

New Resources

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APOCRYPHAL JESUS, THE	DVD	24/30 minutes lectures on 4 DVDs with Course Guidebook	Examines the origins/meanings of early Christian apocrypha, explores writing that expand upon the gospel accounts of Jesus, his family, death and resurrection. Believed to be heretical, not all these writings are, but reveal diversity/vital storytelling.
ASK: FAITH QUESTIONS IN A SKEPTICAL AGE	DVD	8/9-14 minute sessions on DVD with book and leader guide	A study about difficult questions and our search for faithful answers: Can Only One Religion Be True? Why Is There Suffering/Evil? How Can I Believe in Science /Creation? How Can I Believe in a God I Can't Prove? Can I Trust the O.T.? Etc.
BECOMING CURIOUS	b		Curiosity moves us deeper into the lives of people around us, leads to opportunities never known existed, helps us understand our own emotions, if focused on Jesus, makes us more like him. Curiosity as a spiritual practice/discover power of asking questions
BEING REFORMED: FSU : THE APOSTLES' CREED	curr	leader's/participant's guide	Biblically based 6-session mini courses, provides adults with a foundational understanding of our Reformed faith. Features Scripture, a prayer, in-depth commentary, questions for reflection. Leader's guide provides outlines, direction for group sessions.
BEING REFORMED: FSU: EMBRACED AND EMBRACING	curr		Key resource for all interested in Confirmation in the church. Offers perspectives on different dimensions of the Confirmation process/what it can mean for the lives of young confirmands/church community welcoming/nurturing young Christians.
BIG GOD BIG QUESTIONS: CONFIRMATION FOR A GROWING FAITH	DVD	12 sessions on DVD w/Journal, Home/Ment or Guide, Teacher Guide et	Newest PC(USA) Confirmation Resource includes 12 sessions on DVD with Teacher Guide, Home/Mentor Guide, Student Journal, Infographics.
BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP: 2018 EDITION	b		Book provides orders of worship and liturgical texts for each Sunday, every festival/season throughout the year. Featuring a user-friendly format/fresh design, includes new sections on creation/ecology, justice/reconciliation, justice and reconciliation, et
BOOK OF CONFESSIONS STUDY EDITION REVISED	b		This is the revised study edition of Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church [(U.S.A.)], now including the Confession of Belhar.
CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD	b		Answers the questions, Why should people of faith engage the moral challenge of climate change and how should we do it? Because climate change amplifies all forms of injustice, defense of creation is a campaign for justice.
COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH	b		Helps congregations create healthier way for members to relate to one another for greater personal/congregational success. Practical guidelines to be more effective, lead meetings, experience trust, practice forgiveness, use power, bridge cultures.
COVENANT BIBLE STUDY KIT	DVD	24/20 minute sessions on DVD with leader/participant guides	24 week bible study includes 24/20 minute session on DVD with hosts Rev. Christine Chakoian and Rev. Shane Stanford. Divided into 3 parts Creating, Living, Trusting. Includes Leader Guide, Participant Guide and Meditations.
DIALOGUES ON: THE REFUGEE CRISIS	DVD	7/5-7 min. segments on DVD with partipant/facilitator guide	Adult small group resources encourages honest talk about difficult topics. Equips to share ideas, listen well, learn from other viewpoints, develop action to bring hope/healing out of the church to the world.
DIVERGENT CHURCH	b		The brightest promise of alternative faith communities are embarked upon by exploring 12 unusual congregations that are communities of faith, living out long-established practices in unconventional ways. These communities go far beyond church-in-a-bar.
DRAWING ON HOLY CURRENCIES	b		Gives individuals a tool to work through the concepts presented in Holy Currencies. Graphic workbook includes in-depth reflective exercises that will change how the people in your church view themselves, the church, their mission life.
ENGAGE: A THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION TOOLKIT	b		Provides coaching from experts in the arts of ministry, preaching, administration, evangelism, pastoral care, public ministry, leadership, faith formation, liturgical arts, and more. Addresses themes such as race, gender, different/no faith traditions.
FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS: HOW CAN I KNOW GOD ACCEPTS ME?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.
FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS: WHAT IS IDOLATRY?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.
FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS: WHAT IS JUSTICE?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.
FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS: WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.
FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS: WHAT IS THE NEW LIFE CHRIST OFFERS?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.

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FAITH QUESTIONS: SIMPLE SUNDAYS:WHAT MAKES PEOPLE EQUAL?	curr		Expands on Faith Questions Coffeehouse version. 4-5 sessions each, based on questions young people ask, straight forward lesson plans, little prep. Perfect for any gathering of youth. Download, \$10.00.
FEASTING ON THE GOSPELS: JOHN, VOLUME 1: CHAPTERS 1-9	b		New 7 volume series that provides another trusted preaching resource on the most prominent and preached upon books in the Bible.The same format as Feasting on the Word, 4 perspectives:theological,pastoral,exegetical,homiletical.
FEASTING ON THE GOSPELS: JOHN, VOLUME 2: CHAPTERS 10-21	b		New 7 volume series that provides another trusted preaching resource on the most prominent and preached upon books in the Bible.The same format as Feasting on the Word, 4 perspectives:theological,pastoral,exegetical,homiletical.
FEASTING ON THE GOSPELS: LUKE, VOLUME 1: CHAPTERS 1-11	b		New 7 volume series that provides another trusted preaching resource on the most prominent and preached upon books in the Bible.The same format as Feasting on the Word, 4 perspectives:theological,pastoral,exegetical,homiletical.
FEASTING ON THE GOSPELS: LUKE, VOLUME 2: CHAPTERS 12-24	b		New 7 volume series that provides another trusted preaching resource on the most prominent and preached upon books in the Bible.The same format as Feasting on the Word, 4 perspectives:theological,pastoral,exegetical,homiletical.
FLY IN THE OINTMENT, THE	b		Why denominations aren't helping their congregations and how they can.Requires deep, systemic change on the part of regional associations such as dioceses, presbyteries, synods, and conferences.
FRONT DOOR BACK DOOR: WHY PEOPLE JOIN AND LEAVE CHURCHES	b		Characteristics of churches people tend to join, 3 things that they tend to do well developing people who join. Area where people tend to coast without much growth, experience deterioration over time. Proposes core competency model aligned with
GUIDE TO PREACHING AND LEADING WORSHIP, A	b		Willimon offers his practical advice for some of the most basic tasks of ministry; preparing, delivering, evaluating sermons;planning, leading, evaluating worship services;offering public prayers; celebrating baptism, the Lord's Supper.
HOLY CURRENCIES	b		Gives an overview of the Holy Currencies/Cycle of Blessings. Fully describes all 6 currencies, includes what they are, how to develop them, the exchanges of blessings impact and how to assist congregations to value them.
HOLY CURRENCY EXCHANGE	b		Shares tools for thinking differently about how your resources can mobilize ministries into new life, mission,vitality. Examples include a restaurant ministry, emergency rent loan fund for people in the neighborhood, worship service in Mexican restaurant
HOME BY ANOTHER WAY: A CHRISTMAS STORY	b		Beautiful retelling of the 3 wise men on their journey to Bethlehem by author/preacher Barbara Brown Taylor captures the power of one very special star/gives readers a new perspective on their encounters. Breathtaking artwork, perfect for children/adults
HOMILETICAL PLOT, THE: THE SERMON AS NARRATIVE ART FORM	b		Lowry suggests that instead of comments on a biblical passage that the sermons follow a narrative form that moves from beginning to end, like the plot of a story. Excellent teaching/learning tool for all preachers from intro students to seasoned clergy.
I BELIEVE I'LL TESTIFY: THE ART OF AFRICAN AMERICAN PREACHING	b		Offers practical insights about what makes for great preaching. Using telling anecdotes,it is emphasized that great preaching comes from somewhere and alos must go somewhere. Preaching needs a purpose that will call the church forward
LEADING CONGREGATIONS AND NONPROFITS IN A CONNECTED WORLD	b		Shares emerging practices of leading/organizing congregations/nonprofits in our increasingly networked lives. Draws on studies of congregations across denominations and nonprofits with historic ties to faith communities.
LIFESAVING CHURCH, THE b			Faith communities and suicide prevention. Despite large numbers of people effected, the Church remains largely silent around the topics of mental health,depression, suicide prevention.This memoir,pastor/suicide survivor Ralchael Keef helps open dialog.
