers them to do the work of the people, so the pastor can do the work of the pastor. --Cokesbury

ADULTS 254 Byassee, Jason. ***The Gifts of the Small Church.*** Nashville, TN,
BYASSEE Abingdon Press, 2010.

Summary: Dizzying changes have taken place in American religious life in the last half century. Yet in spite of that fact, taking a snapshot of a "typical" Christian church in America would reveal a surprising number of small-to-mid-sized congregations, rooted in a local neighborhood or community, tied to a specific denomination, where most of the members know each others' names, and hence are blessed (and cursed) with being the church together. In this clear-eyed, humorous appraisal, Jason Byassee contends that the "church around the corner" occupies a particular place in the divine economy, that it is especially capable of forming us in the virtues, perspectives, and habits that make up the Christian life. Not that he romanticizes these churches, however. Having been a rural, small membership church pastor, Byassee knows too well the particular vices and temptations to which they are subject. But he also knows the particular graces they've been given, graces like the "prayer ladies," those pillars of the congregation who, "when one told you she was praying for you it meant something. When one hugged you, you remembered all week. When one cooked for you the casserole tasted like love. And when you were around them you were in the presence of Jesus." Anyone who serves, or belongs to, a "church around the corner" will find their ministry strengthened by this enlivening, inspiring book. --Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Introduction: where the local church is the solution -- How do you get out here? -- A little growth is enough -- Priestly people -- Grief from pastors; grace from parishioners -- Faces shining -- To the ends of the earth -- Blessed be the lord, who trains my hands for war -- Being buried with saints -- Take thou authority -- God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that do not

exist -- Oh yes, you did laugh -- Divine election -- How to talk right -- A pharaoh who knew not Joseph -- An arena for holiness -- No one's cute up close -- Discipleship despite Sunday school -- Sneaking sacraments back in -- God's patience and ours -- Be of the same mind in the lord -- Deeper wells of peace -- Overdue wisdom -- There is now no longer Jew nor Greek -- Anointing -- Holy, holy, holy lord -- Cynical of cynicism.

ADULTS
254.5
RAINER

Rainer, Thom S. ***I am a Church Member: Discovering the Attitude that Makes the Difference***. Nashville, Tennessee, B&H Publishing Group, 2013.

Summary: Best-selling author and ministry leader Thom S. Rainer drew an exceptional response when he posted a 500-word declaration about church membership to his daily blog. "I Am a Church Member" started a conversation about the attitudes and responsibilities of church members — rather than the functional and theological issues — that previous new member primers all but ignored. Thoughtfully expanded to book form, *I Am a Church Member* begins to remedy the outbreak of inactive or barely committed church members, addressing without apology what is expected of those who join a body of believers. When a person's attitude is consistently biblical and healthy, matters of giving, serving, and so forth will fall into place more naturally. Six intentional chapters with study questions guide this rising discussion. --B&H Publishing Group

Content Notes:

- Introduction: A Tale of Two Church Members -- 1. I Will Be a Unifying Church Member -- 2. I Will Not Let the Church Be About My Preferences and Desires -- 3. I Will Pray for My Church Leaders -- 4. I Will Lead My Family to Be Healthy Church Members -- 5. I Will Be a Functioning Member -- 6. I Will Treasure Church Membership as a Gift

ADULTS
259.429
BENZ

Benz, Jonathan. ***The Recovery-Minded Church: Loving and Ministering to People with Addiction***. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2016.

Summary: You want to have vibrant and healthy relationships with those who struggle with addiction in your church and community. But you find yourself wondering how to meet their needs in a wise, helpful and God-honoring way. *The Recovery-Minded Church* addresses the pressing questions you are facing in ministering to those with addictions. Here you will discover a clinically informed, biblical and theological framework to love the addicts in your midst and also practical tools to help you succeed in doing so, including discussion questions after each chapter for use in small group settings. God desires to welcome his prodigal children with open arms and a spirit of celebration. We need to reflect this same kind of grace and mercy in

our ministry to those with addictions, to move our churches from being recovery-resistant to recovery-minded. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- Section 1: Tools for Loving People with Addiction -- 1. Responding to Addiction -- 2. The Intervention -- 3. Myths About Addiction -- Section 2: Tools for Creating a Recovery-Friendly Church -- 4. Cultivating a Culture of Long-Term Sobriety -- 5. Ending the Shame -- 6. The Practice of Attentive Listening -- 7. The Practice of Healing -- Conclusion -- Acknowledgments -- Appendix: Resources for Ministry -- Notes.

