

New Resources October 2020

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ADULTS
155.24
SCANNELL

Udpike Scannell, Alice. ***Building Resilience: When There's No Going Back to the Way Things Were.*** New York, NY, Church Publishing, 2020.

Summary: "How do we develop the resilience that empowers us to be ourselves in the face of change? How do we learn to be courageous when days are difficult? How do we build our capacity for healing and growth when we can no longer do the things we once did that gave our lives satisfaction, meaning, and purpose? Building Resilience offers a path toward creativity in responding to change in your life, regaining some control over your circumstances, and overcoming feelings of helplessness. Whether you're 17 or 75, if life has thrown you a curve ball, this book can help you get on track toward being yourself in your new normal. With a foreword by Stephanie Spellers"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
220.13
WRIGHT

Wright, N. T. ***The Last Word: Beyond the Bible Wars to a New Understanding of the Authority of Scripture.*** [San Francisco], HarperSanFrancisco, 2005.

Summary: While showing how both evangelicals and liberals misread Scripture, a leading Bible scholar and Anglican bishop shows how to restore the Bible's authority today for guiding the church through its many controversies. --Amazon

Content Notes:

- By whose authority? -- Israel and God's kingdom-people -- Scripture and Jesus -- The "Word of God" in the Apostolic Church -- The first sixteen centuries -- The challenge of the Enlightenment -- Misreadings of Scripture -- How to get back on track.

ADULTS
220.6
BUTLER

Butler, Jennifer. ***Who Stole My Bible?: Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny.*** [Washington, D.C.], Faith in Public Life, 2020.

Summary: If this is a question you've asked yourself recently, if you have found yourself looking at those who claim a faith in God and wonder what Bible they are reading, you are not alone. You might be among the Christians struggling to understand how many of your neighbors profess similar beliefs and ideologies, yet the way they are exercised in how they treat others, how they speak and act, and even how they vote seems so different. Maybe you don't follow Judeo-Christian teachings, but you are familiar with them and have noticed there is a lack of alignment in what they profess and what they practice. Jennifer Butler, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) minister and the CEO of Faith in Public Life, a movement of 50,000 religious leaders for justice, nearly left the church at one point in her journey because of the sexism she encountered as she entered the ministry and the racism and homophobia she saw in the church as she came of age. Like many Christians today, she found herself in the wilderness, seeking God yet disillusioned and alone. It has only

been through her experiences as an activist for women's rights globally and advocating for equality in public policy domestically that she has found a way to ground herself and her work in the scripture that is central to her faith. In *Who Stole My Bible?*, Jennifer Butler reclaims her sacred texts rather than allowing the Bible and her faith to be stolen from her. She shows us the Bible's liberative story arc from Genesis to Revelation through imaginative storytelling grounded in biblical scholarship. Each chapter connects a key turning point in the Bible to America today. She concludes each chapter with movement stories that connect each Bible passage to faithful strategies for resisting tyranny. The result is this inspirational how-to handbook that will show you how to ground yourself in scripture and prepare strategically to defy the Pharaohs and Caesars of our day and age. --back cover

ADULTS
222.43
HOFFPAUIR

Hoffpaur, Mary Shannon. ***Lose Control DVD: The Way to Find Your Soul : A Bible Study of 1 Samuel***. Nashville, Abingdon Women, 2020.

Summary: Learn to live in total dependence on God through a study of 1 Samuel. You know when you're carrying a very full cup of coffee, and you have to really focus on keeping the cup level, and then the doorbell rings and your dog bounds through the room knocking the cup right out of your grasp? You had plans. You were in control. Until you weren't. And you never really were. Mary Shannon Hoffpaur says this is a great way to look at what we say and what we do. Often, we think "God is in control" but we live like we are. It takes spilling a hot, burning mess to make us realize what little control we have and how dependent on God we truly are. This six-week Bible study on 1 Samuel for women of all ages includes a Participant Workbook, a Leader Guide, and a DVD with six 25-minute segments (with closed captioning). -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- 1. I Believe in God Is in Control: Giving Lip Service Without Heart Commitment (24:25) -- 2. I've Got This Under Control: Maintaining the Façade (21:51) -- 3. Oh, No! Now I'm Losing Control: Recognizing Our Helplessness (18:39) -- 4. Crud, I'm Completely Out of Control: Admitting Our Need (27:01) -- 5. Control? Over What? Acknowledging We Can't Control Anything But Ourselves (23:47) -- 6. God Really Is in Control: Coming Full Circle to True Belief and Surrender (21:26) -- Promotional Video (00:58) -- Mary Shanon's Story (2:51)

