



**New & Lenten Resources**  
**Foothills Presbytery Resource Center**  
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## RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

This bibliography includes new resources as well as a complete listing of our Lent and Easter Resources at the present time. The subject headings will indicate particular resource foci. We encourage you to remember to look for group studies under any of the titles listed as well as those noted "Bible Study."

We catalog copies of all Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) curricula as well as some other publishers. Quarterly curriculum and resources that come in KIT form with many pieces will be shelved in color coded bags along with their Dewey Decimal Number. Here is the **KIT color code key**.

- Green—preschool and elementary kits
- Blue—middle and high school youth kits
- Red—adult and young adult kits
- Teal—quarterly curriculum

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May God's peace be yours as this new year unfolds.

Grace and peace,  
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*Pat Shufeldt* Volunteer Librarian



**Meditations for Lent.** Kirk, James G. Philadelphia : Westminster Press, c1988.  
(242.34 Kirk)

"The forty days of Lent represent a special time of preparation. James G. Kirk's meditations are meant to help Christians use this time well. Based on scripture readings from the lectionary, his meditations lead individuals to center their attention on the Easter mystery. Daily, a biblical theme such as mercy, forgiveness, or judgment is highlighted and each day's meditation concludes with a prayer. Classic illustrations by Virgil Solis, a contemporary of Martin Luther, enhance the volume." (Book cover description)

**Creative ideas for Lent.** Walnut, CA: Educational Ministries, Inc., c1985.  
(263.92 Creative Vol\_1)

"This resource has been collected for use as a creative planning aid for Lenten activities in your church. The material has been divided into three major sections: All Church Activities, Children's Activities, and Youth Activities." (Introduction) The editor has served various Congregational churches as a Christian educator with special interest in youth ministry.

**Creative ideas for Lent, volume 2.** Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, Inc., c1989.  
(263.92 *Creative Vol\_2*)

"This resource has been collected for use as a creative planning aid for Lenten activities in your church. The material has been divided into three major sections: All Church Activities, Children's Activities, and Youth Activities." (Introduction) The editors have served various Congregational and UCC churches as a minister and a Christian educator with special interest in youth ministry. Robert Davidson is the founder of Educational Ministries, Inc.

**Creative ideas for Lent, volume 3.** Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, Inc., c1996.  
(263.92 *Creative Vol\_3*)

This resource has been collected for use as a creative planning aid for Lenten activities in the church. The material is divided into three major sections: All Church Activities, Children's Activities, and Youth Activities. Included are worship services, numerous plays, new resources for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, devotion suggestions, learning centers and activities for children, youth programs, a Seder meal instructions, and lessons based on feelings to examine during Lent. Materials can be used to plan individual events or put together an intergenerational event for the entire congregation. Volume 3 contains more worship ideas than the other volumes. The editor has served various Congregational churches as a Christian educator with special interest in youth ministry.



## LENTEN STUDIES

**Meeting Christ in Handel's Messiah: Lent and Easter messages based on Handel's texts and music.** Quillin, Roger T. Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub. House, c1984. (252.62 *Quillin*)

Handel's Messiah has been a Lenten favorite for generations. This masterpiece has been combined with insightful messages by a Presbyterian minister on key biblical texts to provide a theme for Lenten and Easter sermons.

**From Palm Sunday to Easter : Lenten study program for adults.** Day, N. Raymond. Brea, CA: Educational Ministries, c1979. (263.92 *Day*)

The author provides six study units on some of the persons involved in Holy Week: Jesus, Judas, the high priests, Pilate, Herod, and Peter. Each is intended for a church discussion group, sharing within the family, personal contemplation, or as a worship resource.

**Come, watch with me.** Deffenbaugh, Terry. Brea, CA: Educational Ministries, c1991.  
(263.92 *Deffenbaugh*)

This seven-session study of Jesus' last days with his disciples looks at the people involved in various incidents, considering how each one affected what happened as well as how each was affected by what Jesus did. Although written for high school youth, the sessions can also be used by other ages.

