

## **Fall 2010 Library Additions**

### **Adult Bible Study**

#### **(Women's Adult Bible Study)**

*Jubilee: Luke's Gospel for the Poor* by Dale Lindsay Morgan. Presbyterian Women's *Horizon* Bible Study, 2008. Using familiar Luke passages, consider the many ways that Christ's jubilee message turned the world upside down, exalting the poor and including outsiders, bringing the love of God to all. Nine lessons.

### **Children's Curriculum**

#### ***One Room Sunday School Fall 2010 Kit, Cokesbury.***

Designed for small churches, this leader friendly curriculum is also very affordable with reproducible activity sheets. The kit includes the leader's guide and kids' book, the resource pak, as it's called, and a music CD. The fall study is from the Old Testament-Judges through the exile. 13 lessons.

### **Church Leadership/Revitalization**

#### ***Experiencing LeaderShift: Letting Go of Leadership Heresies* by Don Cousins.**

David C. Cook, 2008. Drawing on his many years as one of the founders of Willow Creek, Cousins uses the good and not-so-good experiences at Willow and presents us with a very practical, biblically sound foundation for leadership and church development. This is a solid resource for clergy and church leaders, an easy read.

#### ***The Leader's Journey: Accepting the Call to Personal and Congregational Transformation* by Jim Herrington, R. Robert Creech, and Trisha Taylor.**

Jossey-Bass, 2003. Excellent resource describing family systems that clergy and lay leaders can use to reflect upon their leadership

as it relates to the family system from which they come and the living systems of which Christ was a part, and seeing the congregation as a living system.

Clergy/Preaching Elders

***The Storyteller's Companion of the Bible: Volume Two Exodus-Joshua***, edited by Michael E. Williams. Abingdon Press, 1992.

Exciting retelling of the biblical stories using dramatic monologues, modern parables and other imaginative storytelling methods; background to stories included.

***The Storyteller's Companion of the Bible: Volume Three Judges-Kings*** edited by Michael E. Williams. Abingdon Press, 1992.

Exciting retelling of the biblical stories shows preachers, preaching elders and Sunday school teachers how to read and retell stories more effectively and how to prepare a biblical text for retelling.

***The Storyteller's Companion of the Bible: Volume Four*** –second copy added

***The Storyteller's Companion of the Bible: Volume Thirteen New Testament Women*** edited by Dennis E. Smith and Michael E. Williams. Abingdon Press, 1999.

Through biblical commentary and creative retellings, this volume opens up the world and the lives of women in the New Testament, providing a compelling picture, both for men and women, of what it means to be a person of faith.

***Texts For Preaching: A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV-Year A***

by Walter Brueggeman, Charles B. Cousar, Beverly R. Gaventa, and James D Newsome. Westminster John Knox Press, 1995. The third in a series of three volumes, this provides resources for an entire year of sermons and offers practical help for preachers and others who use the Revised Common Lectionary.

***Texts For Preaching: A Lectionary Commentary Based on the NRSV-Year C***

by Charles B. Cousar, Beverly R Gaventa, J. Clinton McCann, and James D Newsome.

Westminster John Knox Press, 1994. The second of three volumes, this provides resources for an entire year of sermons and offers practical help for preachers and others who use the Revised Common Lectionary.

***Revitalization***

***The Wisdom of the Seasons: How the Church Year Helps Us Understand Our***

***Congregational Stories*** by Charles M. Olsen. The Alban Institute, 2009. Olsen

combines spiritual practices, the church year, and congregational stories to suggest a process for churches that can help them measure where they've been, where they are and then move them forward with energy and vision. The basis for the book can also be used by individuals and groups in various settings. Great for congregations using NCD or in a revitalization process.

***The Practicing Congregation: Imaging A New Old Church*** by Diana Butler Bass.

The Alban Institute, 2004. Drawing from recent studies of tradition, practice, narrative and the congregational history of mainline Protestant churches, Butler identifies emerging forms of congregational life that are uplifting and display vitality, adaptability and faithfulness. Study/reflections questions included.

**Small Group/Spiritual Growth/Spiritual Gifts**

***Exploring the Labyrinth: A Guide For Healing And Spiritual Growth*** by Melissa Gayle West. Broadway Books, 2000. What is a labyrinth and why does it have such astonishing contemporary appeal? You'll be introduced to walking and working with this ancient archetype.

***The Good and Beautiful Community: Following The Spirit, Extending Grace, Demonstrating Love*** by James Bryan Smith. InterVarsity Press. 2010. Third in the apprentice series, this book shows us how to bring spiritual formation and community engagement together and live as apprentices of Christ. Group exercises and reflection and discussion questions are important elements in this resource.

***Velvet Elvis*** by Rob Bell. Zondervan, 2005. For those of you who know Rob Bell's *Nooma* DVD's, you will appreciate this book. In Bell style, the author looks at we "reformers" who are always "reforming". Rob poses questions and explores what it means to be a Christian in this time and in this place, and also to live in harmony with God and others. It's a good read for personal or group use.