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Content Notes:

- About the Author -- Introduction -- Leader Helps -- 1. I Believe in God Is in Control: Giving Lip Service Without Heart Commitment - - 2. I've Got This Under Control: Maintaining the Façade -- 3. Oh, No! Now I'm Losing Control: Recognizing Our Helplessness -- 4. Crud, I'm Completely Out of Control: Admitting Our Need -- 5. Control? Over What? Acknowledging We Can't Control Anything But Ourselves -- 6. God Really Is in Control: Coming Full Circle to True Belief and Surrender -- Video Viewer Guide Answers

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232.955
LUCADO

Lucado, Max. ***You Are Never Alone DVD: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power.*** Nashville, Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Summary: When life feels depleted, does God care? I'm facing an onslaught of challenges; will God help? When life grows dark and stormy, does God notice? I'm facing the fear of death; will God help me? The answer in the life-

giving miracles in the Gospel of John is a resounding yes. In *You Are Never Alone*, Max Lucado looks at the miracles of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John. John chose the stories and events from Jesus' life that he believed would give his readers strength, empower them, lift them up, and speak life into their situations. Jesus transformed water into wine. We don't have to apologize to God for praying for something insignificant. Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk. We don't have to stay stuck, no matter the reason we got stuck in the first place. Jesus saved the disciples from the raging storm. We are not alone in our storms, even when it feels like it. Jesus healed the blind man. We don't have to be defined by our darkness: guilt, sin, trauma, anxiety, fear. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. There is nothing so bad we have done that Jesus doesn't have power over it to forgive. Jesus was resurrected. Even though his disciples didn't believe him, Jesus didn't add to their shame or punish them. Today, take courage that you are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know. This is the message of the miracles . . . that with God you are never alone. --Thomas Nelson

Content Notes:

- 1. God Is With You in the Ordinary (16:00) -- 2. God Is With You When You're Stuck (15:00) -- 3. God Is With You in the Storm (15:00) -- 4. God Is With You in the Dark (15:00) -- 5. God Is With You in the Valley (16:00) -- 6. God Is With You When You Need Grace (16:00)

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Content Notes:

- A Word from Max Lucado -- How to Use This Guide -- 1. God Is With You in the Ordinary -- 2. God is With You When You're Stuck -- 3. God Is With You in the Storm -- 4. God Is With You in the

ADULTS
241.4 KANG

Kang, Joshua Choonmin. ***Spirituality of Gratitude: The Unexpected Blessings of Thankfulness***. Downers Grove, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2015.

Summary: "Deep gratitude springs up from within," writes pastor and bestselling Korean author Joshua Choonmin Kang. "To become truly grateful is incredibly difficult, but the difficulty of the process makes the results all the more lovely." God invites us to enter into this world of thankfulness at every moment in our lives, even in the hard times—perhaps especially then. Pastor Kang continues: "Gratitude heals us and holds us, tethering us to one another, offering us joy and strength." As with *Deep-Rooted in Christ*, this book has fifty-two short chapters that can be read in weekly sabbath reflection or daily devotional use. So come and discover a spirituality of gratitude. --InterVarsity Press

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242.5
PETERSON

Peterson, Eugene H. ***Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best***. Downers Grove, Ill, IVP Books, 2009.

Summary: In Jeremiah 12:5 God says to the prophet, "If you're worn out in this footrace with men, what makes you think you can race against horses?" We all long to live life at its best—to fuse freedom and spontaneity with purpose and meaning. Why then do we often find our lives so humdrum, so unadventurous, so routine? Or else so frantic, so full of activity, but still devoid of fulfillment? How do we learn to risk, to trust, to pursue wholeness and excellence—to run with the horses instead of shuffling along with the crowd? In a series of profound reflections on the life of Jeremiah the prophet, Eugene Peterson explores the heart of what it means to be fully and genuinely human. In his signature pastoral style, he invites readers to grasp the biblical truth that each person's story of faith is completely original. Peterson's writing is filled with humor and self-reflection, insight and wisdom, helping to set a course for others in the quest for life at its best. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Preface to the second edition -- What makes you think you can race against horses? -- Jeremiah -- Before -- I'm only a boy! -- Don't for a minute believe the lies -- Go to the Potter's House -- Pashur whipped Jeremiah -- This ever worsening wound -- Twenty-three years it's been! -- Get a scroll and write -- The Recabite community -- To all the exiles -- Guard-- king-- official -- I bought the field at Anathoth -- Regarding the godless nations -- No one will escape the doom.

