



Be RESOURCE-ful

The Resource Center Newsletter

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On the calendar Summer is just around the corner, but recently the thermometer has been telling us it's already here! In any case, this is just a reminder that the RESOURCE CENTER has lots of good ideas for last-minute summertime programming. And for those of you who are thinking ahead to Fall, check out the possibilities that you'll also discover at the center. It's as close as your phone or computer if it proves more convenient than stopping in to browse (see top of page for that info). Just a reminder that the presbytery web site: www.donegalpby.com has a link to a complete listing of all the resources in the center. Click on Resource Center - everything is listed by title, author and subject. Resources can be picked up at the center, brought to a presbytery meeting, or mailed to you.

TAKE NOTE: Educators/Youth Workers

Here are dates to get on your (and the church) calendar now and to begin publicizing and planning for interested persons to attend the events.

* TRINITY YOUTH CONFERENCE- July 27-Aug. 2, Camp Living Waters. For teens completing 9th grade-college age. For info: www.trinityyouthconference.org.

* PRESBYTERY EDUCATORS' EVENT: Sunday afternoon, September 21, 1st Presbyterian Church. Lancaster.

See full details on the mini-poster and/or on the presbytery's web site (above)

* PYWA YOUTH WORKERS GATHERING November 12-15, Doubletree Hotel, New Orleans. For complete information go to www.pywa.org Registrations are currently being taken.

FAITH IN 3 D - January 16-19, Disney

World Resort, Lake Buena Vista FL. For youth from 6th-12th grades. Call 800-769-0210 for info or get a brochure from the Resource Center. For online registration: www.faithin3d.org. Co-sponsored by PC (USA), Episcopal Church and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Looks great! APCE (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) EVENT - January 28-31, San Antonio TX "A Light to the Nations" is this year's theme. The event features awesome plenaries, workshops, tours, worship and music. For complete info: 1-888-728-7228 ext 5460 or Email: apcereg@pcusa.org.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

VIDEO GAMES - Stop the purchase of violent games. Help educate families with whom you minister by making info about these games known. Print out copies of the booklet Children and Violent Video Games: pcusa.org/child/videoviolence.pdf (Adobe Acrobat required) for distribution. Obtain a free copy by calling Pat Chapman: 888-728-7228 ext 5838

* Here's a video game for children that is not only fun and educational, but also will benefit the hungry of the world. The game involves giving the correct definitions to words from 4 choices. For every right response 20 grains of rice are donated to the cause. It may not seem like a lot, but during the first year 25 billion grains of rice have been collected as a result of children playing the game. For more info go to freerice.com.

ENDING VIOLENCE - Our State Department estimates that 800,000 people are moved across international borders each year by traffickers, and millions more are forcibly transported within their own countries. The perpetrators prey on the weakest - primarily women and children - for profit. They lure victims into involuntary servitude, prostitution and being child

soldiers. The USA is helping combat the problems. Sometimes these victims don't even know their basic rights. Education is crucial. Find out more - be informed!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE CENTER Education/Nurture

THE BLESSING OF THE BEASTS - Ethel Pochocki Paraclete 39pp
A cheerful, philosophical story about a pair of lowly friends - a roach and a skunk, who discover that they, too, are blessed. Irresistible wood engravings illustrate the story. (C)

THE CREATION STORY - Norman Meisinger, illustrator - 27pp, Dorling Kindersley
Remarkable picture book of the 7 days of creation, celebrating the beauty of our bountiful planet. Amazing, detailed illustrations with contemporary, easy-to-understand biblical translation. (I)

PICTURE MY WORLD - Nature L. Quillet & others Hyperion 63pp
Explore more than 200 vocabulary words about nature. A photo word book with questions about the outdoors that expose children to nature's wonderful diversity. Includes learning tips for parents and teachers. Ages 1-4. (C)

