

New Children's Resources

Director' s Manual for Weekday Ministries An essential tool for directors of a preschool or after-school program at church, whether you are new to the position or experienced, or even just thinking about starting such a program. This book is packed with practical information to help you develop and maintain a quality weekday ministry. 127 pages by Barbara Snell McLain. 2003 Discipleship Resources. ED-PR-M03

Stephen' s Test of Faith.It's tough for a 12 year old to be rejected by his peers. It devastates young Stephen. He shares his humiliation with his parents at home. That night Stephen takes a faith-building journey during a dream. He travels through history meeting Jesus, Stephen the martyr, families about to enter the Roman coliseum, William Tyndale, Christian children in today's Middle East, and other who dare to share their faith. Young Stephen's view of the kingdom and his definition of "Christian" are revolutionized. He awakes and goes back to witness to his world, his trail of faith strengthened by the Body of Christ. 22 min video from Video Vision, 1998. ED-EL-116.

Let There Be Peace in the Classroom. Classroom management: What do I do if a child throws a tantrum? How do I deal with cliques? What do I do when children say they are bored? How do I stop children from making fun of one another? Using a positive approach to discipline, tackles hard issues that teachers of younger and older children face and provides workable suggestions for dealing with those issues. Includes more than 30 specific activities for creating a peaceful classroom. 128 pages by Jenni Douglas Duncan. 2002 Discipleship Resources. ED-TE-D04

Teaching Prayer in the Classroom: Experiences for Children and Youth. Revised and expanded. Provides children/tween teachers and leaders with practical guidance for teaching the elusive and mystifying topic of prayer. Offers step-by-step activities and specific examples of age-appropriate prayers for preschoolers to 12-yr-olds. 126 pages by Delia Halverson. 2003 Abingdon. ED-TE-H05

What Every Teacher Needs to Know... Series of booklets from Discipleship Resources 2002. Covers the basics on the following topics: Classroom Environment, Curriculum, Theology, the Bible, United Methodist Church, Teaching, Christian Heritage, Living the Faith, Faith Language, People. ED-TE-W02.01-.10

Faith the Cow. Dan West was a man who loved peace. Faith was a special Guernsey heifer. Just one man, just one cow? Could they make the world a better place? Beautifully illustrated children's book about Heifer Project International. 30 illustrated pages by Susan Bame Hoover. 1995 Heifer Project International. MI- -H01

Beatrice' s Goat.Beautifully recounts the true story of one child, given the right tools, is able to lift her family out of poverty. Thanks to Heifer Project International, other families will also have that chance. Children's book, beautifully illustrated, with

afterward by Hillary Rodham Clinton. 30 illustrated pages by Page McBrier. 2001
Heifer Project International. MI- -M01

Teaching Today' s Teachers to Teach Comprehensive, updated guidebook of practical ideas, advice, and wisdom on the art and practice of teaching. Offers realistic views of congregational teaching and learning while also providing an essential resource for those who have accepted the exhilarating yet unsettling challenge of the church' s first ministry teaching. 168 pages by Donald L. Griggs. 2003 Abingdon. ED-TE-G05

New Church Leadership Materials

Find a Niche and Scratch It: Marketing Your Congregation. Challenges churches to find the niche where they can use their specific gifts and offer the mission and ministry to which they are best suited, rather than simply 'play the game.' Practical assistance to churches wishing to maximize strengths and minimize weaknesses. Great for pastors and church leaders. 2003 by Robert L. Perry. Alban Institute 129 pages. CH-AD-P01

Focus Your Vision. New DeWitt Jones video! Nice motivational video with beautiful videography from this National Geographic photographer (creator of Everyday Creativity and Celebrate What's Right with the World. Explores how much more is accomplished when you focus your vision. Good for committees. 20 min video comes with Leader's guide, workbook and Powerpoint CD. CH-LD-027

Lay Speakers: Preach. Advanced course. Each speaker will: prepare a sermon for a particular congregation, deliver that sermon before several other lay speakers in training, critique and evaluate her/his own sermon as well as the sermons of several other lay speakers. 15 pages from Discipleship Resources. 2002. CH-LD-L02.01