ADULTS
242.7
FOLMSBEE

Folmsbee, Chris. ***The Wesley Prayer Challenge: 21 Days to a Closer Walk with Christ***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Renew your passion for prayer in just 21 Days with the Wesley Prayer Challenge. The Wesley Covenant Prayer has been used in Methodist services around the world on the first Sunday of the year since John Wesley

introduced it in 1755. Wesley expected that people would pray this prayer as a way of remembering, renewing, and surrendering themselves in complete trust to God. In *The Wesley Prayer Challenge*, author Chris Folmsbee invites readers to consider words from the Wesley Covenant Prayer each day for three weeks, while reflecting on their meaning in the context of the larger piece. A Scripture, a prayer, and a challenge for daily life are also included each day. Additional components for a three-week study include a comprehensive Leader Guide, a DVD featuring author Chris Folmsbee. -- Cokesbury

Content Notes:

- Foreword -- Introduction -- 1. Surrender and Suffering -- 2. Honor and Humility -- 3. Community and Commitment.

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Content Notes:

- 1. Surrender and Suffering (8:06) -- 2. Honor and Humility (7:38) -
- 3. Community and Commitment (6:55)

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Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Surrender and Suffering -- 2. Honor and Humility -- Community and Commitment.

ADULTS
248.019
FRYLING

Fryling, Alice. ***Mirror for the Soul: A Christian Guide to the Enneagram.*** Downers Grove, IVP Books, an imprint of InterVarsity Press, 2017.

Summary: "Who in the world am I?" The Enneagram is like a mirror, reflecting dimensions of ourselves that are sometimes hard to see. In this helpful guide, spiritual director and Enneagram teacher Alice Fryling offers an introduction to each number of the Enneagram and their respective triads. More than just helping us discern our number, this book relates the Enneagram to our spiritual journey, as a way to identify our gifts as well as our blind spots. With Scripture meditations and questions for reflection and discussion, *Mirror for the Soul* offers a new perspective on our unique temperament so that we might know and extend God's grace more fully. Knowledge of the Enneagram leads us into more authentic self-awareness, richer relationships, and deeper places in the soul where we can worship God in truth and grace. --InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- The puzzle of ourselves -- What is the Enneagram, and where did it come from? -- The true self and the false self -- The triads of the Enneagram -- The heart triad: 2, 3, 4 -- The head triad: 5, 6, 7 -- The gut triad: 8, 9, 1 -- Looking for your home space -- Understanding wings and the arrows -- Biblical truths reflected in the Enneagram -- Addicted to ourselves -- The Enneagram and transformation -- Continuing the journey -- Answering Alice -- Using the Enneagram in spiritual direction -- Additional resources.

ADULTS
248.4 KOCH

Koch, Ruth N. ***Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian.*** St. Louis, Mo, Stephen Ministries, 1992.

Summary: What does it mean to live assertively? What does it look like for us as Christians to be assertive in our daily lives? *Speaking the Truth in Love* by Ruth Koch and Kenneth Haugk gives clear and helpful answers to these questions, explores the biblical foundation for assertiveness, and suggests practical ways to relate to others with honesty, compassion, and respect. This book teaches how to recognize the difference between passive, aggressive, and assertive behavior, shows the value and benefits of assertive relating, and offers encouragement to help you be caringly direct and open in your relationships with others. --Stephen Ministries

ADULTS
248.4
MAYNARD

Maynard, Phil. ***Foundations Revised and Updated for the 2020s: An Introduction to Christian Practices.*** Knoxville, Tennessee, Market Square Publishing, LLC, 2020.

Summary: Growth as a disciple begins with a good foundation. We need to learn how to pray, how to begin reading the Bible, how to live in authentic relationships, how to have a devotional time, how to use the resources God has provided, how to discern our call to serve, and how to share our faith. In this new updated edition of *Foundations*, these basic foundational spiritual disciplines are presented in an easy to understand and very practical

workbook-style format. Use this resource with a small group of new believers, with a nextgensmallgroup.com virtual small group, or with a new member class or as a guide in a mentoring relationship. Sections include: Building Christian Relationships as Disciples, Building My Relationship with God Through Prayer, Building My Relationship with Christ Through the Word of God, Building a Life of Devotion Through Worship, Building a Life of Service Through the Use of My Gifts, Guiding a Life of Generosity Through Stewardship, Where Do I Go From Here, Growing by Sharing My Faith. Even seasoned believers will find this to be a valuable resource to strengthen their spiritual lives. --Market Square Books

ADULTS
248.487
WILLIMON

Willimon, Will. ***The Gospel for the Person Who Has Everything***. Brewster, Massachusetts, Paraclete Press, 2020.

