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The Resource Center Newsletter

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### ISN'T IT AMAZING!

You barely have the Christmas decorations stowed away - and you turn around to find the Lent/Easter seasons will be here before we know it.. You will discover a treasure trove of resources just waiting for you to use for these times in our church calendar listed on the second page of this newsletter. If you can't get into the center, just contact me and I will mail items to you. And I'm always available to answer your questions and/or offer suggestions about appropriate resources to meet your programming needs.

A timely resource that you may want to have for your congregation is the 2009 Lenten devotional guide "Conversations with Jesus", which is produced by "Presbyterians Today". Contact PC(USA) in Louisville at 800-558-1669 to order. Copies are \$3 (1-9), \$1.50 (10-99), \$1.25 (100-249), \$1.00 (250+)

### SAD, BUT TRUE...

In the November newsletter I mentioned a new book in the center: "Global Women: Nannies, Maids and Sex Workers in the New Global Economy". The plight of these women was graphically brought to life in a poster session at the November presbytery meeting when a former prostitute, who had been sold into this form of slavery, spoke. In a recent local newspaper the headlines read : Exploited African Children Live as Modern-day Slaves. The article that followed explained that in Africa, the children of the poor are commodities, often traded like cows or donkeys by adults who value their labor. It noted that the trafficking of children for domestic labor in the United States is an illegal but common practice, as well as among the upper class in Africa. It stated

that 1/3 of the estimated 10,00 forced laborers in the U.S. are servants trapped behind the curtains of suburban homes. No one can say how many are children, especially because their work can so easily be masked as chores. Once behind the walls of often-gated communities, these children never go to school. Unknown to their neighbors, they live as modern-day slaves. Tens of thousands of children in Africa, some as young as 3, are recruited each year to work as domestic servants. They are on call 24 hours a day and are often beaten if they make a mistake. Children are in demand because they earn less than adults and are less likely to complain. The U.S. State Department found that over the past year, children have been trafficked to work as servants in at least 33 of Africa's 53 countries. Children from at least 10 African countries were sent as maids to the U.S. and Europe. But the problem is so well-hidden that authorities, including the U.N., Interpol and the State Department, have no idea exactly how many child maids now work in the West. Even though many child maids are abused, child labor is rarely prosecuted, because the work isn't considered strenuous. Many employers even see themselves as benefactors! "There is a sense that children should work to help their family, but also they are being given an opportunity," said Mark Lagon, the director of the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. This deplorable situation has been studied by the National Human Rights Center at the University of California, Berkeley, and Free the Slaves, a nonprofit group. Knowledge is a powerful tool in curbing such a deplorable practice. Be informed...check out "Global Women" for starters - search the internet for more info and sources, and use this as a topic in a small study/discussion group.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CENTER?

### THEOLOGY

Here are several suggestions that are especially appropriate for use during Lent

**HOLY ADVENTURE: 41 Days of Audacious Living** - Bruce G. Epperly  
Upper Room Books 219pp  
The author, professor of practical theology at Lancaster Theological Seminary, sees people as partners in shaping God's plan, not just in discovering it. The book offers 41 days of theological reflection, prayer, affirmation and action. Well-written accessible to everyone and soul-inspiring Includes study guide for groups. (A)

**THE JESUS CREED: 7 Lessons on Loving God and Loving Others** - Scot McKnight DVD 47 min. with study guide  
A companion to the book "The Jesus Creed" (also in the Resource Center) This provides lessons on how to follow the model Jesus provided to his disciples. Fresh, accessible, inviting and compelling it brings us into a conversation with Jesus in the places and conditions in which we live our ordinary lives. (A)

**40 DAYS LIVING THE JESUS CREED**  
Scot McKnight 210pp  
Extends what was explored in "The Jesus Creed" book into other passages in the Gospels, discovering how the creed undergirds the Sermon on the Mount, Paul's love chapter and the moral teachings of James, Peter and John. Divided into 7 parts for study/discussion. (A)

### EDUCATION/NURTURE

**CONFRONTING DEATH: A Christian Approach to the End of Life** - Walter Wangerin, Jr. DVD - 57 min & study guide  
Drawing from his own recent experience with cancer, the author explores: discover

ing serious illness, grieving before death, caring for one who is sick, how we handle pain, and confronting the dying itself.. For any adult who wishes to grow in awareness of how Jesus meets us in our weakness and mortality. (A)

**STOP BULLYING: Standing Up for Yourself and Others** DVD - 20 min. Paraclete  
Gives students concrete steps they can take to respond to bullying - what to do if they are bullied or if they witness bullying to avoid a feeling of helplessness in these situations. Presentation by Mark Brown, youth motivational specialist. (C/Y)

**BULLYING: What Every Adult Needs to Know** DVD 30 min. Paraclete  
Bullying has serious consequences for both the victims and the bullies, ranging from low self-esteem to suicide. Educates adults about what they should know about what it is and what can be done to help the young people in their lives when bullying is a problem. Presenter: Mark Brown. (A)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

**TO STRENGTHEN CHRIST'S BODY: Tools for Talking about Tough Issues** 47pp PC(USA)  
Identifies and explores basic concepts and tools that can help address the conflict and disagreements that are a part of everyday life. Prayer, Bible study, discussion and skill building help participants consider ways to approach conflict that will be enlightening, constructive and creative. (A)

### ATTENTION: YOUTH WORKERS

Youth ministry event "Sharing Not Only in the Gospel" at Princeton Seminary, April 27-30. For complete information visit [www.ptsem.edu/iym](http://www.ptsem.edu/iym) or call 609-497-7914  
Strengthen and deepen your ministry!