WATCHING NATURE - A Beginner's Field Guide Monica Russo, Sterling Publ. 96pp
Opens viewer's eyes to the wonders of the outdoors with outstanding color photos. Tips on finding the hidden treasures easily missed, improve observational skills, uncover clues, sound and marking identifications. Grows one's enjoyment of nature. (I)

CELEBRATING GOD'S WORLD IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH Lisa Flinn & Barbara Younger Abingdon 128pp
A year's worth of preschool programs -

active, hands-on, designed for children 3-7 years. Simple Christian message: Bible verse, story, prayer, time for sharing, singing, snack, craft and additional activity if needed to have 1 hour session. Easy-to-use format. (A)

WELCOMING CHILDREN - A Practical Theology of Childhood Joyce Ann Merier Chalice Press 292pp
A comprehensive, practical proposal for the renewal of Christian education in today's churches, incorporating a mastery of contemporary literature on religious education and child development, with a strong theological grounding. Readable style - for all who care about the future of Christian formation and faithfulness, full inclusion of children in all aspects of the church's ministry and outreach. (A)

Theology

PRACTICING OUR FAITH - A Way of Life for a Searching People Dorothy C. Bass, Editor 232pp
Offers help in ways to deeper relationship with God by practicing faith in everyday life. Rooted in the Christian faith and tradition, it explores 12 central Christian practices written by outstanding contributors, shows how Christian spiritual disciplines can become an integral part of how to live each day. (A)

RENOVARE' SPIRITUAL FORMATION BIBLE (NRSV) with Concordance Harper San Francisco 604pp
A Bible that rediscovers Scripture as a living text, rich with insights into how to live our lives more intimately with God. Integrates spiritual disciplines into the Christian life by showing how they are central to the Bible's teachings and stories. Best-selling authors introduce the concept of the "with-God life". A revolutionary resource to make Scripture



come alive. Combines the depth of a study Bible with the warmth of a devotional Bible. (A)

THE ORGANIC GOD - Margaret Feinberg
Bluefish TV
Kit includes 3 DVDs and Leader's Guide
81pp, book and 6 workbooks
6 session Bible study for small groups,
each session's DVD ranges from 9-15
minutes, shot on location in Alaska with
the author. Provides the opportunity for
people to experience the "organic God"
through these materials, the Bible and
their own community of faith. Thought-
provoking questions challenge partici-
pants to discover more about God, them-
selves and other members of their com-
munity. Grow spiritually while building
depth in relationships. (A)

THE LIFE OF JESUS FOR TODAY-
Ronald J. Allen
Westminster/John Knox 115pp
Introduces readers to the life of Jesus and
provides a discussion about what that
means in the 21st Century. Not about what
Jesus would do, but what He might have
us do. (A)

THE RHYTHM OF DISCIPLESHIP -
Luther D. Ivory Geneva 86pp
Calls Christians to live out the Christian
life in community, as discipleship is both
individual and corporate. As we follow our
unique calls, we are also responsible in
community to work together to establish
justice and righteousness. (A)

**FASTING: Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our
Appetites** Lynne M. Baab
InterVarsity Press 152pp
Fasting is about freedom from bondage to
various appetites - whether from cell
phone usage or from food, we need to
take time to pray and to be with God who

can open our eyes and lets us begin to
look at the world in new ways. We have
forgotten that freedom really is in God. (A)

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE - Call to Worship
41.3 Kimberly Long, Ed. PC(USA) 61pp
Explore Christian marriage through
several articles: "A Pastor's Reflection on
the Marriage Rite-What Really Matters",
"Marriage-A New Way of Life", "Who's to
Do the I Do's?", "How Can We Not Preach
at Weddings?" and many others. (A)

Church

**IDENTITY-POLITY-PRAXIS: Ecclesiology
and the Presbytery** Paul K. Hoover
PC(USA)

**Re-forming Ministry: Occasional Paper
Series #2** calls us to hear and respond to
the questions we face in this time of
intense transition, starting with "who we
are called to be?", "what we are called to
do?" and "how are we called to do it?"
The essay's power is the way it shows the
interdependence of the 3 questions. (A)