Summary: Bishop William Willimon brings the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life for the person who has everything – happy, fulfilled human beings, who don't feel the same level of need expressed by the downcast, the outcast, the brokenhearted, and the miserable. Willimon says that the church's message to the wretched and sad must not exclude the strong and the joyous. In nine concise, inspired chapters, he discusses these ideas: • Must one be sad, depressed, wallowing in sin and degradation, immature, and childishly dependent in order truly to hear the Good News? (See chapters 1 and 2.) • "What do we say to the strong?" (See chapters 3 and 4.) • Speaking to the strong and to the people who are weak and want to be stronger: a particular kind of evangelistic message. They have their sins, but these sins are not the sins of the weak (chapter 5). • Worship which takes God's strong love seriously (chapter 6) • Ethics which arise out of our response to that love (chapter 7) • Church as a place of continual growth and widening responsibility (chapters 8 and 9) --Paraclete Press

ADULTS
248.6
ABINGDON

Saving Grace Clergy Workbook: A Guide to Financial Well-Being. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Money Management from a Wesleyan Perspective. Money...is it good or is it bad? How do we, as people of faith, create healthy relationships with money and possessions? *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being*, adapted from the best-selling *Freed-up Financial Living* curriculum from Good Sense, provides the text and tools you need to address the topics of saving, earning, giving, spending, and debt, along with helpful strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life. This six-part study is based on Wesleyan values and helps you reach personal financial goals as well as address life concerns. Additional components include a Leader Guide containing session plans, outlines, discussion questions; a Clergy Workbook addressing financial issues unique to pastors; a DVD containing six sessions for the participant study, three sessions to complement the Clergy Workbook, plus interviews with financial experts; and a 40-day devotional. A special clergy module addresses financial issues unique to pastors. This three-week study brings together faith and vocation while attending to the unique financial details of living as a pastor and being employed by the church. The clergy workbook contains worksheets and downloadable planners. -- Cokesbury

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ABINGDON

Saving Grace DVD: A Guide to Financial Well-Being. Nashville, TN,
Abingdon Press, 2020.

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Content Notes:

- Small Group Sessions: 1. All Manner of Good (12:12) -- 2. Getting Started: Tracking Expenses and Income (8:51) -- 3. Giving and Saving (11:03) -- 4. Understanding and Eliminating Debt (8:36) -- 5. Spending (10:37) -- 6. Adjusting the Spending Plan (10:39) -- Clergy Sessions: 1. Setting Up Your Finances with Your Congregation (7:20) -- 2. Planning Ahead - Retirement (7:24) -- 3. Becoming a Financial Leader for Your Congregation (7:59) -- Bonus Videos: 1. Compound Interest (2:45) -- 2. Spending Plan (2:31) -- 3. Generosity (2:45) -- 4. How to Responsibly Purchase a Vehicle (3:34) -- 5. Tips for Recovering from Financial Shock (3:12) -- Promotional Video (2:06)

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Abingdon Press, 2020.

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ABINGDON

Saving Grace Participant Workbook: A Guide to Financial Well-Being.
Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: Money Management from a Wesleyan Perspective. Money...is it good or is it bad? How do we, as people of faith, create healthy relationships with money and possessions? *Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being*, adapted from the best-selling *Freed-up Financial Living* curriculum from Good Sense, provides the text and tools you need to address the topics of saving, earning, giving, spending, and debt, along with helpful strategies for achieving a sustainable financial life. This six-part study is based on Wesleyan values and helps you reach personal financial goals as well as address life concerns. Additional components include a Leader Guide containing session plans, outlines, discussion questions; a Clergy Workbook addressing financial issues unique to pastors; a DVD containing six sessions for the participant study, three sessions to complement the Clergy Workbook, plus interviews with financial experts; and a 40-day devotional. --Cokesbury

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Saving Grace: Hope-Filled Devotions Along the Way to Financial Well-Being. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2020.

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ADULTS 251 Willimon, William H. ***Preachers Dare: Speaking for God.*** Nashville,
WILLIMON Abingdon Press, 2020.

Summary: "In *Preachers Dare*, Will Willimon presents a bold theology of preaching, emphasizing preaching as a distinctively theological endeavor that begins with and is enabled by God. God speaks, preachers dare to speak the speech of God, and the church dares to listen. With fresh biblical insights, creativity, and pointed humor, Willimon gives today's preachers and congregations encouragement to speak with the God who has so graciously and effusively spoken to us"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS 253 Bolsinger, Tod E. ***Tempered Resilience: How Leaders are Formed in the***
BOLSINGER ***Crucible of Change.*** Downers Grove, IL, InterVarsity Press, 2020.

