



Resource Center for Churches

Resources for the Journey

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New AccuCut Dies

include Shell, Praying Hands, Book-Lacing Template, and a Church Portrait Frame. To see a complete list go to our website:

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Click on AccuCut in the left column. The names and stock numbers listed there can be easily searched at www.accucut.com for more information about how they look and how they are sized.

Volunteers are needed at the Resource Center for Churches. Contact Sally for more information:

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GINGER TO LEAVE RESOURCE CENTER

When I came to the Resource Center for Churches, I put an article in my first newsletter introducing myself. I thought it was even more important to share the circumstances in my life that are causing me to move on. The biggest reason I am leaving is because my husband, a United Methodist Clergy, has been re-assigned to a parish 200 miles away. Since I love this center and this job, I thought I could and would stay. However, contacts from my old public library world pointed me to a great job opportunity near our new home.

Beginning Monday, August 17, I will be the Director of the Rock County Library with an office in Laverne, MN. This is the county in the corner bordering both Iowa and South Dakota. Laverne, a county seat, is 25 miles from Pipestone, my new home, also a county seat. Who could pass up a salary increase and a 25 mile commute to keep a job 200 miles away? (Flashback to the Little Red Hen story: "Not I" said the librarian.)

I found out about the job over two months ago, but the process has been slow. Then I was hired while we were on summer hiatus with no public announcement being OK until early August. It is really hard to exit gracefully in this timeline and tell all my new friends all I would like to say. Leaving the office in the best shape possible has taken priority. I will be coming back to represent the center at a workshop in September and a Presbyterian event in November. Sally will be able to forward email to me and I can respond with my new email if you wish to be in communication.

I have worked hard over the three years, with weeding and collection building (especially DVDs) and have taken the center in a couple of new directions with more children's literature and the AccuCut machine service. I do think there are other directions that need to be pursued. I am optimistic that this will enable securing someone with a bit more technological savvy that can take the center into the online service world.

So, continue your great work in the faith community and remember the Resource Center supports you.

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CD

Blessed by Light. CD by Ana Hernandez and Ruth Cunningham

BOOKS

Schori, Katharine Jefferts. *Gospel in the Global Village: Seeking God's Dream of Shalom.*

Plater, Ormonde. *Deacons in the Liturgy, 2nd ed.*

Chandler, Paul-Gordon. *Songs in Waiting: Spiritual Reflections on Christ's Birth, A Celebration of Middle Eastern Canticles.*

Heischman, Daniel R. *Good Influence: Teaching the Wisdom of Adulthood.*

Glaser, Chris. *As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage.*

Transitional Ministry: A Time of Opportunity. Smith, Molly Dale, Editor.

Sweeney, Jon M. *Beauty Awakening Belief: How the Medieval Worldview Inspires Faith Today.*

Craddock, William S., Jr. *All shall be well: an approach to wellness.*

Pollina, Roy G. *To Bless a Child*

Chew, Carol and Peter Sipple. *Abwenzi Means Friends: A Child's Exploration of the Millennium Development Goals.*

Berryman, Jerome W. *Teaching Godly Play: How to Mentor the Spiritual Development of Children*

Borg, Marcus J. *Conversations with Scripture: The Gospel of Mark.*

Nouwen, Henri, Richard Foster, Cecile Andrews and others. *Simpler Living Compassionate Life: A Christian Perspective.*

Cornwell, Hilarie and James. *Saints, Signs, and Symbols: The Symbolic Language of Christian Art.*

New Resources

From Staff at the Minnesota UMC Conference

BOOKS

Schnase, Robert. *Cultivating Fruitfulness: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. Abingdon, 2008.

Leader Manual & Media, Five Practices Workbook and DVD series:

1. Radical Hospitality (Missing at this time.)
2. Passionate Worship
3. Intentional Faith Development
4. Risk-Taking Mission and Service
5. Extravagant Generosity

New Purchases

Touch and See Boardbook, The NLT Story Bible Series Level 2

Dowley, Tim. *My First Story of Jesus*.

Simmons, Justine. *God, Can You Hear Me?*

Winans, Cece. *Colorful World* (Includes a CD of the Song “Colorful World by six-time Grammy winner Cece Winans.

Chesterton, Chris and David T. Ward. *144 Talks for Totally Awesome Kids*.

Pinkney, Gloria Jean *Daniel and the Lord of Lions*.

Crites, Susan E. *I Love You More Than Rainbows*.

Lucado, Max. *The Oak Inside the Acorn*.

Shaw, Maura D. *Ten Amazing People: and How They Changed the World*.

Audia, John P. *The Creation Story: In Words and Sign Language*.



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NOTICE TO ALL RECIPIENTS:

You are receiving this in electronic copy unless you have specifically requested a paper copy or you are picking this up at a conference display.

New Title for Prayer Shawl Groups:

Bristow, Janet and Victoria A. Cole-Galo Prayer Shawl Companion: 38 Knitted Designs to embrace and inspire & celebrate life.

New DVDs: (all from Ecuofilm)

Liquid: Mirror Image and *Liquid: Crossing* (Similar to Nooma series.)

Nest Family Series: *David & Goliath* and *Ruth* (had on VHS before)

Rediscovering the Labyrinth; The Miracles of Jesus; A Heart Set Free