Lay Speakers: Cultivate Christian Community. Advanced Course. Helps lay speakers cultivate Christian community in small groups. This course is a "field of play" to practice small-group leadership, test out new skills, and experiment with new behaviors, learning how to be a resource for others' learning. 15 pages from Discipleship Resources 2003. CH-LD-L02.02

The Passion Driven Congregation How to do church in the 21st century America. Shows how to produce a happy and productive succession following the retirement of a long-tenured and exceptionally effective pastor. Also answers, "What will be the most important characteristics of the very large Protestant church in America in the 21st century?" By McGriff and Millard. 169 pages. Abingdon 2003. CH-LD-M12

Igniting Ministry TV Commercials. Use these beautiful UM television commercials in a myriad of ways with your congregation. Eleven 30-second spots as part of the Igniting Ministry Campaign. Love Letter, Advice, I Believe, Daughter Sleeping, It Rained Today (4), A Thousand Hands, Dominoes (2 versions - 1 is in Spanish) UMComm 1002. 5 min. video. CH-MV-002

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Apostles' Creed, The: Knowing What We Believe. Invites young people to go beyond merely knowing the words of the Apostles' Creed to exploring it as a guide to their Christian walk and a unifying force that connects them to the body of Christ. 17 lessons covering each phrase of the creed. Includes study guide. 95 min video by Tom Tufts. 2003 Paraclete Press. ED-YM-026

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Tithing Testimonials and Time of Commitment: AC 2003 35 min video from New England Annual Conference in June 2003. UM-AC-009

Go Preach! A Primer for Beginning Preachers. Basic handbook for those who are called to preach on occasion but may not be formally trained as preachers. Written simply and directly, with emphasis on practical tips with just enough theory to support the practice. Contains a list of suggested resources for the beginning preacher' s library and a more in-depth bibliography. 127 pages by John P. Gilbert. 2002 Discipleship Resources. WO- -G04

Korean-English Sermons. Korean-English Sermons published for the Korean Christian Immigration Centennial by the National Association of Korean-American United Methodist Church. 1030 pages by National Association of Korean-American UMC 2003. WO- -K03.

Building for Ministry and Mission. GBGM Office of Architecture and the Congregational Development Unit explores planning new church buildings and renovating existing structures. 17 min video by Alva I. Cox from GBGM Office of Architecture, 1987. CH-CI-006.

The Passion Driven Congregation. How to “do” church in the 21st century America. Shows how to produce a happy and productive succession following the retirement of a long-tenured and exceptionally effective pastor. Also answers, "What will be the most important characteristics of the very large Protestant church in America in the 21st century?" 169 pages by McGriff and Millard. Abingdon, 2003. CH-LD-M12.

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Tithing Powerpoint CD (Holy Smoke). Powerpoint presentation on Tithing by the authors of "Holy Smoke." 2002 by Christopher and Mather (GBOD). ST- -001.

Introduction to UMTV.ORG (DVD). Great introduction to UMTV.ORG, which is a program from the United Methodist Communications office broadcast free over the internet frequently (roughly weekly). Anyone can watch a UMTV program. They cover current topics affecting United Methodists and the world around us. Some segments are picked up and aired by major networks like NBC and CBS. 20 min. from UMComm 2002. UM- -001.02

New Group Study Resources

Bible Jesus Read, The: 8-session Exploration of the Old Testament

Provocative, soul-searching group study that will change your picture of the Old Testament. Journey through the scriptures Jesus read, used and loved...scriptures that laid the foundation for everything He ever said or did. Includes video (8 twelve-min. clips), leader's guide, participants guide, and softcover copy of "The Bible Jesus Read." By Philip Yancey. 2002 Zondervan. BI-OT-002

Becoming a Contagious Christian: Communicating Your Faith in a Style that Fits You.