Summary: "What type of leadership is needed in a moment that demands adaptive change? Exploring the qualities of adaptive leadership within churches and nonprofit organizations, Tod Bolsinger deftly examines both the

external challenges we face and the internal resistance that holds us back, showing how leaders can become both stronger and more flexible"-- -- Provided by publisher.

Content Notes:

- Introduction: The Smith's Forge -- 1. The Crises of Leading Change: Failures of Nerve and Failures of Heart -- 2. Resilience: The Raw Material of a Tempered Leader -- 3. Working: Leaders Are Formed in Leading -- 4. Heating: Strength Is Forged in Self-Reflection -- 5. Holding: Vulnerable Leadership Requires Relational Security -- 6. Hammering: Stress Makes a Leader -- 7. Hewing: Resilience Takes Practice -- 8. Tempering: Resilience Comes Through a Rhythm of Leading and Not Leading -- Epilogue: Why Is This So Hard? -- Acknowledgments -- Notes.

ADULTS 253 Bolsinger, Tod E. ***Tempered Resilience Study Guide: 8 Sessions on***
BOLSINGER ***Becoming an Adaptive Leader***. Downers Grove, IL, InterVarsity Press, 2020.

Summary: Leadership leads to vulnerability that requires the security of relationships to endure. *Tempered Resilience: How Leaders Are Formed in the Crucible of Change* is about forming resilience so leaders can lead through the resistance that always accompanies change. Tod Bolsinger, an organizational and pastoral leader, writes that experiencing resistance leaves us feeling "exposed, unsure, and often discouraged." Honest and supportive relationships are key to flourishing in these moments of vulnerability. Thus the sessions in this guide are designed to lead to honest conversations for self-discovery as well as offering practices that leaders and their teams can take on together. Following the structure of review, reflect, relate, and practice, this guide for both individuals and groups will help you to forge the kind of tempered and resilient leadership that the times demand. -- InterVarsity Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1 Hewing Hope and the Mountain of Despair -- 2 Working: Leaders Are Formed in Leading -- 3 Heating: Strength Is Forged in Self-Reflection -- 4 Holding: Vulnerable Leadership Requires Relational Security -- 5 Hammering: Stress Makes a Leader -- 6 Hewing: Resilience Takes Practice -- 7 Tempering: Resilience Comes Through a Rhythm of Leading and Not Leading -- 8 The Why of Leadership -- Notes.

ADULTS 253 Bonem, Mike. ***Leading from the Second Chair: Serving Your Church,***
BONEM ***Fulfilling Your Role, and Realizing Your Dreams***. San Francisco, Jossey-Bass, 2005.

Summary: LEADING FROM THE SECOND CHAIR will raise awareness of the need for strong leaders in secondary positions. It will describe the value they can bring to their organization and to primary leaders when they are serving at their full potential. It will reshape the way they view their role, with an emphasis on their own responsibility as leaders. It recognizes the unique challenges and frustrations of serving in a subordinate position and equips these leaders with the attitudes and skills that they will need to survive and

thrive in this new paradigm. Because of the scarcity of resources for second chair leaders, particularly those in the church, this book will offer a practical way to improve the performance of any organization. Leading Congregational Change discussed the importance of a "vision community"--a diverse group of key members who discern and implement the vision for a congregation--to guide the transformation of a church. This work will extend the theme of an empowered leadership team as we explore how individual clergy and laity can lead effectively. --Jossey Bass

Content Notes:

- Living in the paradoxes -- Am I a second chair leader? -- Taking it from the top -- Crossing the line -- A matter of perspective -- Building the team-- one relationship at a time -- Putting it into practice -- Contentment in the second chair -- Dreaming in the second chair -- Leaving the second chair -- A word to first chairs on the contentment-dreaming paradox.

ADULTS
261.7
FELDMEIR

Feldmeir, Mark. ***A House Divided: Engaging the Issues through the Politics of Compassion***. Saint Louis, Missouri, Chalice Press, 2020.

