

What's New at the Resource Center

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(CUBB1010) CLOUD OF WITNESSES:

Sevier, Melissa Bane

Presbyterian Women

2017

THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST IN HEBREWS

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible study, Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews. In nine lessons, author Melissa Bane Sevier invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

The community for which the letter, or homily, was written interacts, in sense, with all communities of which we are a part, as we bring these groups with us wherever we go. This ever-present "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb. 12:1) strengthens and encourages us as we "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:1b-2).

(BKCC2023) ISLAM, WHAT NON-MUSLIMS SHOULD KNOW

Kaltner, John

Fortress Press

2016

Recent events have focused attention on Islam, the often-misunderstood faith of one billion people. Westerners are showing a new curiosity about Islam and other religions, in part, perhaps, because religion is arguably the single most important and volatile factor in geopolitics today. Islam needs to be understood on its own terms, apart from extreme expressions, John Kaltner argues.

This revised and expanded edition of a trusted text offers updated information about Islam in an accessible and sympathetic presentation. Kaltner presents Islam as first and foremost a religion of practices. Showing the deep humanism of Islam and its most cherished commitments, Kaltner presents Islam through assertions that counter frequent misconceptions of the faith.

(BKGH2063) PRACTICING PILGRIMAGE,

Webb-Mitchell, Brett

Cascade Books

2016

ON BEING AND BECOMING GOD'S PILGRIM PEOPLE

Practicing Pilgrimage: On Being and Becoming God's Pilgrim People explores both the theological, cultural, and spiritual roots of Christian pilgrimage, and is a "how-to" book on doing pilgrimage in our suburban backyards, city streets, rural roads, churches, retreat centers, and our everyday life. Brett Webb-Mitchell takes the ancient practice of Christian pilgrimage and applies it to our contemporary lives.

(BKGX115) STORIES FROM THE BIBLE:

Bostrom, Kathleen Long

Frances Lincoln

2016

17 TREASURED TALES FROM THE WORLD'S

A beautifully illustrated introduction to the Bible, retelling 15 beloved stories from the Old and the New Testaments for very young children. The stories are: The Creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Arc, A Son Named Laughter, Joseph and his Amazing Coat, The Baby in the Basket, The Ten Plagues of Egypt, David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish, The Birth of Jesus, The Sermon on the Mount, Four Faithful Friends, The Feeding of the Five Thousand, The Good Samaritan, The Last Supper, The First Easter, Breakfast on the Beach.

(BKHAX160) ORGANIZING CHURCH

Conder, Tim & Rhodes, Dan

Chalice Press

2017

The 21st century is the age of community organizing, from rallies in the streets to online movements for change. What if congregations embraced community organizing? Organizing Church offers a unique perspective that blends proven principles of community organizing and research on socially active congregations into a formula that will revitalize and empower churches as change-agents. Seasoned pastors and community activists Tim Conder and Dan Rhodes will help pastors and other church leaders build healthier congregations, create a deep culture of discipleship in their community, and respond to the challenges presented by the global culture of the 21st century. Organizing Church is the essential field guide for joining the social justice movement today.

(BKHAX161) GROWING YOUNG

Powell, Kara; Mulder, Jake & Griffin,

Baker Books

2016

Across the United States, churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research with over 250 of the nation's leading congregations, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults. It profiles innovative churches that are engaging 15- to 29-year-olds and as a result are growing--spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically. Packed with both research and practical ideas, Growing Young shows pastors and ministry leaders how to position their churches to engage younger generations in a way that breathes vitality, life, and energy into the whole church.

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([BKNAX011](#)) KEEPING FAITH IN FUNDRAISING

Harris, Peter & Wilson, Rod

William B Eerdmanns

2017

In this book Peter Harris and Rod Wilson, experienced fundraisers themselves, bring fundraising within the scope of normal Christian life and work. They consider fundraising in light of the relationships that lie at its heart—with God, with creation, and with ourselves.

After first laying a biblical foundation by discussing 2 Corinthians 8–9, Harris and Wilson develop seven themes central to the giving and receiving of money: integration, people, work, success, need, method, and money. In a final section, the authors offer their own personal experiences, questions, suggestions, and valuable insights that they have gained from their many years of fundraising as Christians.

([BKNXX048](#)) COMMUNITY OF PRAYER;

Barkhauer, Bruce A.

CBP Books

2016

STEWARDSHIP DEVOTIONAL

Annual stewardship campaigns are about more than fundraising—they're opportunities to embrace the ministry you do together. A stewardship emphasis is a time to celebrate relationships, the value of caring for ourselves, the love for the earth we share, and the gifts we receive from a generous Creator, which enable our very lives to become a blessing. Community of Prayer, a daily devotional covering four weeks, will help your congregation think differently about stewardship and the power of their generosity.

For twenty-five years Bruce Barkhauer has led congregations in Ohio and Indiana in achieving high levels of financial support for local and global missions, and he now shares his experience across the life of the whole church.