



Resources for Teachers

Foothills Presbytery Resource Center

Selected New Titles, May-August 2008



200.8350973
Smith

Smith, Christian. **Soul searching : the religious and spiritual lives of American teenagers**. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2005.

Reveals the complexity of contemporary teenage religious life, showing that religion is widely practiced and positively valued, but also de-prioritized and poorly understood by teens, yet significant in shaping their lives.



DVD
200.8350973
Soul

Soul searching [videorecording]: **a movie about teenagers and God**. [California]: Revelation Studios in association with National Study of Youth and Religion. Revelation Studios, c2007.

79 min. Includes study guide. Film is based on the study presented in Christian Smith's book above.



220.071
Bruce

Bruce, Barbara A. **Triangular teaching: a new way of teaching the Bible to adults**. Abingdon, c2007.

"Not only does the book give you pre-planned lessons, but it explains the theories behind each teaching decision." —Dr. Mary A. Love, Editor, Church School Literature, A.M.E. Zion Church



223.206
Tanner

Tanner, Beth LaNeel. **The Psalms for today**. Louisville : Westminster John Knox Press, c2008.

A new title in the "For today" series for personal and group study. Includes 9 chapters, with discussion questions at end of each chapter.



238.11
Janssen

Janssen, Allan J. **The Apostles' creed**. Louisville, Ky: Witherspoon Press, c2008.

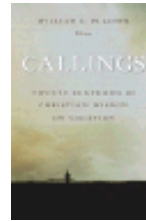
Includes 5-session study guide for small groups.



242 Wood

Wood, Lawrence. **News to me : gospel stories for the real world**. Louisville, Ky. : Westminster John Knox Press, c2008.

32 reflections on the Christian life bring together insights from Scripture with the author's own observations of the "real world."



248.4
Callings

Callings : twenty centuries of Christian wisdom on vocation. Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co, c2005.

Leading lives that matter : what we should do and who we should be. Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans Pub. Co, c2006.

Two books of readings suitable for college and adult discussion groups. Study guides by Furman University's Elaine Nocks are also available, both as printed copies and as downloadable PDF files. See the Resource Center's online catalog for titles and authors of each essay, as well as for links to the downloadable PDF files for each Study Guide.



248.4
Leading



DVD 248.4
Nooma
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Nooma [videorecording] [Grand Rapids, Mich.]: Zondervan, 2002 -

Nooma is an ongoing series of contemporary short films providing a Christian perspective on issues that teens and young adults care about and want to talk about. Averaging 10-15 minutes, each film is accompanied by a discussion booklet. Host is Rob Bell, founding pastor of Mars Hill Bible Church in Greenville, MI. Preview video clips from each film on the Nooma website at <http://www.nooma.com>.



248.4
Palmer

Palmer, Parker J. **Let your life speak : listening for the voice of vocation**. San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c2000.

Telling stories from his own life and the lives of others who have made a difference, Palmer shares insights gained from darkness and depression as well as fulfillment and joy, illuminating a pathway toward vocation for those who seek the true calling of their lives.



248.845
Caldwell 2007

Caldwell, Elizabeth. **Making a home for faith : nurturing the spiritual life of your children**. Cleveland, Ohio : Pilgrim Press, 2007.

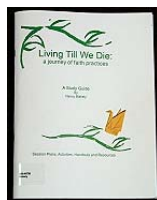
This newly revised and updated edition--beneficial for parents, guardians, and those who do ministry with children--places emphasis on the issues of living in a pluralistic culture. A completely updated list of helpful books and other resources for congregations and families is also included.



259.23
Arthur

Arthur, Sarah. The God-hungry imagination: the art of storytelling for postmodern youth ministry. Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, c2007.

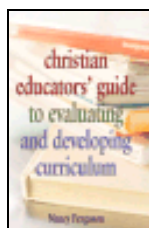
Arthur invites the church to draw upon tools of the storytelling trade found in literature and the arts and considers how these might equip the church--and its youth--for telling and living the gospel through worship and discipleship.



259.41756
Blakely

Blakely, Nancy. Living till we die : a journey of faith practices ; a study guide. Anderson, S.C. : Hospice of the Upstate, c2007.

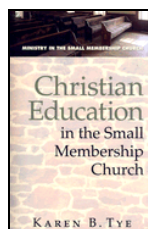
Study guide for a six-session course designed to bring a "practices" approach to the challenges of facing end of life issues as a people of faith. Hospice ministry, the framework for the study, offers many resources for this discussion.



268
Ferguson

Ferguson, Nancy. Christian educators' guide to evaluating and developing curriculum. Valley Forge, PA : Judson Press, c2008.

"Workshop designs, questionnaires, worksheets, and Nancy's own commentary work together to offer everything a seasoned educator or novice Christian education committee chairperson could need to help a congregation choose material that will be good for them." --Ann Knox, director, Instructional Resource Center, Union Seminary-PSCE



268 Tye

Tye, Karen B. Christian education in the small membership church. Nashville : Abingdon Press, c2008.

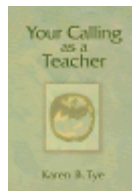
In a culture that places great value on numbers, small membership churches often mistakenly see themselves at a disadvantage. Small churches can create wonderful opportunities to form and disciple faithful followers of Jesus Christ. In offering viable Christian Education, the role of the pastor is critical. This book invites pastors to lead their small membership churches to develop an imaginative and holistic vision of Christian Education.



268.08996
Hill

Hill, Kenneth H. Religious education in the African American tradition : a comprehensive introduction. St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, c2007.

"Compelling reading for scholar and Sunday School teacher." --Charles Foster, Carnegie Foundation



268.3 Tye

Tye, Karen B. Your calling as a teacher. St. Louis : Chalice Press, 2008.

Designed to help teachers see their responsibility as a calling, a ministry, and not just a job being done for the church, as well as providing some of the knowledge, skills, and tools that can help teachers faithfully carry out their ministry.



269.63 Miller

Miller, Beth M. Ready to go retreats & lock-ins : 16 complete plans for fun and soulful events. Nashville, TN : Abingdon Press, c2006.

Veteran youth worker Beth Miller focuses on planning and executing successful retreats and lock-ins.



370.1523
Jensen

Jensen, Eric. Enriching the brain : how to maximize every learner's potential. San Francisco : Jossey-Bass, c2006.

Shows that lasting brain enrichment doesn't occur randomly through routine or ordinary learning. It requires specific and persistent experiences that amount to a "formula" for maximizing brain potential. Jensen offers an innovative set of practices for promoting enrichment in home, school, and classroom.



370.1523
Sousa

Sousa, David A. How the brain learns. Thousand Oaks, Calif. : Corwin Press, c2006.

Revised and updated edition of this practical bestseller examines new research and developments in brain functioning while continuing its successful tradition of translating this information into effective classroom strategies and activities.



371.1
Palmer

Palmer, Parker J. The courage to teach: exploring the inner landscape of a teacher's life. San Francisco, Calif: Jossey-Bass, 2007.

Palmer builds on a simple premise: good teaching cannot be reduced to technique but is rooted in the identity and integrity of the teacher. Includes bonus CD.



823.914
Neal
2008

Neal, C. W. The Gospel according to Harry Potter : the spiritual journey of the world's greatest seeker. Louisville, Ky. : Westminster John Knox Press, c2008.

Neal, an author and youth minister, finds many "glimmers of the gospel" in the stories of Harry Potter, Dumbledore, Severus Snape, and the other characters who inhabit the magical world of Hogwarts.