Summary: In *A House Divided*, Mark Feldmeir, pastor of a 3,500 person, politically diverse United Methodist congregation, explores eight of the most divisive issues of our day—climate change, racism, immigration, healthcare, medical aid in dying, Islamic extremism, homosexuality, and social isolation and suicide—through the lens of “a politics of compassion,” the motivating, unifying ideals of the gospel that insist that we work together for the benefit of the common good. Through a series of axioms, or principles we can all agree on, Feldmeir seeks to identify those shared values that affirm our commonality and inspire a more creative and collaborative approach to finding practical solutions and healing our divisions. Each chapter includes a study guide for small group conversations. --Chalice Press

Content Notes:

- Introduction -- 1. Climate Change -- 2. Racism -- 3. Immigration -- 4. Healthcare -- 5. Medical Aid in Dying -- 6. Islamic Extremism -- 7. Homosexuality -- 8. Social Isolation and Suicide -- Epilogue.

ADULTS
261.88
NCCUMC

Creation Care Webinars. Garner, N.C, North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, 2020.

Summary: A webinar series hosted by the North Carolina Conference Creation Care Team in September 2020. Also includes the conference-wide worship service.

Content Notes:

- Introduction to Creation Care (61:27) -- On Zero Waste and Becoming the Good Soil (56:47) -- Hospitable Planet (57:32) -- Energy Usage (59:06) -- A Youth Perspective (56:33) -- Environmental Injustice (62:37) -- Drawdown (61:56) -- Conference-wide Worship Service (49:56)

ADULTS
262.0017
CRISSMAN

Crissman, Beth M. ***Choosing the Faithful Path: A Biblical Study for Discerning a Faithful Future***. Graham, N.C, Plowpoint, 2015.

Summary: When churches plateau or decline in their growth and vitality it's time to honestly ask: What are you able, willing, and committed to do to move forward faithfully? The book includes Bible study sessions rooted in the practice of the spiritual disciplines, alignment with biblical and Wesleyan expectations of what is required of us as a church, review of objective data about our church and our community, practical and straightforward questions about our church's future potential, clear pathways for Re-Innovation and Transition to Legacy, step-by-step guidelines for developing a plan of action, practical guidance for congregations and denominational leaders.

ADULTS
268.1 KRAU

Krau, Carol F. ***Keeping in Touch: Christian Formation and Teaching***. Nashville, TN, Discipleship Resources, 2014.

Summary: Convinced that the way we have prepared and trained Sunday school leaders is not achieving the results most churches desire, Carol Krau offers new insight in *Keeping in Touch: Christian Formation and Teaching*. This book, committed to the vital role that teaching plays in forming Christian disciples, describes the following five critical processes that are important to every teacher and small-group leader: Keeping in touch with God, Keeping in touch with God's people, Keeping in touch with your experience, Keeping in touch with the world, Keeping in touch with teaching. Includes group discussion questions at the end of each chapter. --Upper Room

ADULTS
277.3083092
GONZÁLEZ

González, Karen. ***The God Who Sees: immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong***. Harrisonburg, Virginia, Herald Press, 2019.

Summary: Meet people who have fled their homelands. Hagar. Joseph. Ruth. Jesus. Here is a riveting story of seeking safety in another land. Here is a gripping journey of loss, alienation, and belonging. In *The God Who Sees*, immigration advocate Karen González recounts her family's migration from the instability of Guatemala to making a new life in Los Angeles and the suburbs of south Florida. In the midst of language barriers, cultural misunderstandings, and the tremendous pressure to assimilate, Gonzalez encounters Christ through a campus ministry program and begins to follow him. Here, too, is the sweeping epic of immigrants and refugees in Scripture. Abraham, Hagar, Joseph, Ruth: these intrepid heroes of the faith cross borders and seek refuge. As witnesses to God's liberating power, they name the God they see at work, and they become grafted onto God's family tree. Find resources for welcoming immigrants in your community and speaking out about an outdated immigration system. Find the power of Jesus, a refugee Savior who calls us to become citizens in a country not of this world. --Herald Press

Content Notes:

- Naomi and Ruth: a blessed alliance -- Baptism -- Abraham: the immigrant father of our faith -- Communion -- Hagar: the immigrant and the God who sees her -- Confirmation -- Joseph: the foreigner who blessed Egypt -- Anointing the sick -- The

Syrophoenician woman: the unclean foreigner -- Reconciliation --
The holy family: our refugee savior and a love with no limits.

ADULTS
280.4092
SCHENCK

Schenck, Robert L. ***Costly Grace: An Evangelical Minister's Rediscovery of Faith, Hope and Love***. New York, NY, Harper, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2018.