Releasing the hidden evangelist in every Christian. A proven course designed to equip believers for effective evangelism in today's world, showing ordinary believers how they can share the Gospel in a natural and powerful way while being the person God made them to be. Each session's exercises, discussions, self-assessments and video vignettes give step-by-step guidance to help participants become effective communicators for Christ to those around them. For small to large groups, time-adaptable, and includes video, overhead masters, leader's guide. 5 participant's guides also available (ed-ad-012.01). By Mittelberg, Strobel and Hybels 1995 Zondervan/Willow Creek. ED-AD-012

Beginnings 9-12 week small-group study about basic Christian beliefs. Intended for adults hungry for an intentional walk with God that encourages a personal relationship with Jesus. Targets inquirers, explorers, seekers and new church members, designed to begin where these adults are on their spiritual journey. In each 2-hour session participants share a meal, watch a short video/DVD, engage in meaningful discussion and reflection, study Scripture, explore Christian faith and teachings, and grow in depth of experience through the small group. Includes director's manual, participant's guide, small-group leader's guide, video and DVD, and participant's companion. By Ron Weber. Abingdon 2003. ED-AD-050

Faith Quest: A Journey Toward Congregational Transformation The Bible study: 17 week study for congregational leaders. Introduces a variety of concepts that help us think about God, the church, the world, and our Christian life. Challenges you to explore the ways you lead and live within the Christian community. First step in a journey, using Scripture and the teachings of John Wesley as a lens for viewing the 21st century in a deep and meaningful way. 158 pages by Dan R. Dick. 2002 Discipleship Resources. ED-AD-D05

Race: The Power of an Illusion Challenges one of our most fundamental beliefs: that humans come divided into a few distinct groups. This definitive 3-part video series is an eye-opening tale of how what we assume to be normal, commonsense, even scientific, is actually shaped by our history, social institutions and cultural beliefs. Excellent kit comes with many supplemental materials: Leader's guide, web links for interactive material, race quiz, 10 things everyone should know about race, and more. California Newsreel and PBS 2003. SJ-RE-008.00

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Falling in Love with Jesus - Abandoning Yourself to the Greatest Romance of Your Life. Have you ever watched other Christians sail through circumstances that would sink your boat? Where do you find the strength and peace you desire for your own life? Falling in Love with Jesus provides the answers to these and many other secrets of the Christian walk. Romance, abiding love, peace and security are the deepest longings of a woman' s hearts. They are found in Jesus, the ultimate bridegroom. This 10-session study skillfully weaves video presentation, group discussion and in-depth Bible study to increase your hunger for God and walk you through three stages of a love affair with Jesus. Kit Contains two video cassettes, one Leader' s Guide, and one Workbook. By Brestin and Troccoli 2001 Thomas Nelson Publishing. UMW-SG-001

Beyond 30 Seconds: Developing a Welcoming Congregation from the UMCComm Igniting Ministry series. Takes you and your congregation to the next level. 7-session video curriculum for small or large groups invites us to look beyond the TV commercials to truly become people who understand and welcome newcomers. Each session explores how a small group can assist a congregation to view welcoming, not as a program, but as a way of living within the body of Christ. Includes video, leader' s guide and learner' s guide. Pub. 2002. CH-LD-002.

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls DVD or video of the award-winning book by Mary Pipher. Excellent!! Exclusive, illustrated interview with Mary Pipher, covering the challenges facing today' s teens, especially girls, as well as the role of media and popular culture in shaping their identities. Offers concrete ideas for girls and boys, families, teachers and school to help girls free themselves from the toxic influences of today' s media-saturated culture. Includes version for classroom group and for home and study guide with resources, exercises and tips. Pub. 2002 Media Education Foundation. ED-YM-023.

Mayberry Bible Study Vol. 1 and Vol. 2. Helps you reach adults, youth, non-church members - even refresh world-weary souls of long-time believers. With practical applications for daily living, features classic episodes of the Any Griffith Show with

relevant scriptures to use as modern parables on the teachings of Jesus. Each volume comes with 4 episode-video and Leader' s book. Study book sold separately. By Stephen Skelton, EcuFilm 2002. ED-AD-020 and ED-AD-021

Bad Girls of the Bible: Exploring Women of Questionable Virtue. 12-week study for women and men, laity and clergy, brings to life the Bible' s "bad girls" notorious women we love to hate, exploring lives filled with betrayal, deception, rejection, jealousy, and exploitation. Shows us women of exceptional boldness, courage, determination and independence - women not that different from ourselves. 115 pages by Barbara J. Essex. 1999 by Pilgrim Press. UMW-MC2003-E01

New History Materials

John Wesley's 300th Birthday. Using images of Wesley and early Methodism from The United Methodist Archives, this video or DVD is a series of short segments that will help tell the story of Methodism. Each of the twelve segments highlights a different aspect of Wesley's life and theology. The narration, written by Charles Yrigon and the staff at the General Commission on Archives and History, conveys the essentials of understanding Wesley's life and theology. Topics include: Who was John Wesley? John Wesley the Organizer; John Wesley the Preacher; John Wesley the Publisher; Wesley and Social Concerns; Wesley and Money; Wesley and the Epworth Rectory; Wesley in America; Wesley and Opposition; Main Themes of John Wesley's Thought; Wesley's Lasting Influence. 15 min. video or dvd from GNTV 2003. UM-HI-016.

