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## **Come to the Waters** - Daniel T. Benedict 1996

In the 21st century, churches must become missionary congregations, helping people find belonging, meaning, and God. This series gives you and other leaders resources for evangelism rooted in worship, Scripture, prayer, and service. An invitation to make the transforming power of God in Christ accessible to all persons. Part 1: Welcoming and the journey of conversion. Part 2: Model services and commentary.

*Creating a Powerful Prayer Ministry in Your Church* - Marilyn Burke Udeh 2022

"Creating a Powerful Prayer Ministry in Your Church" was written to help its readers realize the true power of prayer, and contains a step-by-step guide for helping church leaders organize and operate a successful prayer ministry.

## **The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2018-2019 CEB Edition** - David L. Bone 2018-05-01

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## **A Disciple's Journal 2015** - Steven W. Manskar 2014-10-01

A Disciple's Journal 2015 is a guide for daily prayer, Bible reading, and discipleship for Christians in the Wesleyan tradition who want to grow in holiness of heart and life. The journal follows the liturgical calendar and contains orders for daily morning and evening prayer, space to record weekly acts of discipleship, a daily lectionary based on the Revised Common Lectionary, excerpts from the works of John and Charles Wesley, and articles on discipleship in the Wesleyan tradition. Includes Advent and Christmas (Year C) and pages for notes.

*The Revised Common Lectionary - Consultation On Common Texts* 2010-10-01

This historic and authoritative volume contains the complete three-year listing of the Revised Common Lectionary (Years A, B, and C) to guide preaching and Scripture reading on the Lord's Day. Abingdon Press. Also included are an introduction explaining the nature and uses of lectionaries and a brief history of the Consultation on Common Texts.

## *Searching for Sunday* - Rachel Held Evans 2015-04-14

From New York Times bestselling author Rachel Held Evans comes a book that is both a heartfelt ode to the past and hopeful gaze into the future of what it means to be a part of the Church. Centered around seven sacraments, Evans' quest takes readers through a liturgical year with sharply honest and even funny stories about Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. Baptism Communion Confirmation Confession Marriage Vocation and even Death. Like millions of her millennial peers, Rachel Held Evans didn't want to go to church anymore. The hypocrisy, the politics, the gargantuan building budgets, the scandals--church culture seemed so far removed from Jesus. Yet, despite her cynicism and misgivings, something kept drawing her back to Church. And so she set out on a journey to understand Church and to find her place in it. A memoir about making do and taking risks, about the messiness of

community and the power of grace, Searching for Sunday is about overcoming cynicism to find hope and, somewhere in between, Church.

*Lutheran Service Book* - Concordia Publishing House 2005-01-01

This elegant resource offers more than 600 hymns that span the centuries and the continents. It includes hundreds of familiar hymns and nearly 200 fresh expressions of the Gospel. Lutheran Service Book presents a significant body of resources that faithfully proclaim our forgiveness and life in Christ.

## **Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church** - Mark Stamm 2015-05-04

A resource for both newcomers to the United Methodist Church and those who have been members for decades, Our Membership Vows is a wonderful reflection on the vows each member takes upon joining the church. Members make covenant to uphold the vows, and each one is discussed in this easy-to-read booklet. A great gift idea for churches to give to new members.

*The United Methodist Member's Handbook* - United Methodist Church (U.S.) 1997

Koehler engages and guides inquirers and church members in the meaning of membership in The United Methodist Church. For both clergy and laity.

## *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018* - 2019-12-01

Lesser Feasts and Fasts has not been updated since 2006. This new edition, adopted at the 79th General Convention (resolution A065), fills that need. Biographies and collects associated with those included within the volume have been updated; a deliberate effort has been made to more closely balance the men and women represented within its pages.

*The New International Lesson Annual 2014-2015* - 2014-05-20

Years of reader evaluations yield a record of overwhelming positive teaching results. Teachers agree that The New International Lesson Annual gets highest marks for helping Christian educators in the classroom, making Scripture understood, relating Scripture to contemporary living, and challenging students to respond with positive actions. Based on the Bible study foundations of America's leading ecumenical Bible educators and editors in the venerable Committee on Uniform Series. Lessons for a full year include analysis by leading scholars, four quarterly Bible background articles, a Teacher Helps article, and helps put faith into action. The annual uses NRSV and CEB text.

