

## Umc Lectionary Readings 2015

***With interactive online access, The Abingdon Worship Annual 2015 offers fresh worship planning resources for pastors and worship leaders. Using a theme idea based on the lectionary readings, each week's offering of prayers and litanies follows a basic pattern of Christian worship: Invitation and Gathering, Proclamation and Response, Thanksgiving and Communion Sending Forth. Alternative ideas for Praise Sentences and Contemporary Gathering Words are offered for those who work in contemporary worship settings. Searchable online extras, along with the entire print text in PDF format for ease of navigation and use, are available with the purchase of the print resources. Now more than ever, The Abingdon Worship Annual is a must-have source-book offering countless opportunities for planning meaningful and insightful worship.***

***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.***

***A careful student of church liturgies, John Wesley created this book for use in the Methodist churches of North America in order that the young movement would have access to reliable liturgy. This book is, in its own sense, a masterpiece of solid doctrine, Wesleyan inspiration, and liturgical practice. "The Sunday Service of Methodists in North America" has been available as a reprint of the original book for many years. However, this edition does what others have not done until now: Rather than photocopying the pages of the original book, we have painstakingly typed each word and character to match the original text, and formatted the book for contemporary usage (included an updated and easily readable font), while maintaining Wesley's own language, spelling, and grammar.***

***Old Testament scholar and interpreter Brent A. Strawn focuses on the importance of honesty in preaching, especially around three challenging Old Testament themes: sin, suffering, and violence. He makes the case that preaching honestly is critical in the church today. Without honesty regarding these topics, there is no way forward to reconciliation, health, and recovery. Further, it is imperative for today's preachers to deal with the questions of faith arising from these themes in the biblical text itself. In addition to key scripture passages, he turns to several contemporary authors and works as dialogue partners on the three themes. Asserting that keeping secrets can lead to a kind of sickness, Strawn uses texts from the Pentateuch and the Psalms to model honesty about sin, without which there can be no reconciliation, and honesty about suffering, without which there can be no healing. He also looks at the book of Joshua and various psalms to model honesty about violence, which can serve as a way to contain, limit, and ultimately transcend violence. Strawn frames these themes specifically for working preachers, so they can create sermons that speak to these thorny themes with depth and clarity.***

***2015 Classic United Methodist Program Calendar***

***The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2019-2020 CEB Edition***

***Standard Edition***

***Our Story, Our Beliefs, Our Lives***

***The United Methodist Book of Worship Pastor's Pocket Edition***

***41 Days of Audacious Living***

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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.

Year C

United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers

Holy Adventure

Honest to God Preaching

The Africana Worship Book

Authorized King James Version

*Based on the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1 provides liturgical pieces used in preparing for worship. Written and compiled by an ecumenical team of 11 seasoned liturgy writers, this resource offers a multitude of poetic prayers and responsive readings for all parts of worship and is meant to complement existing denominational resources. In addition, the weekly entries include questions for reflection and household prayers for morning and evening that are drawn from the lectionary, allowing churches to include them in their bulletin for parishioners to use throughout the week. During times of the year when two different tracks of Old Testament texts are offered by the RCL, this resource offers an entire set of materials for each track. Also, a CD-ROM is included with each volume that enables planners to easily cut and paste relevant readings, prayers, and questions into worship bulletins. Liturgy writers include the following: \* Kimberly L. Clayton, Director of Contextual Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) \* David Gambrell, Associate for Worship in the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, Kentucky; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) \* Daniel M. Geslin, Pastor, Sixth Avenue United Church of Christ, Denver, Colorado; United Church of Christ \* Kimberly Bracken Long, Associate Professor of Worship, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) \* L. Edward Phillips, Associate Professor of Worship and Liturgical Theology, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia; United Methodist Church \* Melinda Quivik, Liturgical Scholar, Houghton, Michigan; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \* Carol L. Wade, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, Kentucky; Episcopal Church*