The World is Our Parish. Explains the 13 general boards and agencies of the UMC. Includes a viewer's worksheet. 30 min video from UMCComm 1987. UMHI-026

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John Wesley and His Times. A short overview of John Wesley's life and times. Great introduction to Wesley with film footage taken from the movie: John Wesley (UM-HI-028). Suitable for upper elementary through adult, new member classes, or confirmation classes. 15 min. video with Donald Hughes. 1960 EcuFilm. UM-HI-011

New Mission Resources

Encounter With Christ. Advance #025100. Plea to support this mission especially in Latin America and the Caribbean. Video explains the program of this creative mission and shows how you can support it. 8 min video from The Advance 2002. MI-CA-007

Supporting Leadership for Life: The Black College Fund. 2 part video. Part 1 is 8 min and explains the UM Black College Fund's history and new vision. Part 2 includes four 60-90 second vignettes useful in a variety of settings, including worship. Comes with presentation and resource guide. 18 min video from UMComm 2002. UM-HE-002

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Religions: Encountering People of Other Faiths. In our multicultural world, resource to help teens be informed and steadfast in the Christian life and better relate to those of other faiths and cultures. Hints and insights on listening effectively and being a faithful Christian guide when a teen (or the parent of a teen) comes to you with questions, fears, or concerns. Also has 9 complete 40-min. youth programs on the facts about religion and the impact religion can have on individuals and communities. 112 pages by Hambrick and Lawler. 1995 Abingdon. ED-YM-H02.

The Intersection of Religion, Government and Social Needs. Discussion on faith-based initiatives. Covers the background, benefits, concerns for the future, legal issues, alternatives. Presenters are from a wide variety of positions and perspectives - a well-rounded discussion. 40 min. video from Aspen Institute 2001. SJ-CS-003.

Reclaiming a Natural Balance. Faith and Nature: summarizes the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits' efforts to address environmental issues, specifically in the pulp and paper industry. Covers the environmental accountability of corporations, consumers and that of the General Board. 13 min video from GB Pension & Health Benefits 2001. SJ-EN-002

Gifts in the Shadows: Depression. Describes depression and asks where is God when we are depressed. He is there giving us spiritual gifts through the journey. Susan Gregg-Schroeder links depression and spirituality, and looks at depression as a spiritual turning point. 30-min. video by Susan Gregg-Schroeder. 2002 Mental Health Ministries. SJ-MH-011

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Killing Us Softly III: Advertising's Image of Women This video has influenced millions of students across 2 generations. Uses over 160 ads and TV commercials to critique advertising's depictions of women. With wit and warmth, Kilbourne invites viewers to look at familiar images in a new way - one that empowers them to take action. Includes extensive leader's guide. 35 min video by Jean Kilbourne. 2001 Media Education Foundation. GI-WM-001

The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of Disability. Draws from the disability rights movement to identify people with disabilities as members of a socially disadvantaged minority group rather than as individuals who need to adjust. Shows the vital relationship between Christianity and social change, contending that Christians encounter the disabled God through Eucharist and may thus participate in new imaginations of wholeness and new embodiments of justice. 139 pages by Nancy L. Eiland. 1994 Abingdon. SJ-DI-E01

Unexpected Guests at God's Banquet: Welcoming People With Disabilities into the Church. Practical and challenging call to a more inclusive church shows WHY disabled people must be a part of congregational life, along with how, where, and what to do. From worship and Sunday school to fellowship potlucks and youth group retreats, new ways to help those with disabilities become what they already are: One in Christ. 184 pages by Brett Webb-Mitchell. 1994 Crossroad. SJ-DI-W01