*The Anglican Way* - Thomas McKenzie 2014-04

## *Left Behind and Loving It* - D. Mark Davis 2011-08-15

Left Behind and Loving It is a cheeky critique of popular writings about the end times. Rather than presenting a steroid-buffed Jesus wrapped in an American flag and "coming again in clouds of gunfire," Left Behind and Loving It invites readers to approach some of the most controversial and scary portions of the Scriptures with the utter confidence that "God's steadfast love endures forever." Rather than asserting a hope premised on a few chosen ones escaping the world, Left Behind and Loving It argues that if it is Jesus who is to return (and not his evil twin), then the second coming has redemption written all over it. Many today cannot accept the escapist, violent, end-of-the-world scenario envisioned by "Left Behind" theology. Left Behind and Loving It invites readers not to fear but to trust in God's steadfast love and look at the finitude of the world with hope in an infinitely loving God.

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**Calendar** - Laurence Hull Stookey 2011-12-01

A probing but clearly written book, *Calendar* will find an appreciative audience beyond academia and clergy to the laity of the church: choirs and their directors, worship planners, adult study groups, and others who want to understand better the church's times of preparation and celebration. *Calendar* centers largely on theological meaning and parish practice in relation to liturgical time. Deliberately, almost no attention is given to detailed historical development, much of which is exceedingly complex in its origins and technical in its detail. An appendix entitled "Forgetting What You Were Always Taught (Or, This Book in a Nutshell)" aptly describes the radical reordering that Stookey believes occurs when our understanding of time and the story of Jesus takes its bearings from the Incarnation. So, just as the Christian week begins with Sunday, the day of Resurrection, Stookey follows the Christian year beginning with the season of Easter, and only then Lent; Christmas, then Advent. Illuminating discussions of Ordinary and Extraordinary Time, and the Sanctoral Cycle follow.

**The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2013** - David N. Mosser 2012-04  
Pastors and other preachers have long turned to The Abingdon Preaching Annual for help with one of the central tasks of their ministry: sermon preparation. The 2013 edition of the Annual continues and, in response to our faithful readers, improves this fine tradition. Sermon helps include: lectionary-based sermons for each Sunday and special liturgical event of the year; lectionary commentary; and 15 topical sermon series on diverse themes like missions, modern families, life in the Holy Spirit, stewardship, and more. Worship planning aids include a four-year liturgical event calendar Guide to liturgical colors; 2013 lectionary readings in one, easy-to-read table; and related worship aids following each lectionary sermon, and each sermon series. The Abingdon Preaching Annual, always a trusted resource, is the most comprehensive and useful aid for sermon preparation you will find.

**The Sunday Service of the Methodists; with Other Occasional Services** - Wesleyan Methodist Church 1825

**Five Marks of a Methodist** - Steve Harper 2015-03-17

Five marks confirm our identity as genuine and fruitful followers of Christ: 1. A Methodist Loves God 2. A Methodist Rejoices in God 3. A Methodist Gives Thanks 4. A Methodist Prays Constantly 5. A Methodist Loves Others This brief book, suitable for sharing with others, provides a meditation on each of these characteristics. Prayerfully apply them to your journey with Jesus. If you are part of the worldwide Methodist or Wesleyan family, these five marks will grant a greater knowledge and appreciation for why and how you follow Jesus. If you are located in another part of the body of Christ, you can emerge with a solid foundation to keep your spiritual house standing strong. Christians marked by these five habits, when taken together, have character. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection or discussion. "Steve Harper goes to the very heart of faithfulness as he describes and then calls upon all those who follow Wesley to live. It is lives of integrity that are the result of following these marks. Harper rightly says this will give the ring of truth to our daily living. He then goes on to identify the "marks" or "practices" that when followed will result in a life of righteousness, goodness, peace, and joy. It is a way of living in God's gracious presence that he encourages for everyone, and it is a way of living I choose for myself." —Rueben P. Job, author of *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*

**The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner, 2014-2015** -

David L. Bone 2014

*Stakes Is High* - Michael W. Waters 2017-02-07

What happens when a people can take no more injustice rained down upon their sons and daughters? When each new travesty echoes the cries of ancestors killed for the color of their skin? How do a people rediscover hope? And how do they use that new-found hope as momentum and strength for change? In his powerful new book *Stakes Is High*, pastor, activist, and community leader Michael W. Waters blends hip-hop lyricism and social justice leadership, creating an urgent voice demanding that America listen to the suffering if it hopes to redeem its soul. Weaving stories from centuries of persecution against the backdrop of today's urban prophets on the radio and in the streets, Waters speaks on behalf of an awakened generation raging against racism - yet fueled by the promise of a just future. Through the pain and hard but holy work, you will hear the call to join the faithful struggle for racial justice.