ADULTS 261 GBHEM **A Faithful Witness in Divided Times.** Nashville, TN, General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of The United Methodist Church, 2017.

Summary: This resource offers ideas and guidance for higher education administrators, chaplains and affiliated campus ministers to engage effectively with campus protests and student efforts around a faithful public witness. The website features video presentations, a study guide, an action guide, and resources from the faculty and administrators of United Methodist-related universities, seminaries, and theological schools. The topics include theological reflections on protest and public witness, strategies for being an effective public witness, empathy for the social and political “other,” and constructive responses and positive solutions for the issues facing our church and world. --General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS 261.8327 GBSC **Hidden in Plain Sight: A Call to End Domestic Violence.** Washington, DC, General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: Church and Society has created a study to help congregations reflect on what the Bible and The United Methodist Church have to say about domestic violence. Globally, one in three women experiences sexual or gender-based violence. Many factors increase women’s vulnerability to violence including motherhood, migration and the accessibility of guns. We hope that you will use this study to reflect theologically on the physical, emotional and sexual abuse that many women and girls experience. And, we also hope this will encourage people within your faith community to work to build healthy relationships and advocate for policies that end the threats of violence. --General Board of Church & Society of The United Methodist Church

ADULTS 261.83272 COSROW **#METOO Toolkit: Resources for a faithful response.** Chicago, IL, General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church, 2018.

Summary: The #MeToo Toolkit has been developed by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW) which joins others around the world in addressing the prevalence and problem of sexual misconduct throughout our Church and society. The #MeToo movement, founded by Tarana Burke, an African-American activist, has seemed like the Spirit of Truth moving through our world, uncovering that which has been hidden in plain sight for decades. The toolkit offers resources of printed materials, links to important websites, as well as suggestions for participatory conversations designed to encourage dialogue to help people identify, understand, and respond to the reality of sexual misconduct. All of which are intended to help guide people to a deeper understanding of the problem of sexual misconduct and resources/beliefs of The United Methodist Church in response to this problem. --General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church

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BLESSED

Let's Talk Faith & Climate: Communication Guidance for Faith Leaders. Washington, D.C, Blessed Tomorrow, 2016.

Summary: The United Methodist Church General Board of Church and Society is partnering with Blessed Tomorrow, a program by people of faith, for people of faith, to offer ideas, tools, and messages that help us serve as faithful stewards of creation. The partnership will support UMC congregations across the country to take action and inspire others to lead on climate solutions in their homes, congregations and communities through resources and tools. Let's Talk Faith and Climate: Communication Guidance for Faith Leaders is designed to be useful to both experienced and novice climate change and faith communicators. This guide synthesizes the latest academic research and message testing on climate communications from across the social sciences into a practical guide to support meaningful discussions on climate change and faith among individuals and groups. This guide offers tips on how to initiate new conversations with the faithful, how to create one's own successful, value-based messages, and how to utilize specific wording that has been tested for its ability to bring people together regarding climate issues. Additionally, this document provides guidance on how to more deeply integrate creation care concerns into one's own organization, ministry, or denomination.

ADULTS
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NOLEY

Noley, Homer. ***First White Frost: Native Americans and United Methodism.*** Nashville, Tenn, Abingdon Press, 1991.

Summary: The history of the Methodist's attempt to evangelize Native Americans is riddled with spectacular failures and dramatic successes. In this account, Homer Noley helps you gain new insights and a richer understanding of Methodist missionary activities with Native Americans from the 1600s. --United Methodist Women

ADULTS 287
CARDER
Carder, Kenneth L. ***Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition***. Nashville, Tenn, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, the United Methodist Church, 2011.

