

## **New Resources in the Resource Center January 2012**

### **DVD**

**Fish Eyes on Stage: Comedy, Drama, and Insight from the New Testament** by Ted Swartz and Lee Eshleman

Ted and Lee present their interpretation of the New Testament through the eyes of Peter and his brother Andrew. Their approach includes comedy and drama and their own unique insight into the biblical story. 14 brief vignettes of 5 minutes or less.

**Godspell** by David Greene and John-Michael Tebelak

A musical based on the Gospel of Matthew and set in contemporary New York City. John the Baptist gathers a diverse group of youthful disciples, baptizes them and then they meet and follow Jesus.

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber

This musical follows the story of Joseph in the book of Genesis.

**Simon the Lamb** by Precious Moments

An animated film that addresses what it is like to be different than everyone else. Simon the Lamb discovers it's who you are on the inside that counts.

**The Best of Dr. Seuss** by Theodore Geisel

This DVD contains three Dr. Seuss stories: Daisy-Head Mayzie, Horton Hatches the Egg and The Butter Battle Book. Each story lasts 15-18 minutes and each addresses issues of differences, perseverance, and peacemaking.

**The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem** by Adam Hamilton

The author presents a five-session study that looks at the story of Jesus' birth by considering the characters in the story as well as the locations in the Holy Land and the culture of the Middle East. Includes DVD, book, and study guides for children, youth, and adults.

**The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People**

Using the NIV translation, this book presents the story of God and humankind through excerpts of scripture. Portions of scripture are organized in chronological order to provide the overall flow of the narrative. Short transitions summarize the omitted sections. Includes discussion and study questions.

**The Trinity: God's Love Overflowing** by the Office of Theology and Worship

Based on a study carried out by the Office of Theology and Worship, the DVD looks at confessing God's overflowing love, participating in God's overflowing love, and embodying God's overflowing love. Study guide includes 4 sessions: Why the Trinity matters; confessing the Trinity; worshipping the Trinity, and Trinitarian living.

## **Books**

### **Christmas Is Not Your Birthday** by Mike Slaughter

Christmas is not your birthday, it's Jesus' birthday. The author encourages a reclaiming of the broader meaning of Jesus' birth and a simpler and quieter approach to Christmas. Each chapter includes discussion questions.

### **Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word Year B** edited by Kathleen Long Bostrom and Elizabeth F. Caldwell

Daily meditations based on lectionary readings and commentary from Feasting on the Word. Each entry includes a scripture text, reflection, response and a prayer.

### **Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the World** by Darrell L. Guder

The author explores the sixth Great End of the Church and how we reflect Christ's presence in the world. Each chapter includes questions for reflection and discussion.

### **God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Devotions for every day of Advent through Epiphany taken from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Themes include waiting, mystery, redemption, incarnation and joy.

### **I Want to Live These Days with You: A Year of Daily Devotions** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Organized with monthly themes that follow the church year, these devotions contain excerpts from the writings of Bonhoeffer

### **Marvelous Myths: Marvel Superheroes and Everyday Faith** by Russell W. Dalton

The author looks at the superheroes of Marvel Comics with a focus on their roles as characters who struggle with adversity. The book invites us to take heroic action seriously and to imagine the ways God calls us into creative, collaborative, missional action in the world. Each chapter includes questions for reflection.

### **Promotion of Social Righteousness** by Cynthia L. Rigby

An exploration of Christian responsibility in relation to the world, this book looks at one of the Great Ends of the Church. Each chapter includes study questions.

### **Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God** by Elizabeth F. Caldwell

The author explores the second Great End of the Church. Each chapter includes references to biblical texts and the confessions, as well as questions for reflection and discussion.

### **The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann** by Walter Brueggemann

This collection contains 67 sermons preached between 1972 and 2009 by one of the leading biblical scholars and preachers.

**The Hot Seat** by Johnny Scott

A collection of creative games to engage teenagers in conversations about who they are, who they dream of becoming, the challenges they face, and what they value most in life.

**The Scriptures, the Cross and the Power of God: Reflections for Holy Week** by Tom Wright

A collection of nine meditations based on gospel readings for each day of Holy Week from the gospels of Matthew and John, with Wright's translations of the texts.