*A Womanist Theology of Worship* - Allen, Lisa 2021-11-17

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*Moment by Moment I Pray* - Warren S. Banks 2019-08-20

The story behind this book started when I found myself alone after the funeral of my wife, Chief. We had been together almost fifty years. My wife, Annie Jewel "Chief" Banks, was held a funeral on Monday, January 5, 2015, at Ben Hill United Methodist Church, located in the heart of the Ben Hill Community. After a forty-plus miles drive to our birth home of Griffin, Georgia, she was laid to rest. Three days after her funeral, I took my original manuscript from a storage area in the house that we had made our home and had raised our family and went out into the backyards and destroyed all twenty-six thousand pages. I did not see the need nor did I desire to continue writing or to live. But that was January 8, 2015. I looked up into the heavens and asked the Lord what did He want me to do. I said, Lord, I have pulled myself up from a small starting place in Griffin, Georgia, completed high school, accepted to pursue my education at Clark College [now Clark Atlanta University]. From 1966-1970, I completed my degree in sociology and psychology. During my senior year at Clark, I married the love of my life, Miss Annie Jewel Hosely, my high school sweetheart, also from Griffin, Georgia. We set up housekeeping in Atlanta, Georgia. But in January 1971, I was drafted into the Army and I served a tour of duty in the Republic of South Vietnam, as a squad leader, in a military police unit. I worked very hard, and I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant E5. I survived Vietnam and many other situations, but Chief's death took a toll upon the very essence of my soul. But on February 12, 2016, I started back writing, and after my talk with the Lord, on September 17, 2018, I had handwritten about three thousand pages. At that point, I asked the Lord, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" A soft but firm voice came to me. "Warren, my son, I want you

to publish your story, which you have written, in the form of a continued prayer. I will send you the name of a publisher." Well, looking back upon my life and the Lord has always been there for me, even when I thought my life was over. About seven days later, I was listening to my favorite Gospel radio station and I heard this message, "If you are considering publishing your manuscript, call this number or go to this Web site." I was not quick enough to get the information down; therefore, I missed out on get that information that I needed to make my contact. But a few days later, as I was again listening to the same radio station, the message came again; this time, I was ready, and I wrote down the information. Within the next few minutes, I had contacted the publisher and I spoke to the agent and she directed me to mail my manuscript to the address that she had given me. I mailed my manuscript to the address, and within a week, I received a phone call from an agent, telling me that the company had accepted my manuscript for publication. I was really beside myself. I have been in constant prayer with my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He saw so much more in me than I saw in myself. He said that He would never leave me nor forsake me, and He never has. There are so many people who have been instrumental and positive impacts upon my life. I would like to thank the followings people: Jesus Christ, my lovely heavenly residence, my wife Chief, my children, Tonya Tameka (BeBe), Anwar Jamaal (Man), grandchildren Aliyah (Alex), Ali, Ava Jewel Marie, Jabari, daughter-in-law, Amesha, sisters Jenny and Jana, brother John E. Banks (BeBo), brother-in-law Timp, cousins Nita, Lorette, and her daughter Lola, Gwen, Betsy, many nieces and nephews, and so many more family members and friends. I love you all. I will always keep you all very close to my heart. Amen.

Setting the Spiritual Clock - Paul Louis Metzger 2020-11-15

Various Christian traditions mark their calendars to reflect the biblical and ecclesial narrative and enhance public worship. Such efforts safeguard against secularization's encroachment in the church's life. Setting the Spiritual Clock serves as a guide and traveling companion for the liturgical year, which circles the glorious Son as he breaks through the secular eclipse.