Summary: "The author recalls his life as a controversial Washington, D.C. evangelical minister and spiritual advisor to America's political class. He begins with his conversion from Judaism to born-again Christianity, and then finding his calling in public ministry. He chronicles his years as an activist leader of the most extreme wing of the anti-abortion movement, brazenly mixing ministry with Republican political activism. Finally he reflects on his unconscious abandonment of Christian principles in the face of fame and influence, and ultimately his return to the lessons Jesus imparted. Today Schenck works to liberate the evangelical community from a politicized gospel, urging partisan conservatives to move beyond social battles and forsake the politics of hate, fear, and violence." -- --(Source of summary not specified)

ADULTS
287.0973
DREFF

Dreff, Ashley Boggan. ***Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights***. Nashville, TN, Wesley's Foundry Books, 2020.

Summary: 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. While some things have changed, others haven't. This book tells the story of American Methodist women's efforts fight for women's rights, beginning with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and ending with the #MeToo movement. Each chapter documents particular Methodist women and provides the reader with a basic historic context of the time or situation at hand as it shows how Methodist women engaged and fought for women's equality or women's rights in American society and American Methodism. The faith of these Methodist women emboldened them to reach beyond their social confines to find political avenues of social justice. As women engaged in mission, they sought to not simply fix social ills but to prevent them from happening again. They addressed the causes of oppression; and by stepping out of their place, made a place for others. --GBHEM

ADULTS
296.41
HESCHEL

Heschel, Abraham Joshua. ***The Sabbath: Its Meaning for Modern Man***. New York, NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005.

Summary: Elegant, passionate, and filled with the love of God's creation, Abraham Joshua Heschel's *The Sabbath* has been hailed as a classic of Jewish spirituality ever since its original publication-and has been read by thousands of people seeking meaning in modern life. In this brief yet profound meditation on the meaning of the Seventh Day, Heschel introduced the idea of an "architecture of holiness" that appears not in space but in time. Judaism, he argues, is a religion of time: it finds meaning not in space and the material things that fill it but in time and the eternity that imbues it, so that "the Sabbaths are our great cathedrals." --Publisher

ADULTS

The Essential Koran: The Heart of Islam : An Introductory Selection of

297.122521
CLEARLY

Readings from the Quroan. [San Francisco, Calif.],
HarperSanFrancisco, 1993.

ADULTS
302.1
PARKER

Parker, Priya. **The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why It Matters.**
New York, Riverhead Books, 2020.

Summary: "A bold new approach to how we gather that will transform the ways we spend our time together--at work, at home, in our communities, and beyond. In *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive--which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings--conferences, meetings, a courtroom, a flash-mob party, an Arab-Israeli summer camp--and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate any group experience. The result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of exciting ideas with real-world applications. *The Art of Gathering* will forever alter the way you look at your next meeting, industry conference, dinner party, and backyard barbecue--and how you host and attend them"-- --Provided by publisher."A new approach to how and why we come together that will revolutionize the ways we gather: at work, at school, at home and beyond"-- --Provided by publisher.

ADULTS
650.1 HYATT

Hyatt, Michael S. **Free to Focus: A Total Productivity System to Achieve More by Doing Less.** Grand Rapids, Michigan, Baker Book, a division of Baker Publishing Group, 2019.

Summary: Slay distractions, reduce your task list, and free yourself from interruptions. Everyone gets 168 hours a week, but it never feels like enough, does it? Work gobbles up the lion's share--many professionals work as much as 70 hours a week--leaving less and less margin for rest, exercise, family, and friends. If we're not careful, we can trade what matters most for a task list that grows longer by the day. What's the solution? In *Free to Focus*, New York Times bestselling author Michael Hyatt reveals nine proven ways to win at work so you are finally free to succeed at the rest of life: your health, relationships, and more. He helps you · redefine your work so it works for you · filter your tasks and commitments · cut out the nonessentials · eliminate interruptions and distractions · set boundaries that protect your focus and drive results · leverage your time and energy for maximum productivity · build momentum for a lifetime of success Most people think productivity is about finding or saving time. But it's not. It's about making your time work for you. Just imagine having margin and free time again. It's not a pipe dream. You can be free to focus, starting today. --Baker Books

CHILDREN
220.9505
FISHNET

Fishnet Bible Stories. [Place of publication not identified], Fishnet Bible Stories, 2020.

Summary: We are Amy and Carly, a dynamic duo of Bible school grads. Amy is the digital artist and Carly is the author. Our passion is spreading the good

news of Jesus to everyone, especially kids. We believe in the transformative power of God's Word in people's lives. Having said that, there's simply not enough free quality Bible resources online for kids. We are releasing a series of illustrated Bible stories. Every Friday, another page will be released until each individual story is complete.