Summary: Designed specifically for Christian leaders and teachers, *Grace to Lead: Practicing Leadership in the Wesleyan Tradition* delves deep into Wesleyan scholarship to guide readers into effective contemporary leadership, from a solidly Wesleyan perspective. Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, calls this book "an essential resource for all who lead and teach in the Wesleyan tradition." Calling upon peerless insights from the 1700's Wesleyan revival in England, authors Carder and Warner will help motivate, form, and guide church leaders in the twenty-first century and beyond. --Cokesbury

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UMCOM
Wesleys Take the Web. Nashville, TN, United Methodist Communications, 2018.

Summary: In this series of three short videos, modern animated versions of the brothers who founded Methodism talk about some of the statistics and the spirit of what is now The United Methodist Church. The characters were drawn by United Methodist pastor Charlie Baber, who creates the Wesley Bros. cartoons. We hope you will watch and share these clips, and we hope they generate lots of conversations, whether with your confirmation class, new member class, Sunday school group or in other settings. We've even provided some discussion questions after the videos to get you started. These videos were produced as a 21st century follow up to the popular clip known as "Clayride: A Gallop Through United Methodist History." --United Methodist Communications

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VAN
WARNER
Van Warner, Rick. ***On Pills and Needles: The Relentless Fight to Save My Son from Opioid Addiction***. Grand Rapids, Michigan, Baker Books, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2018.

Summary: When Rick Van Warner found himself searching abandoned buildings for his missing son, he had no idea that the synthetic, pill-form heroin that had snared his teen was already killing so many. In the years of pain and heartache that followed as he tried to save his son from addiction, Van Warner discovered what the public has just recently become aware of: prescription opioids are so addictive that even short-term use can create dependency, igniting an epidemic that now claims nearly 100 American lives each day. *On Pills and Needles* is one family's story, but it is also a wake-up call and crash course in opioid addiction. Through his harrowing personal journey, Van Warner exposes the common causes of opioid addiction, effective and ineffective ways it has been treated, and how families can walk alongside loved ones who are dealing with the daily agony of addiction. --Baker Books

- CHILDREN
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SESAME ***Talk, Listen, Connect = Hablen, Escuchen, Conecten: Deployments, Homecomings, Changes = Partidas Militares, Bienvenidas, Cambios.*** New York, Sesame Workshop, 2008.
- Summary:** A bilingual educational outreach initiative designed for military families and their young children to share. Deployments: Elmo's dad had to go away for a while. Elmo really misses him. Luckily, he has his mom, his family, and his friends on Sesame Street. Homecomings: When Elmo's dad returns after being away for a long time, the whole family must adjust. Changes: Rosita's dad has returned home with an injury that happened while he was doing his job. His legs have been hurt and now he must use a wheelchair. Rosita feels sad that she and her Papi can no longer play together in the same way, and she struggles to express her feelings.
- CHILDREN
791.4372
ANCHOR ***The Littlest Angel.*** [United States], Anchor Bay Entertainment, 2011.
- Summary:** Tells the story of a small angel who simply can't get with the program no matter how hard he tries until an understanding elder realizes that he is homesick and is able to retrieve a box of his most treasured possessions. When it comes time for Jesus to be born on Earth, the Littlest Angel gives his previous box to the Baby, but he is worried that God will think his gift too humble. However, God is pleased indeed, and transforms the box into the Star of Bethlehem.
- YOUTH 230
STEELE Steele, Jeremy. ***All the Best Questions!: (and some answers too).*** Minneapolis, Beaming Books, 2018.
- Summary:** How can I be certain I'll go to heaven? Why are there so many kinds of Christianity? What does the Bible say about drugs and alcohol? Pastor Jeremy Steele has spent his career answering teens' questions about faith, life, and the world--and All the Best Questions! brings all the toughest questions he's gotten together in one book...with some answers, too. From theology to science, All the Best Questions! will help young people get answers to the questions they're afraid to ask--and give them the tools they need to wrestle with their own answers. Includes a Group Guide in the back for those who want to use the book for youth group or small group study. --Cokesbury