**Holy Women, Holy Men** - Church Publishing, 2010

Fully revised and expanded, this new work is the first major revision of the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church in more than 40 years! It is the official revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and authorized by the 2009 General Convention. All commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts have been retained, and many new ones added. Three scripture readings (instead of current two) are provided for all minor holy days. Additional new material includes a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many more ecumenical commemorations, plus a proper for space exploration. For years the oft revised volume, Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF), has served parishes and individuals mark part of the holiness of each day by providing Scripture readings, a collect, a Eucharistic preface, and a narrative about those remembered on the church's calendar that day whose lives have witnessed to the grace of God. Holy Women, Holy Men (HWHM) is a major effort to revise, but also to expand and enrich LFF. Where LFF provided two readings (gospel and other New Testament) plus a psalm, HWHM adds an Old Testament citation. Where LFF was limited to few non-Anglicans in the post-reformation period (and few non-Episcopalians after 1789), HWHM dramatically broadens appreciation for other Christians and their traditions. Over-emphasis on clergy is redressed by additional laity, males by females, and "in-church" activities by contributions well beyond the workings of institutional agendas. These almost daily commemorations occupy over 600 of the book's 785 pages, by far the lion's share of its content. Remaining sections address: principles of revision and guides for future revision; liturgical propers for seasons (Advent/Christmas, Lent, and Easter); and new propers for a miscellany of propers usable with individuals (or events) not officially listed in the formal calendar. Two cycles of propers for daily Eucharist are also included, one covering a six week period, the other a two year cycle.

**Drinking with the Saints** - Michael P. Foley 2015-05-04

Pub crawl your way through the sacred seasons with this entertaining and useful collection of cocktail recipes, distilled spirits, beer, and wine for virtually every occasion on the Catholic liturgical calendar. One part bartender's guide, one part spiritual manual, a dash of irreverence, and mixed with love: Drinking with the Saints is a work that both sinner and saint will savor.

**We Make the Road by Walking** - Brian D. McLaren 2014-06-10

From critically acclaimed author Brian McLaren comes a brilliant retelling of the biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith. This book offers everything you need to explore what a difference

an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. It also puts tools in your hands to create a life-changing learning community in any home, restaurant, or other welcoming space. The fifty-two (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10 to 12 minutes and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible and guide an individual or a group of friends through a year of rich study, interactive learning, and personal growth. Perfect for home churches, congregations, classes, or individual study, each reading invites you to Cultivate an honest, intelligent understanding of the Bible and of Christian faith in 21st century Engage with discussion questions designed to challenge, stimulate, and encourage Reimagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity, and peace If you're seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith, if you're a long-term Christian seeking new vitality, or if you feel out of place in traditional church circles, this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey.

Imagining Abundance - Kerry Alys Robinson 2014-12-15

Fundraising is ministry—a transformative ministry that challenges all people to realize their own gifts and how they can be used for the benefit of the church. In Imagining Abundance, Kerry Robinson focuses on reasons why each of us are called to be stewards. We act because we're excited about what it is that we do for the church and where we're called by God to be, we want others to be just as excited about what that is, and we want people to be partners with us in that ministry. In Imagining Abundance, Kerry Robinson offers an inspirational and practical guide to effective fundraising that is ideal for anyone invested in a faith community. Bishops, provincials, pastors, ministers, executive and development directors and trustees of faith-based organizations will benefit from this healthy approach to the activity of fundraising that situates successful development in the context of ministry and mission.

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**Declaration on the Way** - Catholic Church. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2016-04-01

Declaration on the Way celebrates fifty years of international and regional Lutheran-Catholic dialogues and harvests the results of those efforts into Statements of Agreement on church, ministry, and eucharist. It invites both communions to affirm the unity achieved through these agreements and establish church practices that reflect this growth. The Declaration on the Way task force offers some possible ways forward and encourages Catholics and Lutherans to continue their journey together toward unity.