**Destination Easter : Lenten programs and practices for youth.** Hershman, Kathy. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, c1998. (263.92 *Hershman*)

Two experienced youth ministry directors provide suggestions and guides for programs and practices to be used as part of Sunday School programs or mid-week Lenten/Easter study. Included with lesson plans are calendars, schedules, photocopiable newsletters and publicity flyers.

**Lessons for Lent : learning about Jesus through his names.** Liechty, Anna. Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, c1994. (263.92 *Liechty*)

Intended as the basis for a six-session children's or intergenerational Bible study during Lent, this resource includes scripture, music, activities, crafts, and drama sketches.

**Living with Jesus & the book of Job during Lent.** Ward, Elaine M. Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, c1995. (263.92 *Ward*)

Six study sessions are based on Job's questions concerning the meaning of existence, such as: "Is this all? What are friends for? Why emptiness and misery? Where shall wisdom be found? What is resurrection? Where is my Redeemer?" An overview of wisdom literature, found in the introduction, can be used for a seventh session.



## HOLY WEEK

**Celebrating Holy Week.** Prescott, AZ: Educational Ministries, c1993.  
(263.925 *Celebrating*)

"This is a creative resource for the celebration of Holy Week. Included in it are original dramas, poetry, prayers, meditations and a variety of worship suggestions for this holy season. You will find unusual ways of observing Palm Sunday, the traditional days and services of Jesus' last week, Easter, as well as the Sunday after Easter. The wide range of resources is especially helpful because they have been used in parishes across this country." (Publisher's website description)

**Passover Seder: ritual and menu for an observance by Christians.** Thompson, Barbara Balzac. Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub. House, c1984. (296.437 *Thompson*)

The ancient Jewish Seder meal is detailed and interpreted for Christian use, though Thompson notes, "it must not be mixed with Christian concepts or expression if it is to be authentic." The author grew up in a Conservative Jewish home and is now a Christian. (Publisher's website)



## LENT-EASTER

**The Easter story A-Z: banner patterns, story scripts and worship outlines to create a Lent and Easter experience.** Liechty, Anna L. Prescott, AZ : Educational Ministries, c1994. (232.96 *Liechty*)

"This book is a program design in which the stories of Lent and Easter are told through the creation of banner depicting these events. Three parts of the outline, "Prepare: Coordinating the Project," "Participate: Conducting the program," and "Praise: celebrating the promise," offer opportunities for education, nurture, and worship. During the "Prepare" portion, participants come together to create twenty-six sections of a banner, one for each letter of the alphabet, which portray the Scripture story. In the "Participate" segment, the accounts of Lent and Easter are re-told, through message and music, as the banner pieces are attached to a large background. "Praise, the last part of the event, involves a time of worship to glorify God and to celebrate the promise of eternal life. The book may be used in one session for an intergenerational event, a Family Night activity, a church school pageant, or a congregational worship experience." (Overview and Application, p. 5)

**A pilgrim's way: meditations for Lent and Easter.** Shepherd, J. Barrie. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, c1989. (242.34 *Shepherd*)

"Based on the Common Lectionary, J. Barrie Shepherd presents a Lenten prayer diary with 47 days of morning and evening prayers. The prayers are derived from suggested lessons of the scripture. Themes include suffering, repentance, and joyful welcome of Christ's resurrection." (Publisher's website description)

**Things to make & do for Lent & Easter.** Gee, Martha Bettis. Louisville, KY: Bridge Resources, 1998. (263.92 *Gee*)

The creative activities in this book are designed to help put children in touch with the Easter story. At the heart of the creative process is the working of the Holy Spirit, moving and shaping and transforming everyone engaged in the act of creation. Activities in this resource provide an avenue for children to express their own unique creativity. This resources allows them to hear the Christian story and to fully make this story their own." Activities for are indexed by age groups and by activity. (Book cover)

**Hosanna! : calendars, creative projects, and crafts for Lent and Easter.** Lee, Sharon. San Francisco: Harper & Row, c1988. (263.92 *Lee*)

A collection of original, creative activities and group experience for Lent and Easter for children from preschool to high school. Included are finger plays, action rhymes, puzzles, discussion starters, worship services, and a section of Scripture resources. The collection was written for families, and many activities originated in the author's home.

