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Feast on these... a smorgasbord of new resources

Top Picks:

The Mennonite Handbook.

Herald Press, 2007. 289.7 Men Handbook
Seriously accurate and seriously funny, here is an essential field guide for all things Mennonite. Step by step instructions on how to sing a four-part hymn, what to bring to a church potluck and how to memorize a Bible verse. **BUY ONE FOR YOURSELF!**

Praying in Color: Drawing a new path to God.

MacBeth, Sybil. Paraclete, 2007. 248.32 Mac
A simple way of praying for yourself or others through the use of pens, markers or colors. Creative prayer form well-suited for visual or kinesthetic learners and those who are restless or word-weary.

Wrestling with the Texts: Young adult perspectives on scriptures.

Miller, Keith Graber and Malinda Elizabeth Berry. Cascadia, 2007. 220.0842 Wre
Young adults courageously and honestly respond to the question of how scripture forms us as the people of God. Stories reveal that we are not losing our sense of the text even as how we relate to the text is changing.

Dissident Discipleship: A spirituality of self-surrender, love of God, and love of neighbor.

Augsburger, David. Brazos, 2006. 248.4843 Aug

Lays the foundation for a holistic spirituality that embraces the desire for personal transformation and couples it with the longing to know God and declares that it must be radically connected to the other.

Know and be Known: Small groups that nourish and connect.

Collison, Brooke B. The Alban Institute, 2007. 302.3 Col

Looks at the element missing in most group dynamics today: intentionality about relationships. The power of small groups to create meaningful bonds of friendship and support makes our congregations stronger and better able to carry out God's mission in the world.

To Serve as Jesus Did: a ministerial model for worship teams and leaders.

Haugen, Marty. GIA, 2005. 264 Hau

Haugen draws upon Jesus as the ultimate model for ministers and worship leaders and discusses topics that will shape Sunday worship.

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Meeting Our Multifaith Neighbors.

Balmer, Brice H. Herald, 2006. 261.209 Bal
Explores religious diversity from a pastoral perspective calling for respect and mutual listening. Each chapter ends with discussion questions as Balmer sensitively challenges prejudices by drawing on experiences and biblical themes.

www.congregationalresources.org: a guide to resources for building congregational vitality.

Bass, Richard, editor. Alban, 2005. 254 Www

A companion to the on-line resource by the same name, this book is valuable for church leaders by organizing the rich array of resources into web sites, people and organizations.

Mind the Light: Learning to See with Spiritual Eyes.

Bill, J. Brent. Paraclete Press, 2006. 248.46 Bil

This book invites us to learn the Quaker practice of listening to God to learn to see God's light both around and inside us.

Transitions: making sense of life's changes.

Bridges, William. Lifelong Books, 2004.

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Offers strategies for coping with the difficult, painful, and confusing times in your life.

The Wise Fool's Guide to Leadership: Short spiritual stories for organizational and personal transformation.

Hawkins, Peter. O Books, 2005. 658.4092 Haw

Leadership advice from a relational perspective. These 84 stories, both creative and humorous, synthesize folk and managerial wisdom to challenge conventional thinking and limited perspectives.

Enter Every Trembling Heart: Prayers for Christian Worship.

Killinger, John. Abingdon, 2003. 264.13 Kil

Collection of prayers for congregations to make prayer a greater reality in corporate worship.

Excellent resource for worship leaders; includes calls to worship, prayers of confession, offertory and communion prayers, etc.

The Jesus Way: a conversation on the ways that Jesus is the way.

Peterson, Eugene H. Eerdmans, 2007. 232 Pet
Peterson continues his conversation in spiritual theology, considering all the ways that Jesus is the Way compared to the distorted ways the American church today has chosen to follow.

90 Minutes in Heaven: A true story of death and life.

Piper, Don and Cecil Murphey. Revell, 2004. 231.73 Pip

When a car accident crushed Piper, medical personnel said he died instantly. But 90 minutes after the wreck, as a minister prayed for him, he returned to life with a memory of heavenly bliss. An encouragement to those recovering from serious injury and those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Eyes Wide Open: Looking for GOD in Popular Culture.

Romanowski, William D. Brazos, 2001.

261.0973 Rom

A practical, analytical approach to movies, music and TV that provides tools for imaginatively and faithfully engaging the media that saturates our lives.

Tear Soup: a recipe for healing after loss.

Schwiebert, Pat and Chuch DeKlyen. Grief Watch, 2003. 155.9 SCH

Grandy, the main character in this illustrated fable for all ages, has just suffered a big loss and needs to cook up her unique batch of "tear soup." A creative and empathetic approach to grief which offers many ideas on how to cope. Wonderful to use with children or adults. We also have the video!