



# Resource Center for Churches

Resources for the Journey

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## RCC Book Sale Fundraiser

Kicks off 11/13!

See insert for details.

## Classic Children's Book Back in Print.

*Santa's Favorite Story* by Hisako Aoki

*Children's book helps Christian families focus on Christ while helping children put the cultural tidal wave of Santa in to perspective.*

## WINTER

## CLOSURE

The RCC will close at 3:00 p.m., December 21, 2007, and open at 9:30 on January 2, 2008. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

How do we help our kids worship Jesus, when they love Santa? What to do about Santa in a Christian family? Is it better if we call him St. Nicholas and focus on the history of Santa, at least with older children? Does Santa have any place in our celebration?

There are as many opinions about the place of Santa or St. Nicholas in the celebration of Christmas as there are families. Many Christian families struggle with how much to include of secular traditions or whether to fight our cultural tide and exclude them altogether. Each family must make this decision for themselves.

Santa or Saint Nicholas is especially difficult, because Santa seems so commercial, yet this tradition began with St. Nicholas in a very Christian outreach, or so the story goes. Some families are comfortable as long as the St. Nicholas language is used, but not the Santa language.

This dilemma surfaces at the church level where it affects more than one family. Each family wants the church to honor their viewpoint. I have heard everything from having Santa be in a portion of the Christmas program to Santa being a "dirty" word on church premises.

Our church has chosen to have "Breakfast with Santa" in the fellowship hall. At the same time our church invite people to play Santa by making a commitment to provide presents for needy families.

One of the great resources we have used over the years to address the Santa tradition, while keeping the major focus on Christ, is a book entitled "Santa's Favorite Story." In the book Santa tells the children his favorite story, which is the story of the birth of the Christ child.

This book came out many years ago, was out of print and has now come back into print. If you don't have it, this is the year to get it. It is available at Cokesbury, on our book sale (see list inside) and hopefully at any book store featuring children's books.



*At \$10.00 for a hardcover, "Santa's Favorite Story" is a bargain your whole family will enjoy*

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11th Commandment Wisdom from our Children	Children of America
5 Love Languages of Children	Chapman, Gary D.
5 Love Languages of Teenagers	Chapman, Gary D.
<b>A Chick Called Saturday</b>	Dunbar, Joyce
Alexander & Wonderful Marvelous 90 Days	Viorst, Judith
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible	Viorst, Judith
Angels and Other Strangers	Paterson, Katherine
Animal Vegetable Miracle A Year of	Kingsolver, Barbara
Baboushka	Scholey, Arthur
Big Momma Makes the World	Root, Phyllis
Bridge to Terabithia (paperback)	Paterson, Katherine
Butterflies Under Our Hats	Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia
Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toome	Wojciechowski, Susan
Christmas Moccasins	Buckley, Ray
Deepening Your Effectiveness	Glover, Dan
Different Just Like Me	Mitchell, Lori
<b>Dog Heaven</b>	Rylant, Cynthia
Faith Like Mine	Buller, Laura
Giraffes Can't Dance	Andreae, Giles
Goat Lady	Bregoli, Jane
God Believes In You	Bea, Holly
God Created	Bozzati-Jones
Godparenting Nurturing the Next Generation	McLaughlin, Nancy
Good Night God	Bea, Holly
Guess How Much I Love You	McBratney, Sam Hope Isabel Monk
I'm in Charge of Celebrations	Baylor, Byrd
In every tiny grain of sand	Lindbergh, Reeve
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat	Taback, Simms
Legend of Old Befana	de Paola, Tomie
Leo the Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse	Henkes, Kevin
Lotus Seed	Garland, Sherry

Book Fair to Benefit  
Resource Center for Churches  
November 13, 14, 15, 2007,  
11:00—2:00 p.m.  
In the Meadows  
122 W. Franklin Av.,  
Mpls. Minneapolis



*Thank you Northern Plains Presbytery for thinking of us when you closed your local resource center. We have received many boxes of items. We are finding items to enhance our collection and we are finding homes for the duplicates.*

**Northern Plains Presbytery members are encouraged to use our resource center.** Go to [www.resourcesforthejourney.org](http://www.resourcesforthejourney.org) to find our online catalog. Send an email request to: [info@resourcesforthejourney.org](mailto:info@resourcesforthejourney.org) or call 1-888-293-9901 toll free for assistance.

**HOURS:** 9:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 9:30 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursdays. Closed on Mondays.

We have lots of helpful items if you are planning a gathering or teaching a class.

**Labyrinths**

**Puppets**

*Laptop and LCD projector*

Curriculum for all ages..