# LENT AND EASTER

## INFORMATION \* IDEAS \* INSPIRATION

<i>ResCode: Title</i>	<i>Copies</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>	<i>Pub Yr</i>
BK211004: LifeSongs Songbook	1		Augsburg Fortress	1999
BK211005: LifeSongs - Leader Book	1		Augsburg Fortress	1999
BK221001: Friday, Saturday, Sunday-Literary Meditations on S	1	David S. Cunningham	Westminster /John Kno	2007
BK502001: Christ in Easter	1	C. Colson, B. Graham, M.	Navpress	1990
BK502002: Veggie Tales - An Easter Carol- Activity Book	1	VeggieTales	Big Idea Productions, I	2003
BK502003: Celebrating Holy Week in a Post Holocaust World	1	Henry F. Knight	Westminster /John Kno	2005
BK502004: Programs for Lent and Easter	1	Vincie Alessi	Judson Press	1979
BK502005: Programs for Lent and Easter	1	Elizabeth Wright Gale, Ed	Judson Press	1991
BK502006: Teaching and Celebrating Lent-Easter	1	Patricia and Donalds Grigg	Abingdon Press	1987
BK502007: Things to Make & Do for Lent and Easter	1	Martha & Bettis Gee	Bridge Resources	1998
BK502008: Benjamin's Box	1	Melody Carlson	Questar Publishing	1997
BK502009: The Story of the First Easter	1		Thomas Nelson Publish	1994
BK502010: Creative Ideas for Lent	1	Robert G. Davidson	Education Ministries, In	1985
BK502011: The Symbols Speak: A Story for Easter (English &	1	Lisa Flinn & Barbara You	Abingdon Press	2003
BK502012: Kneeling in Jerusalem	1	Ann Weems	Westminster/John Knox	1992
BK502013: Jesus the Christ - Risen and Reigning	1	Rev. Dr. Richard Rutter		
BK502014: Holy Week: Experiencing the Events through Art A	1	Philyllis Vos Wezeman	Educational Ministries,	1992
BK502016: The Scriptures, the Cross & the Power of God	1	Tom Wright	Westminister John Kno	2006
BK502017: Sharing the Easter Faith with Children	1	Carolyn C. Brown	Abingdon Press	2005
BK502018: The Story of the Resurrection Eggs - in Rhyme & S	1	Jean Thomason & Nancy	Integrity Publishers	2003
BK504008: Symbols of Church Seasons and Days	1	John Bradner	Morehouse-Barlow Co	1977
BK508007: Le Us Break Bread Together-A Passover Haggadah	1	Pastor Michael Smith & R	Paraclete Press	2005
BK619003: Cosas para Hacer y Crear en Cuaresma y Pascua	1	Martha Bettis Gee	Bridge Resources	1998
BK801079: Seven Lasting Words	1	Christopher R. Seitz	Westminster John Knox	2001
BK802091: Even Among These Rocks	1	Steven D. Purcell	Piquant	2000
BK802093: Resurrection Rain	1	Arthur F. Fogartie	Geneva Press	2001
BK802128: Seasons of the Soul	1	Carla Mae Streeter, O.P.	Chalice Press	2004
BK806125: Call to Worship -Lectionary Aids for 2007-08 Year	1	Office of Theology and	PC (U.S.A.)	2007
CD803003: New Choral Releases-Spring & Easter 2004	1		The Lorenz Corporation	2003
CR205037: Seasons of Faith - Teaching the Christian Year	1	Marcia Joslin Stoner	Abingdon Press	2003
DVD502001: And It Was So: God's Power and Forgiveness	1	Vision Video	Sunny-Side Up Entertai	
DVD502002: Prophecies of the Passion	1	La Mirada Films	La Mirada Films	2005
KT502001: At the Cross	1		Augsburg Publishing H	1981

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PAM502002: He is Risen	1	June M. Todd	Meriwether Publishing	
PAM502003: Three Gifts From Gentle Jesus	1	Arthur L. Zapel	Meriwether Publishing	1987
PAM502004: A Pageant of Victory	1	Arthur L. Zapel	Meriwether Publishing	1984
PAM502005: Liturgical Resources	1			
PAM502006: Lenten Devotional	1	Eastminster Presbyterian C		1995
PAM502007: Lenten Family Devotional	1	Not Available		
VT203207: Veggie Tales - An Easter Carol	1	Veggie Tales	Everland Prod.	2004
VT502001: The Wall	1	David Haig, Douglas Veili	Paraclete Press	1999
VT502002: In Remembrance	1		Evangelical Films	
VT502003: The Story of Easter	1		WORD-KIDS	1995
VT502004: One Who Was There	1		A United Methodist Co	
VT502005: The Resurrected Life	1		Christian Church (Disci	1999
VT502006: The Easter Story	1		Turner Hone Entertain	
VT502007: The Great Bible Discovery Series- Discovering The	1	David Mead	Morning Light Media	1996
VT805008: Taize- the Risen Christ	1	Taize Community	GIA Publications	2001

# Lent

... Forty days (excluding Sundays) of penance. Traditionally, Lent was a time of preparation for Baptism, a time for learning the creeds, the teachings of Jesus, and the disciplines of the Christian faith.

Lent is a journey . . .

From the wilderness to Jerusalem to Golgotha.

From self-serving to self-giving.

From holding on to life and its possessions to letting go.

From death to life.