**I BELIEVE: 40 Daily Readings for the Pur-
poseful Presbyterian - The Apostles'
Creed** Witherspoon Press 82pp
Helps Christians grow in their faith and
discipleship. The Apostles' Creed is a
simple way to articulate our most basic
beliefs. Small group study guide is in-
cluded. (A)

JOHN CALVIN - A Biography T.H.L.
Parker Westminster/John Knox 224pp
One of the most important leaders of the
16th Century Protestant Reformation. The
book explores his achievements against
the backdrop of the turbulent times in
which he lived. Clear, concise explana-
tions of his theology, analysis of his major
works and insights into his preaching. (A)



Social Justice

THE DOWN-TO-EARTH GUIDE TO

GLOBAL WARMING - Laurie David & Cambria Gordon Scholastic

Comprehensive resource that kids can look to for understanding why global warming happens and the ways it impacts our planet and how we can work together to stop it. Irreverent and entertaining, packed with essential facts and suggestions for how to effect change. (C)

SERVE GOD-SAVE THE PLANET: A

Christian Call to Action J. Matthew Sleeth Zondervan

A hopeful invitation to reimagine the way we live. Sleeth's words have the urgency of an ER crisis coupled with the deep faith that the Church is ready to join God in healing a wounded world. Scriptural lessons of personal responsibility, simplicity and stewardship can be applied to modern life. A how-to guide for making changes. (A)

Evangelism

MORE THAN DREAMS - DVD, WEC Link Real-life stories from all over the world of dramatic conversions of Muslims to Christ through dreams. Stories in Farsi, Arabic, Indonesian, Turkish and Hausa with English subtitles. (A)

SPEAKING OF GOD: Evangelism as Initial Spiritual Guidance - Ben Campbell Johnson Westminster/John Knox 188pp Combines evangelism and spiritual guidance in order to offer a theological foundation, practical suggestions and a positive model for sharing faith. Calls for the recovery of evangelism in ministry and encourages ministers to become models of personal evangelism for laity. (A)

Women

JUBILEE! Luke's Gospel for the Poor

Dale Lindsay Morgan PC(USA) 81pp
2008-09 Horizons Bible Study

Highlights some of the unique aspects of Jesus' life and teaching. 9 lessons with suggestions for leaders. In Luke we read how jubilee came to describe the beginning of the Messianic Age, the time when the Messiah would come and turn the world upside down. (A)

YOU MATTER MORE THAN YOU THINK - Dr. Leslie Parrott Bluefish TV

This kit contains 2 DVDs, 8 workbooks, leader's guide and Parrott's book 239pp (Zondervan-publisher) This 6 session Bible study highlights what a woman needs to know about the difference she makes. The author shows how to take the improvised moments of your life and create a worthy composition of more value than you imagined. Designed for the woman who longs to be more than a part of the mainstream, making a profound difference. (A)

CARING FOR MOTHER: A Daughter's Long Goodbye - Virginia S. Owens Westminster/John Knox 176pp

A clear, realistic account of caring for an elderly loved one. A helpful companion to those who have recently assumed the role of caregiver, helping them anticipate some of the emotional turbulence they will encounter along the way. (A)

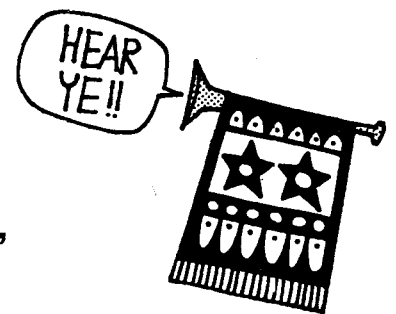
**Life is promise,
fulfill it.**

**Life is sorrow,
overcome it.**

**Life is a song,
sing it.**

**Life is a dream,
realize it.**

**Life is beauty,
admire it.**



-Mother Teresa