*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.*

*The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner and Prepare! are all-in-one resources that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year. The 2021-2022 editions of these resources are lectionary based and places at your fingertips: --Calendar format that helps you plan the entire choir year, from September through August --Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to thirteen major denominational and ecumenical hymnals; the UM Planner includes suggestions based around United Methodist-specific resources. --Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel readings from both the Common English Bible and the NRSV --Reproducible worship planning forms --Resources for holidays and special days --Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and much more*

*Bruce Epperly's Holy Adventure brings to the task of lay Christian formation a balance of spiritual depth and intellectual honesty that is, quite frankly, difficult to find among today's Christian Education resources.*

September 2015 - August 2016

Upper Room Worshipbook

A Cheeky Look at the End Times

The United Methodist Hymnal & The Faith We Sing

The Anglican Way

Music and Liturgies for Spiritual Formation

Grounded in the liturgical tradition and scholarship, the author explores what he calls the "new traditionalism" that notes the recent resurgence of interest in ancient forms of liturgy and spiritual practice. Everett communicates the seriousness with which he approaches his subject by offering a brief history of psalms and an exegesis of selected psalm texts. As a composer, he speaks clearly about the process of capturing the essence of each psalm in the brief, but beautiful antiphons that accompany them. The psalter itself consists of musically notated antiphon melodies with chord symbols followed by the printed psalm text which is read aloud... Many alternative and emerging church communities have begun exploring ancient music and liturgical traditions despite a lack of high-quality, published liturgical music, which does not require (or even desire) an organ and a four- part choir. The Emergent Psalter serves to provide that resource. Featuring music written for two emerging communities (Transmission in New York and Church of the Apostles in Seattle), this book is an excellent resource for anyone producing alternative worship service or thinking of starting one.

"I use both the Wall version (for quick reference and guidance on lectionary readings, planning checklist and special dates) AND the desk version (for work with Mission Outreach and Marketing committees). I use the calendar to begin my daily devotions, reading each Scripture twice throughout the week plus there is the added benefit of the planning resources. Also, as a support to ministry and devotional tool and as a teaching tool in Confirmation."- The Rev. Krysta Deede, Associate Pastor, Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave, Janesville, Wisconsin This wall calendar is 18x24. The writing is on the wall for all to see! Post this calendar on bulletin boards throughout your church, in offices, meeting rooms, Sunday school classrooms and more. Keep everybody in the loop about liturgical colors, next year's events and special days. The 2015 theme for the Official United Methodist Program Calendar is transformation. The compelling stories featured in the insert in the 2015 Classic and Standard calendars are catalysts for both personal and denominational reflection. Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the Connectional Table, asks United Methodists to seek people "from the outskirts of hope" and invite them to the "center of God's beloved community." United Methodist Program Calendars serve not only as organizational and communication tools, but as reminders of our commitment to do God's work. Please fill your calendar pages with ministries that change the world, events that answer the needs of your community, names of people willing to be "on call" for God's good, and with notes reminding you of why you do what you do as a United Methodist.

Pastors Andy and Sally Langford take a unique approach in this six-session study by looking at how United Methodists claim and live their faith as individuals and as a denomination. Through the study, you will gain insight into The United Methodist Church, its beliefs and faith practices. Living as United Methodist Christians is ideal for small groups, new member classes, and disciple training classes and includes: An introduction that sets the stage for exploring the belief and practices of United Methodist Christians Six chapters that will help learners hear and claim for themselves the Christian story, particular emphases and beliefs of United Methodists, and ways to live as a United Methodist Christian Leader and learner helps such as reflection questions placed near main text material to which they refer. These helps will stimulate discussion about the reflections or insights participants gain from the material