**Worship Resources**

**VCR/DVD player**

*Parachute*

**TAPES AND DVD'S!!!**

*BOOKS on theology, prayer, social concerns, world religions, denominations, etc.*

We also have a wide variety of books and resources for your personal development. We are underused in this regard. Have you announced to your congregation that they may use our resource center.? We encourage calls from lay persons and we can ship out resources. Some fees may apply.

## **New Materials** (Go to [www.resourcesforthejourney.org](http://www.resourcesforthejourney.org) to find catalog descriptions.)

**NOTE: Some of these materials are not new, just new to us.** We have been gifted with many resources from the Presbytery of the Northern Plains. Publication dates are included for your convenience.

<i>ResCode: Title/Pub Yr</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Publisher</i>
BK3889: Sermons and Liturgy	Presbyterian Church	
BK3890: Resolution Against Torture	Presbyterian Church	2006
BK3891: Reformed Understanding of Usury for the Twenty-First Century	Presbyterian Church	2006
BK3892: Economic Security for Older Adults	Presbyterian Church	2006
BK3893: Invitation to Christ Font & Table	Presbyterian Church	2006
BK3894: Simulation Games for Religious Education 1975	Richard Reichert	St. Mary's College Press
BK3895: God Went to Beauty School 2003	Cynthia Rylant	HarperTempest
BK3896: Growing Compassionate Kids: Helping Kids See Beyond Their Backyard 2005	Jan Johnson and Jeannie	Upper Room Books
BK3897: True to our native land : An African American New Commentary 2007	Blount, Brian K.	Fortress Press
BK3898: The God of nature : Incarnation and contemporary science 2007	Knight, Christopher C.	Augsburg Fortress
BK3899: Exploring Faith Maturity 1990	Eugene C. Roehlkepartain	Search Institute
BK3900: Breaking the Code Language of the Church 1989	Wanda Sevey	Presbyterian Publishing
BK3901: Youth Bible Study-Beginnings	Lyman Coleman	Serendipity 1994
BK3904: Vestry Resource Guide V. I	Cornerstone	2005
BK3905: Vestry Resource Guide V. II	Cornerstone	2005
BK3906: Vestry Resource Guide V. III	Cornerstone	2005
PK9: Vestry 101 Packet	Forward Movement	
BK3907: Guide to Human Resources Practices for Lay	Church Pension Group	2005
BK3908: Tender Days, The	Richard Wilson	Pangaea 2007
BK3909: Blessings And Promises	Nechelle Banks Dowers	Authorhouse 2004
BK3910: Advent/Christmas Worship Resources for Young and Old 1996	CSS Publishing Co	CSS PUB CO

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<b>BK3864: Defeating Depression: Real Help for You and Those Augsburg Books 2007</b>		<b>Stone, Howard W.</b>
BK3865: Channels of Healing 2005	Owen Dowling	Speedwell Press
BK3867: Revolutionary Parenting : What the Research Shows 2007	Barna, George.	Tyndale House
BK3868: Transforming Children Into Spiritual Champions: 2005	George Barna	Gospel Light
<b>BK3869: My Name Is Child of God ... Not Those People: 2007</b>	<b>Dinsmore, Julia K.</b>	<b>Augsburg Fortress</b>
BK3870: The Power of Vision: Discover and Apply God's Vision for Your Ministry 2003	George Barna	Gospel Light
BK3871: Leaders on Leadership: Wisdom, Advice and Encouragement ... 1998	George Barna (Editor)	Gospel Light
BK3872: Growing True Disciples: New Strategies for Producing Genuine Followers... 2001	George Barna	WaterBrook
BK3874: Revolution 2005	George Barna	Barna Group, Lt
BK3875: Power of Team Leadership: Achieving Success through Shared Responsibility 2001	George Barna	WaterBrook
BK3876: High Impact African-American Churches 2004	George Barna	Barna Group, L
BK3877: Think Like Jesus: Make the Right Decision Every Time 2003	George Barna	Integrity Publish
BK3879: Grow Your Church from the Outside In: Understanding 2002	George Barna	Gospel Light
<b>BK3881: Praying in color : Drawing a new path to God 2007</b>	<b>MacBeth, Sybil.</b>	<b>Paraclete Press</b>
<b>BK3885: Shaping spiritual leaders : Supervision and formation in 2007</b>	<b>Johnson, Abigail.</b>	<b>Alban Institute</b>
<b>BK3886: Tribal church : Ministering to the missing generation 2007</b>	Merritt, Carol Howard.	Alban Institute
BK3887: With One Voice, Pew Edition 1995	Augsburg (Editor)	Augsburg Fortress,
BK3888: Annie, the Kitchen Queen and Other Dispatches from Forbearance Presbyterian Church, 2006	Charlotte Johnstone	Presbyterian Women
BK3889: Sermons and Liturgy	Presbyterian Church	
BK3890: Resolution Against Torture	Presbyterian Church	2006