Prepare! 2014-2015 - David L. Bone 2014-02-18

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One of the most influential works in the debate over the concept and definitions of liturgical theology, Context and Text by Monsignor Kevin W. Irwin is now available in a completely rewritten, new edition. In light of the historical, theological, and pastoral mandates of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Context and Text is both a proposal for and an example of an investigation of the Church's liturgical praxis from a liturgical-theological perspective. This second edition, which includes an expanded introduction, covers: · new liturgical and ecclesial contexts resulting from newly promulgated liturgies · further research in

method for liturgical studies · consideration for changes in the cultural contexts in which people celebrate the liturgy. Besides brand-new chapters on time and sacramentality, and additions to the chapter on the arts, this edition also considers the “ongoing ‘texts and contexts’ of the liturgy as always a new event in the life and ongoing discussion of liturgical theology within Christianity.

**A Great Cloud of Witnesses** - Church Publishing 2016-10-01

Church Publishing Incorporated is pleased to offer this new and expanded volume of optional commemorations of significant figures in the history of the Episcopal Church. It replaces the popular Holy Women, Holy Men. By action of the 2015 General Convention, Great Cloud of Witnesses is being made available for devotional or catechetical use and for use in public worship throughout the Church. GCW reflects the lively experience of holiness, especially on the level of the local community. GCW is accordingly a useful tool for learning about the history of the church and identifying those who have inspired and challenged us from the time of the New Testament to the present. Each entry includes a biographical narrative of the person or people, highlighting the significance of their lives and witness. A devotional collect is provided in both Rite I and Rite II language and a set of indexing “tags” suggests how the entry fits into the broader scope of Christian history and delineates the Christian gifts and virtues that may have inspired the person’s ministries. The GCW binder edition is printed on a special synthetic paper coated with a unique clay coating which combines the advantages of paper with the durability of plastic. We chose this synthetic paper because it looks and feels like paper but stands up to water, weather, grease, chemicals and resists tearing in both directions. If changes are made to the calendar of commemorations in future years, CPI will publish a special extension pack, so that individual pages may be replaced. We believe this format will be flexible for many years.

**Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany** - Brian A. Wren 2008

Preeminent hymn writer and liturgist Brian Wren offers this new collection of worship resources suitable for a variety of worship traditions during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. These theologically sound and creative worship resources include prayers, litanies, calls to worship, and complete liturgies crafted to encourage rhythmic public responses during worship. All material is drawn from the readings from all three years of the Revised Common Lectionary. This collection also contains Scripture selections from the nativity narratives in Matthew and Luke and the messianic sections of Isaiah and the Psalms, making it just as useful to churches that do not follow the Revised Common Lectionary. Additional features of this volume include a Scripture index that points users to materials drawn from passages, a topical index listing items that can be used on other occasions during the church year.

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**Blessed Among Us** - Robert Ellsberg 2016-07-07

Since the early centuries, Christians have held up the saints as models of living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. While the church officially recognizes a relatively small number of saints, the actual roster is infinitely wider. *Blessed Among Us* explores this eclectic “cloud of witnesses”—lay and religious, single and married, canonized and not, and even non-Christians whose faith and wisdom may illuminate our path. Brought to life in the evocative storytelling of Robert Ellsberg, they inspire the moral imagination and give witness to the myriad ways of holiness. In two stories per day for a full calendar year, Ellsberg sketches figures from biblical times to the present age and from all corners of this world—ordinary figures whose extraordinary lives point to the new age in the world to come. *Blessed Among Us* is drawn from Ellsberg’s acclaimed column of the same name in *Give Us This Day*, a monthly resource for daily prayer published by Liturgical Press.

**What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?** - Jack Mulder Jr. 2015-07

An introduction to the Catholic faith for those who are curious to know more about Catholicism. For readers who have ever wondered what exactly the Roman Catholic Church teaches about predestination, original sin, the Virgin Mary, abortion, same-sex marriage, and other issues, the author explains all that and more in simple language.-- From the publisher.

**Upper Room Worshipbook** - Elise S. Eslinger 2006

Where denominational hymnals feature beloved, traditional hymns, the *Upper Room Worshipbook* is a wellspring for newer or previously unpublished ecumenical selections. A rich source of versatile liturgies, psalm settings and prayer songs, this new edition of *Upper Room Worshipbook* is ideal for use at retreats, with choirs, and by individuals who want to enrich their personal devotional practices. The fresh collection is an essential resource for congregations who are experimenting with classical worship forms such as Evensong or Taizé. Each section contains suggestions for using music and for introducing liturgies into the worship experience of a community. The book features inclusive language and a music index.