**The Christian family Easter book.** Minneapolis: Augsburg Pub. House, c1989. (263.93 *Christian*)

Seventy-nine stories, lore, poems, prayers, and songs to help families celebrate the meaning of Easter.

**Before and after Easter: activities and ideas for Lent to Pentecost.** O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. Minneapolis: Augsburg, c1992. (263.92 O'Neal)

Includes a wealth of ideas and activities for observing the days of Lent and celebrating the season of Easter and the Day of Pentecost. Specific activities, including crafts, service projects, reflection ideas, and suggestions for family worship are included.

**Programs for Lent and Easter.** Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, c1979. (263.92 Programs)

"Churches from around the country share their most successful Lent and Easter plans for worship services, programs, plays, and pageants. Pastors will particularly appreciate the wealth of fresh ideas for sermons." (Book cover) Contents were originally published in the February, 1976; January, 1977; March, 1977; February, 1978; and March, 1979, issues of Baptist Leader.

**Fifty ways for the fifty days : creative education ideas for Easter through Pentecost.** Wezeman, Phyllis Vos. Brea, CA: Educational Ministries, c1990. (263.93 Wezeman)

"The period of time from Easter Sunday through the Day of Pentecost is often referred to as the 'Fifty Days.' The five themes in this book, He Arose, He Appeared, He Assigned, He Ascended, and We're Afire, are based on the significant stories and events, recorded in the Gospels, that took place during this fifty day period. Within each of the five themes there are ten activities, making a total of fifty suggested methods, for sharing these stories. Participatory approaches, those which involve the learners in the story, are emphasized." (Overview.)

**The Easter story.** Heyer, Carol. Nashville, TN: Ideals Children's Books, c1990. (E 232.97 Heyer)

A biography of Jesus Christ, focusing on the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the resurrection. Award-winning artist Carol Heyer using intense colors to illustrate her retelling of the Easter story.

**In God's name.** Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. Woodstock, VT: Jewish Lights Pub., c1994. (E 291.211 Sasso)

Multicultural, nondenominational, and nonsectarian, In God's Name is a spiritual celebration of all people of the world and their belief in God. "God must have a single name that is great and more powerful than all other names." All the people of the world set out to find God's name. . .and each of the many seekers is sure that he or she alone has found the right name, the ONLY name, for God. Finally they come together--and at last learn what God's name really is." (Book jacket description) The author is a Jewish rabbi, a parent, and a storyteller whose children's books have been widely endorsed by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish leaders.

**Yosef's gift of many colors : an Easter story.** Maxwell, Cassandre. Minneapolis: Augsburg, c1993. (J 394.2667 Maxwell)

His lavishly decorated egg reminds Yosef and the other villagers of God's love and miracles.



## BIBLE STUDY

**Essential Bible passages for youth.** Duerling, Nan. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1996. (220.071 Duerling Vol\_1)

"[This study] is for youth who have never explored the Bible before, as well as for youth who have been using their Bible for years. It is for classes, groups, or individual study. In this resource youth will learn how 18 of the most meaningful passages apply to life - in biblical times and today. Youth will gain a passion for digging into God's Word through the tough reflection questions and study exercises." (Publisher's description) [v. 1 is student book, v. 2 is Leader Guide.]

**The ten commandments from the back side.** Kalas, J. Ellsworth. Nashville: Abingdon, c1998. (241.52 Kalas)

Restating them in the positive, and using contemporary illustrations and personal experience, Kalas explores how these "prohibitive" laws can make life richer and more fulfilling. Included in the book is a study guide by John D. Schroeder.

**The HarperCollins Study Bible : New Revised Standard Version, with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books.** New York, NY: HarperCollins, 1993. (220.5 Bible New\_RSV 1993)

Includes names and order of books in the Bible in Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions (pp. xxxvii-xl); a timeline(pp. xlii-xliii); a table of parallel passages in the four Gospels (pp. 1841-1885); and a chart showing quotations of the Jewish scriptures in the New Testament (pp. 2339-2346.) The Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical books are printed separately from the Old and New Testaments.

**Run with the horses: the quest for life at its best.** Peterson, Eugene H. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, c1983. (242.5 Peterson)

In a series of profound reflections on the life of Jeremiah, Peterson explores what it means to be fully and genuinely human: fusing freedom and spontaneity with purpose and meaning; and learning to risk, to trust, and to pursue wholeness and excellence.