CHILDREN Mead, David. ***The Great Bible Discovery Series***. Fenton, MO, Creative
222.11 MEAD Communications for the Parish.

Summary: Discovering the Beginning -- The Story of Creation recounts the miraculous creation narrative from the electrifying power of the first flash of light through the tragic fall of paradise. Discovering Dry Land -- The Story of Noah's Ark follows a faithful man named Noah through one of the most loved stories of the Bible. Noah obeys God's instructions without question in a race against time and the elements. Covenant Discovery -- The Story of Abraham follows the tremendous story of one man, Abraham, and his unceasing faith in the Lord. --Vision Video

Content Notes:

- Discovering the Beginning: The Story of Creation (25:00) --
Discovering Dry Land: The Story of Noah and the Ark (25:00) --
Covenant Discovery: The Story of Abraham (25:00)

CHILDREN ***Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm***. Loveland, Colo, Group Pub, 2009.
223.20071
GROUP

Summary: This Kids' Travel Guide lesson book contains a 13-week Scripture-based exploration of the graciousness and peace of the 23rd Psalm—one of the most loved passages of the Bible. Not only is Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm a great resource for kids Sunday school lessons, but it also reminds the kids that the comfort the 23rd Psalm promises isn't just for times of peace when life is good and we're certain of God's presence. Instead the passage reassures us most vividly of God's protection and loving care in our most difficult times—in the darkest valley and in the presence of our enemies. Kids' Travel Guide to the 23rd Psalm is the perfect lesson book for reassuring children that they can trust God's love for them in every circumstance. In each of these 13 Bible lessons for kids, you will take your Sunday school class on a travel adventure with: In-Focus Verse around Psalm 23. Departure Prayer designed for children to add their own words of prayer. First-Stop Discoveries: Narrated enactment or group activity exploring the lesson's Bible Story. Story Excursions: Bible events or Scripture passages that illustrate a Bible truth to support each concept. Adventures in Growing: Activities show kids how to apply what they've learned to their daily lives! Souvenirs: Kids create pages that go into a notebook (their very own travel journal!) to remind them of the lesson's Bible point. --Group

Content Notes:

- Journey 1: The Lord Is My Shepherd, God loves and watches over us. -- Journey 2: All That I Need, We belong to God. "The Lord is my shepherd; I have everything I need." -- Journey 3: At Rest in Green Meadows, We're in God's care. "He lets me rest in

green meadows.” -- Journey 4: Beside Peaceful Streams, God asks us to trust and follow. “He leads me beside peaceful streams.” -- Journey 5: New Strength, God’s power makes us strong. “He renews my strength.” -- Journey 6: Along Right Paths, God shows us the way we should go. “He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.” -- Journey 7: Through the Darkest Valley, God helps us overcome our fears. “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.” -- Journey 8: Protection and Comfort, God protects us from harm. “Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” -- Journey 9: A Feast for Us, God surprises us with blessings. “You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.” -- Journey 10: Anointed With Oil, God heals us. “You honor me by anointing my head with oil.” -- Journey 11: Overflowing With Blessings, God gives us good things. “My cup overflows with blessings.” -- Journey 12: Unfailing Love, God is always with us. “Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life.” -- Journey 13: The House of the Lord Forever, God promises us eternal life. “And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.”

CHILDREN Caswell, Helen Rayburn. ***Parable of the Leaven***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 226.809505 1992.
CASWELL

Summary: A simple retelling of the parable which illustrates how the Kingdom of God enriches life. Based on Matthew 13:33.

CHILDREN Stickler, LeeDell. ***Downright Upright: and 50 Other Bible Games for Elementary Children***. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2000. 268.432
STICKLER

Summary: Each game relates to a specific event in the Bible to help your children learn while they play. Reproducible pages are included.

CHILDREN Terzian, Alexandra M. ***The Kids' Multicultural Art Book: Arts & Craft Experiences from Around the World***. Milwaukee, WI, Gareth Stevens, 745.5 1999.
TERZIAN

Summary: Includes background information and instructions for a variety of craft projects from African, Native American, Eskimo, Asian, and Hispanic cultures.

YOUTH Marcum, Walt. ***Ice Breakers & Openers to Inspire Youth Groups***. 259.23 Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2004.
MARCUM

Summary: Ice Breakers & Openers includes 40 high-spirited energizers, ice breakers and get-to-know-you activities. Using interactive multimedia, Ice Breakers & Openers shows how to set up, lead, and process each activity with your group. --container