Dancing With Disabilities: Opening the Church to All God's Children. Imagine what a church could be if those who are "disabled" and those who are "able-bodied" were to understand themselves to be equal partners in the faith community. Relates the struggles and triumphs, frustrations and joys, of the children and adults with disabilities whom the author has met through his ministry, whose presence challenges the church to welcome all God's children to their rightful place in the Christian community. 184 pages by Brett Webb-Mitchell. 1996 United Church Press. SJ-DI-W02

Shower of Stoles Project: Video and Booklet. Moving portrayal of the stoles and their stories. Created for adult & high school programs to foster group discussion, and with

displays of the stoles. Tells how the project began and how it impacts the people it has touched over the past 7 years. Stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons of faith who have been barred from serving the church openly. Includes video, video study guide, and booklet, "So Great a Cloud of Witnesses." 30 min video with Martha G. Juillerat. 2003 Shower of Stoles Project. SJ-HO-008

Hearts and Minds: Teens and Mental Illness. Video and discussion guide seeks to decrease the stigma of mental illness, show people with mental illness who lead productive lives, explain the biological basis and treatment of mental illness, encourage young people to get help if they feel they or others might have a mental illness, and show that mental illness can affect anyone. 27 min from Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare 2000. SJ-MH-001

No Longer Alone (Tape 1 and 2): Mental Health and the Church Experience the inspirational message of faith and healing in this 10-segment video set. John Toews' powerful presentation is suitable for churches, Sunday schools and small groups. An excellent teaching aid. Tape 1: What is mental health, Mental health and the life cycle, Who sinned?, The Need of healing, Emotions that hurt: Emotions that heal. SJ-MH-004.01 and .02

No Longer Alone: Mental Health and the Church. Just as we must learn to walk with persons who are physically ill, so we must learn to walk with those suffering mental illness. Addresses topics like the interrelatedness of social, emotional, physical and spiritual selves; emotions that hurt or heal; depression; addictions; schizophrenia; grief; and suicide. 174 pages by John Toews. 1995 Herald Press. SJ-MH-T01

Strength for His People: A Ministry for Families of the Mentally Ill. Addresses needs arising among Christian families of those with severe mental illness. Study guide also offers a Biblical perspective on schizophrenia. Covers churches response to mental illness, schizophrenia as a medical not moral problem, Bible studies on handling family emotions, human worth not being based on achievement, and explaining the differences between schizophrenia and demons. 136 pages by Pastor Steven Waterhouse. 1994 Westcliff Bible Church. SJ-MH-W01

Dark Glasses & Kaleidoscopes: Living with Manic Depression. 33 min. SJ-MH-002
Chronic Depression: 8 Leading Experts Answer the 5 Most-Common Questions. SJ-MH-003

Other Mental Health Conference videos:

Unique Needs at Crystal Cathedral: March 15, 2001. SJ-MH-004

Spirituality and Mental Illness: NAMICA Conference 1999. SJ-MH-005

Placentia Presbyterian Church, Nov. 18, 2000. SJ-MH-006

Spirituality and Mental Illness: NAMI 1999 Chicago. SJ-MH-007

Spirituality and Mental Illness: NAMI 1999 California. SJ-MH-008

The Least of These: 2002 San Clemente Presbyterian Church. SJ-MH-009

Who Will Roll Away the Stone? Exposes the social and spiritual stones that impede us in our development and growth as Christians. Uses the gospel of Mark as a manual for radical discipleship, turning to the tasks of repentance and conversion in a contemporary context. Calls us to solidarity with the marginalized, to embracing social pluralism, and advocating for sustainable economics. 495 pages by Chad Meyers. 1994 Orbis Books. SJ-RE-M04

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New Spiritual Growth Materials

Praying Together: Forming Prayer Ministries in Your Congregation. An aid to those who want to help prayer ministries in their congregation happen. Explores 22 ways in which people are currently praying together in local congregations. Offers administrative suggestions for beginning and maintaining such ministries in your church. 225 pages 2002 by Martha Graybeal Rowlett. CH-LD-R01

Stephen's Test of Faith It's tough for a 12 year old to be rejected by his peers. It devastates young Stephen. He shares his humiliation with his parents at home. That night Stephen takes a faith-building journey during a dream. He travels through history meeting Jesus, Stephen the martyr, families about to enter the Roman coliseum, William Tyndale, Christian children in today's Middle East, and other who dare to share their faith. Young Stephen's view of the kingdom and his definition of "Christian" are revolutionized. He awakes and goes back to witness to his world, his trail of faith strengthened by the Body of Christ. Video Vision 1998. 22 min. ED-EL-116