**Jacob's shadow: Christian perspectives on masculinity.** Anderson, Herbert. Louisville, KY: Bridge Resources, 2002. (248.842 Anderson)

Anderson uses his own story and the biblical story of Jacob to explore the struggles and contradictions men experience in their journeys to faithfulness in God. This book invites men to discuss and reflect on deepening their humanity and to think about being men from the perspective of faith in God. Each chapter starts with a scene from Jacob's life that foreshadows the struggles of men today.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Children and prayer : a shared pilgrimage.** Cloyd, Betty Shannon. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, c1997. (248.32083 Cloyd)

"..a comprehensive guide about how children relate to God. This volume provides concepts for teaching children about prayer and includes prayers written by children, prayers that caregivers can pray with children, interviews with children, and resources for further study. Cloyd is a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church and a consultant on prayer and spiritual formation." (Book cover)

**Workshop rotation: a new model for Sunday School.** Armstrong-Hansche, Melissa. Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, c2000. (268.6 Armstrong- Hansche)

"Churches everywhere are flocking to the Workshop Rotation Model of church school, which has breathed new life into Sunday school programs wherever it has been tried. This book is a basic manual for this creative process, written by the educators who originated it, that provides a step-by-step guide through the process of setting up and conducting the rotation model in any church." (Book cover)

**The nuts & bolts of Christian education: practical wisdom for teachers & leaders.** Halverson, Delia Touchton. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, c2000. (268.6 Halverson)

This book is designed to answer the questions most frequently asked by new and veteran education and classroom leaders. A practical guide, it combines teaching tips and wisdom that most teachers learn only after years of trial and error, reproducible charts and handouts, and a topical index. The author is a well-respected Christian education specialist with extensive experience as a classroom teacher, a workshop leader, and a writer.



## CHRISTIAN LIFE & PRACTICE

**Freedom of simplicity.** Foster, Richard J. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1989 c1981. (248.4 Foster)

"Written in the same warm, accessible style as his best-selling CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE, FREEDOM OF SIMPLICITY articulates a creative, more human style of living and points the way for Christians to make their lives "models of simplicity." Foster provides a way to rethink our priorities and to "seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness." He shows us how to live in harmony with the rich complexity of life while stressing the relation of simplicity to prayer, solitude, and all the Christian disciplines." (Book cover)

**SpiritGifts : one spirit, many gifts.** Brown, Patricia D. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, c1996. (248.471 Spirit Vol\_2)

This material is designed as a group experience of discovery and growth. It presents a biblical foundation for understanding spiritual gifts and their importance to the church as the Body of Christ, and seeks to help the participant discover God's will and direction for one's life, using one's own spiritual gifts. A spiritual gifts survey, a personal inventory, worksheets, charts, and other resources are included.

**The price of faith : exploring our choices about money and wealth.** Cross, Marie T. Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, c2002. (248.6 Cross)

Cross presents a holistic definition of stewardship, pressing the reader beyond budgets and pledge campaigns. Cross examines what money and wealth mean for us in our participation in the life of the church and in our personal expressions of faith. Ten session plans that deal with personal finances, church funds, charity, and attitudes about money are included to help adults gain a new understanding of stewardship.



## CHURCH RENEWAL

**Five challenges for the once and future church.** Mead, Loren B. Bethesda, MD: Alban Institute, c1996. (262.0017 Mead)

Sums up the formidable tasks facing the church and calls all to help build a "life-giving community of faith for tomorrow" by transforming "ownership" of the church from clergy to laity; finding new structures to carry the faith to coming generations; discovering a willingness to accept discomfort in the structured religious life so that the "unpredictable power of the Spirit" can blow free; promoting a community that satisfies the deep need for "going home" and genuine belongingness; and readiness to be ourselves sent out in mission rather than sending others out. Recommended for study by church groups from high schoolers to the most elderly. "--an urgent book, which needs to be studied--soon--in every congregation." (Isabel W. Rogers)



## COMMUNION

**The meal Jesus gave us.** Wright, N. T. (Nicholas Thomas) Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2003. (234.163 Wright)

"Nothing is more central to Christian practice than Holy Communion. Yet, curiously enough, little attempt is made to explain it. So many outside the Christian community are just puzzled by it, and many within the church go to Communion from habit but know very little about how it arose and what it means. This is the ideal book for both types of reader. It is written by one of the foremost New Testament scholars in the world, who has the enviable ability to write with engaging charm." (from the Foreword). Tom Wright, Canon of Westminster Abbey, is the renowned author of many books and is a popular speaker on radio and television broadcasts.