LWW: APRIL 2018: LOS NARANJOS, SANTA BARBARA, HONDURAS	b		Photo/story album of the Living Waters for the World installation water purification system for the people of Los Naranjos,Santa Barbara, Honduras. April 2018 vided/installed by The Presbytery of Northern Kansas.
MARVELOUS MUSTARD SEED, THE	b		Based on Jesus' parable of the Mustard Seed, shows young readers that one tiny seed, just like one small child, carries a world of potential. Features ethnically diverse characters,for children ages 4-8. Special note for parents/teachers included.
MARY OLIVER DEVOTIONS b			Timeless volume, arranged by Oliver herself, showcases the beloved poet at her best. She provides us with an invaluable collection of her passionate,perceptive observations of the natural world.
OUR CONNECTIONAL CHURCH: THE HOPEFUL FUTURE OF THE PC(USA)	b		Reflects on the importance of being nourished in a local congregation and being relevant witnesses in the community.4 churches, big and small, show ministry being done by Presbyterians today. Explores risks congregations are taking and future of PC(USA)
PENGUINS IN THE PEWS: CLIMATE, CHANGE AND CHURCH GROWTH	b		Examines why the distinction between quality/quantity is both false and unhelpful?Difference between churches that grow/don't grow?Why Church growth programs work for some/not others?Climate for people to join/stay?What is church culture?etc.
PREACHING THE WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT	b		Explores the stories of over forty fierce, faithful, strong women in the Old Testament, including Eve, Rebekah, Dinah, Tamar, Miriam, Deborah, Jael, Abigail, Bathsheba, and Vashti. Offers sermon ideas that connect each story to contemporary issues.

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RAISING WHITE KIDS	b		Offers age-appropriate insights for teaching children how to address racism when encountered/tackles tough questions about how to help white kids be mindful of racial relations while understanding their own identity/the role they can play for justice.
SEARCH AND FIND IN THE BIBLE	b		God's word. Each story comes with objects for kids to find in the illustrations and dozens more fun, surprising elements that will keep kids coming back.
SIMON AND THE BIG, BAD, ANGRY BEASTS	b		Colorful/expressive illustrations help children ages 4-8 learn how to handle their anger. A guide for parents/teachers included featuring strategies for talking to children about their emotions along with various exercises they can use to cope with anger
SIX THEMES IN GENESIS EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW	curr		Consists of a 6 chapter short-term study that introduces major biblical themes. At the core of each is an introduction/3 major themes: What does this biblical theme mean?...for the life of faith?... For the church at this point in history for action?
SIX THEMES IN MATTHEW EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW	curr		Consists of a 6 chapter short-term study that introduces major biblical themes. At the core of each is an introduction/3 major themes: What does this biblical theme mean?...for the life of faith?... For the church at this point in history for action?
SIX THEMES IN THE BIBLE EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW	curr		Consists of a 6 chapter short-term study that introduces major biblical themes. At the core of each is an introduction/3 major themes: What does this biblical theme mean?...for the life of faith?... For the church at this point in history for action?
STATE OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A., THE	b		Examines the perspectives, experiences, aspirations of a large cross section of PCUSA.
T.B.D.THINK.BELIEVE.DO.: PRAYER	DVD	4/15 minute segments on DVD with student journal, facil. Guide	The first small group study in this series from Sparkhouse, designed for grades 9-11. Includes 4/15 minute segments on DVD, student journal, and facilitator guide
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS WRONG WITH GISBERT?	b		Gisbert the giraffe is tall enough to do everything a giraffe might want to do, but one day, Gisbert's friends start making fun of him, and with each negative comment they say, he begins to shrink..What in the world is wrong with Gisbert?
WORLD JESUS KNEW,	b		A curious kid's guide to life in the first century.What did Jesus eat, wear? How did he get places? What kind of house did he live in? Filled with maps, charts, graphs, and diagrams, brings the Bible to life.
YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY, THE	b		Raised in a secular family, interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, Jacobs decides to obey the Bible as literally as possible for 1 year.His spiritual journey is at once funny/ profound,reverent/ irreverent,personal/universal,eye-opening