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BK3914: Symbols of Church Seasons and Days 1977	John Bradner	MOREHOUSE
BK3915: Feed My Shepherds: Spiritual Healing and Renewal for Those In Christian Leadership, 1998	Flora Slosson Wuellner	Upper Room
BK3916: Faith and Knowledge: Mainline Protestantism and American Higher Education, 1994	Douglas Sloan	Westminster John
BK3918: One 2 one : 50 personal devotions for youth camps, 2000	Harcey, Paul	Abingdon Press
DV182: Strategic Development of an Effective Ministry to Children 2006	George Barna	Barna Group, Ltd.
<b>DV183: Invisible Mexicans of Deer Canyon</b>	John Carlos Frey	Gatekeeper 2006
<b>DV184: Invisible Chapel</b>	John Carlos Frey	Gatekeeper 2007
<b>DV185: Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey</b>	Groody River Films	
<b>DV186: Praying in Color The Workshop DVD 2007</b>	Sybil MacBeth	Paraclete Press
DV187: Gatekeeper	Gatekeeper	2004
DV188: Voices of Young Adults	Episcopal Church Center	2006
<b>DV189: Place of Our Own</b>	United Church of Christ	2007
<b>DV190: Our World in Depth with Jeff Helper</b>		2007
<b>DV192: Opening Ourselves to Grace</b>	Abingdon Press	2007
<b>KS84: Matt &amp; Lucy's Version Births A Christmas Pageant</b>	Dot Saunders-Perez	Living the Questions
<b>CD69=: Matt &amp; Lucy's Version Births Music Trax CDs 2006</b>	Janet Allyn	Living The Questions
VD4104: Weaving A Global Neighborhood	Evangelical Lutheran	
<b>VD4105: Red Boots for Christmas</b>	Vision Video	1996
VD4106: Hutterites: To: To Care and Not to Care	Vision Video	1984
VD4107: Spirit and Nature	Films for the Humanities	1991
BK3911: To Celebrate: Reshaping Holidays and Rites of Passage 1990	Eugenia Smith-Durland	Alternatives
BK3912: Services for the Advent wreath: Based on lectionary 2005	Jarbone, Robert.	CSS Publishing
BK3891 Reformed Understanding of Usury for the Twenty-First Century	Presbyterian Church	2006

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Minnesota State Fair	Koutsky
On the Day You Were Born	Frasier, Debra
One Grain of Sand	Seeger, Pete
Over the Moon, a Collection of First Books for Baby	Brown, Margaret Wise
Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane
Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services	Wallace, Robin Knowl
Peach and Blue	Killborne, Sarah S.
Santa's Favorite Story	Aoki, Hisako
Secret of Saying Thanks	Wood, Douglas
So Help Me God	Church, F.
Tell me Something Happy	Dunbar, Joyce
The Empty Pot	Demi
The Fall of Freddie the Leaf	Buscaglia, Leo
The Gardener	Stewart, Sarah
The Give-Away	Buckley, Ray
The Runaway Bunny	Brown, Margaret Wise
The Table Where Rich People Sit	Baylor, Byrd
The Tale of Three Trees	Hunt, Angela Elwell
The Twenty-Four Days Before Christmas	L'Engle, Madeleine
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Carle, Eric
They Followed a Bright Star	Wensell, Ulises
Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself	Alda, Alan
This I Believe	(edited by Allison et al--NPR)
Thunder Cake	Polacco, Patricia
Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt, Natalie
Velveteen Rabbit	Williams, Margery
Very Hungry Caterpillar (hardcover w/toy)	Carle, Eric
Water Come Down, the Day You are Baptized	Wangerin, Walter
What is My Song	Dennis Linn, et al
Where Does God Live	Bea, Holly
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein, Shel
Whoever You Are	Fox, Mem
Wisdom from the Middle Ages	Hamilton, Lisa B.
Words to Live By	Lewis, C.S.



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## Coming November 13, 14, 15 ..... Continuing into December

### **SECOND ANNUAL BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER**

**The RCC is hosting a book sale in the Meadows (lobby) of 122 W. Franklin, November 13, 14, 15. The sale will run from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day.**

The selections include some adult fare, but are primarily children's books, which we recommend for your giving pleasure this holiday season. This list is still subject to change as books arrive from our vendors. The title list is on pages 2 and 7 of this newsletter and updated versions can be viewed at [www.resourcesforthejourney.org](http://www.resourcesforthejourney.org).

**Please note that we will be housing the inventory in the resource center (Suite 2 of 122 West Franklin) through the first week in December.** Feel free to come in and browse or ask about titles from the WEB list. We can meet your needs even after our kick off sale.

### **WINTER CLOSURE**

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