## FAMILY

**Family faith stories.** Weems, Ann. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, c1985. (248.4 Weems)

Weems reflects on her inheritance of a sustaining religious faith, deepened by family experiences occurring over a number of years. "The way in which we live out our faith becomes our faith story in the world." Each prose story is complimented with a poem. Ideal for devotional reading, the book combines reflections on religion with glimpses of American church history.

**Giving good gifts : the spiritual journey of parenthood.** Conway, George E. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c2001. (248.845 Conway)

Utilizes scriptural insights and personal anecdotes to identify seven gifts that parents can give their children to help them form healthy spiritual identities.



## HOLY SPIRIT

**Fire and wind: the Holy Spirit in the church today.** Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, c2002.

(234.13 Fire)

"This collection of essays and sermons by prominent Presbyterian leaders and theologians examines the doctrine of the Holy Spirit and its application for the church today. Divided into three sections, the book explores the four central affirmations of the third article of the Nicene Creed, considers contemporary issues related to the renewed interest, and presents relevant sermons on the Holy Spirit. Topics include the Holy Spirit and the prophets, the Holy Spirit in baptism, the contemporary relevance of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit in spiritual formation. Contributors include: Colin Gunton at King's College; Cynthia Campbell at McCormick Theological Seminary, Miroslav Volf at Yale University Divinity School; Leanne Van Dyk at Western Theological Seminary; Gregory Anderson Love at San Francisco Theological Seminary; Willie James Jennings at Duke Divinity School; Ellen T. Charry at Princeton Theological Seminary; Elizabeth Nordquist at San Francisco Theological Seminary; M.Craig Barnes from National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C.; Linda C. Loving from House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; Nancy Copeland-Payton from First Presbyterian Church, Sand Point, Idaho; and Gregory M. Busby from First United Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. Joseph D. Small is Coordinator of the Office of Theology and Worship and Associate Director of the Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." (Publisher's description)



## JESUS CHRIST

**Believing in Jesus Christ.** Van Dyk, Leanne. Louisville, KY: Published by Geneva Press in conjunction with the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church, c2002. (232.3 Van\_Dyk)

"In this brief and accessible volume, Leanne Van Dyk examines the person and work of Jesus Christ and discusses what the church teaches about Jesus. Van Dyk offers a clear explanation of salvation and presents theories of how we receive salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection. In addition, she explores the significance of salvation for how we as a Christian community live out our faith in Jesus Christ. Leanne Van Dyk is a Presbyterian minister who has taught theology at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She currently teaches theology at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan." (Publisher's website)

**Meeting Jesus again for the first time : the historical Jesus & the heart of contemporary faith.** Borg, Marcus J. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, c1994. (232.908 Borg)

"In this small, but eloquent and learned book, Borg...directs his readers, especially those who have found no meaningful image of Jesus, away from confessed doctrines about Jesus (what the gospels and the churches say about Him) and toward a relationship with the Spirit of God." (Publishers Weekly, quoted on cover)



## MARRIAGE

**Promising again.** Anderson, Herbert. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c1995.

(248.44 Anderson)

"Marriage is a pilgrimage; a journey characterized by beginnings and endings as the life cycle of a particular family evolves. According to the authors, an effective way for couples to successfully address the particular turning points in their life together is to recommit to their relationship through the act of promising again. This timely and important book addresses this issue of relationship refocusing as it looks at circumstances that will affect many couples: the launching of young adult children; job change; the death of a parent or a child; the arrival of a "surprise" child; infidelity; retirement; illness; role change or reversal; and many others. Also addressed is the dissolution of marriage and the establishment of a new relationship through remarriage." (Publisher's website description)

**Becoming married.** Anderson, Herbert. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, c1993. (248.844 Anderson)

This book examines issues surrounding the process of forming the marriage bond, such as courtship, the early years of marriage, and the events which must take place for successful bonding to occur. The book is designed for couples planning to marry, for parents who are struggling to stay close to their children while staying out of wedding plans, and for clergy who work with couples preparing for marriage.