Love Never Ends: Growing Together in Marriage and Faith. Shows you ways to fortify both your relationship with God and with your spouse. Their approach is biblical, realistic, anecdotal and practical. Each chapter has engaging exercises and a "Face to Face" section with ideas for spouses to think about and discuss followed by a prayer suggestion. by Lauer and Lauer. 2002 Upper Room Books. 223 pages. FM-MA-L01

Footprints on Our Hearts: How to Cope After a Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Newborn Death A baby dies. The agony we feel is complex and intense, as it mixes with misplaced guilt, hurt, helplessness, and deep sorrow. Video offers ways to cope with these feelings in the days and weeks of grieving that follow, as it speaks words of understanding, encouragement, and hope for the future. Includes resource guide. 60 min video by Charity Hamilton. Paraclete Press 2003. PC-GR-001

At a Loss for Words: How to Help Those You Care for in a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Newborn Death Experience. You care, but you don't know how to show it. Teaches spouses, family, friends, neighbors, and early caregivers - clergy, doctors, nurses, and counselors - how to help and what to say and do. Includes resource guide. 30 min video by Charity Hamilton from Paraclete Press 2003. PC-GR-002.

Falling in Love with Jesus - Abandoning Yourself to the Greatest Romance of your Life. Introduces readers to the ultimate love relationship of all time, a relationship with Jesus Christ. Using humor, contemporary love songs, real-life stories, and solid Biblical teaching. Helps women discover a life changing intimacy with Jesus. No matter your age or marital status, you are His bride, the object of His affection. The secret to an abundant life lies not in ten steps, but in developing a deep love relationship with Jesus, abandoning yourself to the greatest romance of your life! 194 pages by Brestin and Troccoli 2000. UMW- -B03

Cuaderno de la Oracion Viviente (Workbook of Living Prayer). **Spanish Language** One of the best-selling group resources ever published, The Workbook of Living Prayer teaches a simple and practical way to grow in the discipline of prayer. This six-week, personal adventure in prayer will strengthen a new generation of pray-ers as well as those who have used it before. 159 pages by Maxie Dunnam. 2002 Upper Room. ED-AD-D06.

New Worship Resources

How We Seek God Together: Exploring Worship Style. 137 page book and 13 min. video helps today's pastors lead congregations in their efforts to improve the worship experience through the use of music that meets biblical norms and serves theology as a response to God. Resource on music and worship from 3 distinct worship experiences that equips clergy and musicians to make wise decisions about liturgical change and enrichment. Helps organize a worship program for your faith community, with self-understanding exercises and spiritual growth. By Clark, Swenson, and Stamm. 2001 Alban Institute. WO- -010.01 and .02

New Wine and Fresh Bread: A Taste of Post-Modern Worship. Video and study guide resulting from Junaluska 2001 Convocation on Preaching and Worship as evangelism. Explores what it means to be in ministry to a postmodern world. Offers a taste of experiential, participatory, image-based and connective worship (EPIC) that reaches postmoderns. 15 min video from 2001 Junaluska/SE Jurisdiction. WO- -010

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Apostles' Creed, The: Knowing What We Believe. Invites young people to go beyond merely knowing the words of the Apostles' Creed to exploring it as a guide to their Christian walk and a unifying force that connects them to the body of Christ. 17 lessons covering each phrase of the creed. Includes study guide. 95 min video by Tom Tufts. 2003 Paraclete Press. ED-YM-026

Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls. DVD or video of the award-winning book by Mary Pipher. Excellent!! Exclusive, illustrated interview with Mary Pipher, covering the challenges facing today's teens, especially girls, as well as the role of media and popular culture in shaping their identities. Offers concrete ideas for girls and boys, families, teachers and school to help girls free themselves from the toxic influences of today's media-saturated culture. Includes version for classroom group and for home and study guide with resources, exercises and tips. ED-YM-023. Pub. 2002 Media Education Foundation.