## MIDDLE EAST

**Angle of vision: Christians and the Middle East.** Kimball, Charles. New York: Friendship Press, c1992. (275.6 Kimball)

This book explores some basic causes and effects of turmoil in the Middle East, showing how economics, colonial histories, land, and oil contribute to the ongoing conflicts. The author is a former associate professor of religion at Furman, who now teaches at Wake Forest. He is also the author of the acclaimed 2003 book "When Religion Becomes Evil."



## MISSION

**Hope for the world : mission in a global context: papers from the Campbell Seminar.** Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c2001. (266.009 Hope)

"How can Christians bear hope in a world pervaded by the differing despairs of the possessors and the dispossessed? The international scholars in this volume give remarkable answers--as well as numerous crucial questions--rooted in a communal conversation focused on specific contexts . . . and above all, the mission of God. Their wise insights should be widely read so that churches can find their true place in exile and develop the resistances, critiques, and transformation of genuine hope." --Marva J. Dawn, Regent College; quoted on book cover.

**Children's mission yearbook for prayer & study 2005.** Louisville, KY : Witherspoon Press and the Mission Interpretation and Promotion program team of Congregational Ministries Publishing, Congregational Ministries Division, General Assembly Council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), [2004] (266.5137 Children's 2005)

This annual publication, first released in 2003, includes weekly information, activities, scripture, and prayer focusing on the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the United States and around the world.



## SEXUALITY

**LEADER'S GUIDE God's gift of sexuality: a study for young people in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).** Louisville, KY: Witherspoon Press, c1998. (612.6 God's)

"God's Gift of Sexuality is a sexuality curriculum for younger youth [grades 6-8] and older youth [grades 9-12] and their families. This curriculum tackles important issues on human sexuality. Topics include puberty, anatomy and physiology, sexually transmitted infections including HIV/AIDS; healthy relationships, pregnancy and contraception; self-esteem; rape; and healthy decision making. It helps youth examine sexuality in a biblical context and develop appreciation for guidance from church and parents." (Publisher's website description) [1] LEADER'S GUIDE [2] PARENT'S GUIDE -- [3] YOUNGER YOUTH GUIDE -- [4] OLDER YOUTH GUIDE.



**Love is patient saving sex for marriage.** Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, c2004. (DVD 261.8357 Love)

Sexual intimacy is a gift from God to be enjoyed within marriage. But choosing to save sex for marriage is difficult for young people, especially in today's society. Young people need to know the many benefits of saving sex for marriage. Living with sexual integrity recognizes and respects the importance, value, and power of sex. The message shared is that sexual abstinence before marriage is God's expectation for all of us, and that He will give us the grace to do it. Accompanied by a 5-session study guide.



**Reducing the risk II making your church safe from child sexual abuse.** Matthews, NC: Christian Ministry Resources, 2003. *(KIT 261.83272 Reducing 2003)*

This updated resource is directed toward helping churches implement a program to prevent child sexual abuse by church employees. Included are a book, a separate training manual, and two DVD's containing six video presentations of approximately 20 minutes each.



## SINGLES

**Living alone.** Anderson, Herbert. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c1997. *(248.84 Anderson)*

Drawing on touching stories and personal experiences, Anderson and Gardner illuminate many of the aspects of living alone---loneliness, grief, and solitude---and offer encouraging suggestions for living well and faithfully. (Publisher's website description)

**Leaving home.** Anderson, Herbert. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, c1993. *(248.845 Anderson)*

The author demonstrates that leaving home is a significant part of forming an individual identity and a natural aspect of maturing. It is also a lifelong process, desirable and appropriate both for the ones who leave and the ones left behind. This book is appropriate for a wide range of readers: young adults, parents, pastoral counselors, lay ministers, and clergy.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Presbyterian social witness policy compilation : Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its antecedents Presbyterian Church in the U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. 1946-1999.**

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Louisville, KY: Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, c2000. *(261.8 Presbyterian)*

This volume presents each [PC (USA)] policy statement, resolution, overture, or commissioner's resolution along with explanatory text. More than a listing of past policy, this volume is an invitation to action. It is commended to the free Christian conscience of all congregations and members of the PC (USA) for prayerful study, dialogue, and action. Individual speakers, sessions, middle governing bodies, theological institutions, and all entities of the General Assembly are invited to actively engage the carefully crafter Reformed spirituality embodied in this compilation in their personal and corporate wilderness. (Book cover)

**The agricultural revolution: an invitation to faithful action.** Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), c2004. *(261.83 Agricultural)*

"Farm and ranch women in South Dakota knew what was happening and captured a vision to awaken us to the issues surrounding food production and consumption. Their prophetic voices called the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become informed and to take action because everyone has a stake in the agricultural revolution that is affecting communities throughout the globe. Their vision was enlivened when the session of Hope Presbyterian Church [membership: 29] in Keldron, SD, framed an overture that was sent to the 211th General Assembly (1999) by the Presbytery of South Dakota. That overture led to the creation of the report "We Are What We Eat," and its adoption by the 214th General Assembly (2002)" (Introduction)

**Grace at the table: ending hunger in God's world.** Beckmann, David M. Mahwah, NJ: Paulist Press, c1999. *(261.8326 Beckmann)*

Written by the current and the founding presidents of Bread for the World, the authors regard hunger, although complex, as a condition which can be overcome if each concerned person helps change the politics of hunger.

**Just peacemaking: transforming initiatives for justice and peace.** Stassen, Glen Harold. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, c1992. (261.873 Stassen)

Stassen skillfully combines his extensive knowledge of international affairs, and especially of "the Turning" (the nonviolent revolution in East Germany), with a study of the call for peace in the New Testament. "Stassen believes Christians should direct their energies toward finding a set of criteria and a model for a 'just peace' instead of 'just war.' He bases his just peace theory on the new reality of our world, on recent biblical interpretation, and on the experiences of people who lived in the face of oppression and nuclear threat, and who--together with political scientists, Christian ethicists, and activists--fashioned realistic steps of peacemaking. He addresses real-life issues and especially uses the Sermon on the Mount and the book of Romans as models for establishing just peace in the face of conflict." (Book cover)



## THEOLOGY

**The Westminster collection of Christian quotations.** Louisville KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c2001. (230 Westminster)

"...over 6,000 quotations arranged under nearly 500 topics and subtopics. The topics cover not only different facets of Christian faith and teaching but also aspects of life, such as comfort, doubt, families, fellowship, guidance, hope, loss, and peace. Quotations are drawn from famous and lesser-known Christians of every major tradition throughout the ages and throughout the world, as well as from the Bible itself." (Book jacket)

**Luther for armchair theologians.** Paulson, Steven D. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2004. (230.41092 Paulson)

Luther started a reformation movement that revolutionized Europe in the sixteenth century. His far-reaching reforms of theological understanding and church practices radically modified both church and society in Europe and beyond. Paulson's introduction to Luther's thought, coupled with the illustrations, provides an engaging introduction to Luther's multifaceted self and the ideas that catapulted him to fame. Written by an expert but designed for the nonexpert, this Armchair series volume provides accurate, concise, and witty overviews of one of the most profound Christian theologians in history. (adapted from publisher's description)



## WORSHIP

**Resources for preaching and worship - year A: quotations, meditations, poetry and prayers.** Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2004. (251.6 Resources Year\_A)

[This work is] the last of a three-volume set of lectionary resources, providing preachers and worship leaders of all denominations with a host of written material for worship and reflection. Designed to be used alongside Westminster John Knox's "Texts for Preaching" (Walter Brueggemann et al.) this book weaves together a rich tapestry of quotations, meditations, poems, and prayers. Includes material extracted from both classic and contemporary spiritual writings. (Book jacket)

**The seeds of heaven: sermons on the Gospel of Matthew.** Taylor, Barbara Brown. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c2004. (252.0373 Taylor)