John Wesley's 300th Birthday. Using images of Wesley and early Methodism from The United Methodist Archives, this video or DVD is a series of short segments that will help tell the story of Methodism. Each of the twelve segments highlights a different aspect of Wesley's life and theology. The narration, written by Charles Yrigon and the staff at the General Commission on Archives and History, conveys the essentials of understanding Wesley's life and theology. Topics include: Who was John Wesley? John Wesley the Organizer; John Wesley the Preacher; John Wesley the Publisher; Wesley and Social Concerns; Wesley and Money; Wesley and the Epworth Rectory; Wesley in America; Wesley and Opposition; Main Themes of John Wesley's Thought; Wesley's Lasting Influence. 15 min. video or DVD from GNTV 2003. UM-HI-016.

Religions: Encountering People of Other Faiths. In our multicultural world, resource to help teens be informed and steadfast in the Christian life and better relate to those of other faiths and cultures. Hints and insights on listening effectively and being a faithful Christian guide when a teen (or the parent of a teen) comes to you with questions, fears, or concerns. Also has 9 complete 40-min. youth programs on the facts about religion and the impact religion can have on individuals and communities. 112 pages by Hambrick and Lawler. 1995 Abingdon. ED-YM-H02.

Making Disciples Confirmation Program. A confirmation program from Logos Productions. Includes Coordinator's Guide, Confirmand's Journal, Mentor's Guide, and 13-part Mentor Support Video. 50 pages plus video by William H. Willimon, 1997. ED-CO-005

Stephen's Test of Faith. It's tough for a 12 year old to be rejected by his peers. It devastates young Stephen. He shares his humiliation with his parents at home. That night Stephen takes a faith-building journey during a dream. He travels through history meeting Jesus, Stephen the martyr, families about to enter the Roman coliseum, William Tyndale, Christian children in today's Middle East, and other who dare to share their

faith. Young Stephen' s view of the kingdom and his definition of "Christian" are revolutionized. He awakes and goes back to witness to his world, his trail of faith strengthened by the Body of Christ. 22 min video from Video Vision, 1998. ED-EL-116

Teaching Prayer in the Classroom: Experiences for Children and Youth. Revised and expanded. Provides children/tween teachers and leaders with practical guidance for teaching the elusive and mystifying topic of prayer. Offers step-by-step activities and specific examples of age-appropriate prayers for preschoolers to 12-yr-olds. 126 pages by Delia Halverson. 2003 Abingdon. ED-TE-H05

What Every Teacher Needs to Know... Series of booklets from Discipleship Resources, 2002. Covers the basics on the following topics: Classroom Environment, Curriculum, Theology, the Bible, United Methodist Church, Teaching, Christian Heritage, Living the Faith, Faith Language, People. ED-TE-W02.01-.10

Hearts and Minds: Teens and Mental Illness. Video and discussion guide seeks to decrease the stigma of mental illness, show people with mental illness who lead productive lives, explain the biological basis and treatment of mental illness, encourage young people to get help if they feel they or others might have a mental illness, and show that mental illness can affect anyone. 27 min from Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare 2000. SJ-MH-001

Becoming a Contagious Christian - Youth Edition Designed with both you and your students in mind. Everything you' ll need to help students discover and develop and discover their unique evangelism styles. Includes an Evangelical Styles Assessment; activities for individuals, partners, and small groups; and video dramas that model and bring to life the evangelistic skills students can use every day. Included: Video cassette, Student' s Guide, Leader' s Guide, and PowerPoint Presentation on CD-ROM. 2002 Willow Creek ED-YM-025

Tween Spirituality: Opportunities in Preteen Spiritual Growth. Provides the adults who work with and love tweens (4th-6th grade) some ways to nurture a tween' s natural spirituality so that it develops into a lifelong relationship with God. Includes Sunday school ideas, other church settings, congregational life and family activities with reproducible articles for families, parents and teachers. 128 pages by Marcia Joslin Stoner. 2003 Abingdon. ED-EL-S04

Teaching Today' s Teachers to Teach Comprehensive, updated guidebook of practical ideas, advice, and wisdom on the art and practice of teaching. Offers realistic views of congregational teaching and learning while also providing an essential resource for those who have accepted the exhilarating yet unsettling challenge of the church' s first ministry teaching. 168 pages by Donald L. Griggs. 2003 Abingdon. ED-TE-G05