"This wonderful collection of sermons by renowned preacher, author, and speaker Barbara Brown Taylor is based on the Gospel of Matthew. Each of the fifteen sermons, three of them appearing here for the first time in print, is based on a reading from Matthew. . . Taylor is an Episcopal priest, a popular speaker and workshop leader, and one of the 'twelve most effective preachers in the English language,' according to Baylor University and reported by Newsweek." (Publisher's website)

**Searching for shalom: resources for creative worship.** Weems, Ann. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, c1991. (264 Weems)

This book of poems, monologues, and worship resources is about the search for shalom, a peace that surpasses understanding. With a skillful blend of humor and compassion, Weems advises shalom-seekers to re-prioritize, listen to and communicate with one another and with God. (excerpted from book cover)

**2003-2004 Call to worship: liturgy, music, preaching & the arts.** Louisville, KY: Office of Theology & Worship, 2003. (264.005 Call)

"Call to Worship" provides resources and reflective pieces for pastors, musicians, and worship leaders. It is a voice for renewal around word, water, bread, and wine as we gather to give thanks for the Spirit's presence in claiming us as sons and daughters of God as we follow in the path of Jesus Christ." (The Editor; book cover)

**2004-2005 Call to worship: liturgy, music, preaching & the arts.** Louisville, KY: Office of Theology & Worship, 2004. (264.005 Call)

"The annual lectionary aids issue of Call to Worship provides a complete set of worship recommendations for every Sunday and feast day of Year A. From calls to worship and prayers of confession to hymns, anthems, psalm settings, handbell arrangements, and organ selections, Call to Worship is an essential resource for planning worship for pastors, musicians, and other worship leaders. Also included in this issue is a collection of essays on baptismal practice, ecology, architecture, and the development of the common lectionary. Call to Worship is the journal of worship renewal produced by the Office of Theology and Worship and endorsed by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and the United Church of Christ Musician's Network." (Publisher's website description)

**The singing thing: a case for congregational song.** Bell, John L. (John Lambertson). Chicago: GIA Publications, c2000. (781.71 Bell)

"This delightful new handbook by John L. Bell of the Iona Community [Wild Goose Resource Group] explores the reasons we, as humans, are compelled to express ourselves in song. The author has compiled a list of charming introspections about what motivates us to sing or prevents us from singing. Whether we sing to tell stories or don't sing because someone once told us we can't, this engaging and enlightening book examines why everyone can sing and why everyone should. A must-read for choir directors, cantors, and song leaders." (Publisher's website description)



## RELIGION & AMERICAN CULTURE



**William Sloane Coffin American prophet.** Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, c2004. (VHS 230.51 William)

Both a tribute to his remarkable life, and a prophetic call to the nation, this film contains the wisdom of a man facing the end of his courageous life who has carried on a lover's quarrel with America--"like God's lover's quarrel with people," according to Coffin. With powerful messages on terrorism, faith, politics, and hope--engagingly delivered as only William Sloane Coffin can--the documentary concludes with a testimony to his legacy of justice and love, given by his friends: Arthur Miller, James Carroll, Susannah Heschel, and Robert and Sally Benton. (Adapted from cover)

**Faith in words: a celebration of Presbyterian writers.** Louisville, KY: Geneva Press, c2004. (810.8 Faith)

Faith in Words is a timeless collection of essays and poems that reflect on living the life of faith. These meditative stories and essays and their apt metaphors will inspire Christian readers to seek a greater understanding of God and God's presence in our daily lives. This volume includes works from such noted Presbyterian writers as Doris Betts, Kathleen Long Bostrom, Belden C. Lane, Katherine Paterson, J. Barrie Shepherd, David Steele, Bill Tammeus, and Ann Weems. (Book cover)

**The Gospel according to the Simpsons: the spiritual life of the world's most animated family.** Pinsky, Mark I. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, c2001. (791.45 Pinsky)

Pinsky explores how one of the most popular television shows in history went from being attacked by many religious leaders for its lack of family values to being called one of the most theologically relevant programs in prime time. In this witty and accessible book, he examines the individual characters, interviews several of the show's writers and producers, and concludes with a discussion of whether the show is subversive or supportive of faith.