"I use the Classic, spiral bound 8.5 x 11 version. I like it for having a fuller calendar at my disposal and to know all the UM events, special Sundays, and other important seasonal and liturgical information. The UM Calendar is much more useful than a generic calendar for all the information, resources and UM specific events that are listed. My favorite feature is the full calendar for the following year, so that for planning purposes I know when Lent begins, Easter is, and what day Christmas falls. I get extra copies and distribute them to my planning team, worship team and other staff." - The Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones, senior pastor, La Plata UMC in La Plata, (Md.) This is the horizontal and spiral, 11" x 8.5" calendar. There's a reason planning and worship teams depend on the CLASSIC calendar. IT HAS EVERYTHING! Agency contacts/web sites, information services, interdenominational services, Revised Common Lectionary readings, liturgical colors, next year's events, planning/resource checklists, special days, a three-year calendar, the United Methodist giving program and pages for notes. The 2015 theme for the Official United Methodist Program Calendar is transformation. The compelling stories featured in the insert in the 2015 Classic and Standard calendars are catalysts for both personal and denominational reflection. Bishop Bruce Ough, president of the

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Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church

A Guidebook

An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

Exploring Christian Faith

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2018-2019 NRSV Edition

The Emergent Psalter

*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 CEB and NRSV text.*

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*The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2015-2016*

*The New International Lesson Annual 2015 - 2016*

*Talking Sin, Suffering, and Violence*

*Left Behind and Loving It*

*We Make the Road by Walking*

*A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation*

*The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.*

*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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*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 Abingdon Worship Annual 2015*

*The Sunday Service of Methodists in North America with Other Occasional Services*

*2017 Standard United Methodist Program Calendar*

*The Gospel According to Matthew*

*Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1*

*The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2017-2018 CEB Edition*

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The Africana Worship Book, Year C, contains new calls to worship, liturgies, prayers, litanies, offertory prayers, doxologies, choral readings, creeds, chants and benedictions. The compilations are related to Year C of the Revised Common Lectionary. This volume invites the whole church to become open to the fresh movements of God in the midst of corporate worship. Included with book is a bound-in CD, making it easy for congregations to reproduce the material for use in worship.

The Pastor's Pocket Edition has everything, but the service music, found in the regular Book of Worship. This helpful United Methodist denominational book of liturgy, prayer, and services is indispensable for pastors, musicians, and laypersons that plan and lead worship. Arranged according to the Christian year, this resource enables worship leaders to locate prayers, services, and information quickly. Updated information and new formats insure ease of use, making this a great resource when planning and leading worship. Updates for all formats include: Membership vows, baptismal covenant, diaconal changes, and other updates made as a result of General Conference action. Calendar for dating Easter and related holy days—extend beyond 2020. Chart of lectionary years on page 227--update and extend. Current version of ordinal. Available with all digital formats PDF contents pages--hot linked to each section/item.

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The Consultation on Common Texts

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2019-2020 NRSV Edition

United Methodist Hymnal and Faith We Sing CDRom

A weekly worship planning book for pastors and musicians.

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The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2018-2019 CEB Edition

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Prepare!: An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2021-2022 NRSV Edition

2015 Standard United Methodist Program Calendar

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

"Popular author F. Belton Joyner has revised his best-selling resource for introducing The United Methodist Church. In a humorous yet respectful style, Joyner takes the reader through illuminating questions and answers on United Methodist terms and beliefs on God, Jesus, the Bible, the church, salvation, and more. This revised edition includes new sections on United Methodism as a global church, United Methodist ministries beyond the congregation, and United Methodist theology in conversation with other Christian traditions. It has also been updated to reflect recent changes to The Book of Discipline and the orders of ministry. The book's question-and-answer format easily lends itself to use in Sunday school classes and also works for individual study. From new recruits to lifelong United Methodists, readers will gain a lively sense of what is special and important about their denominational home."--Back cover.

2015 Standard United Methodist Program Calendar Standard Edition

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.

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Classic Edition

Prepare! 2015-2016

Living as United Methodist Christians

The Revised Common Lectionary

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2021-2022 CEB Edition

Come to the Waters

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2015 Wall Edition United Methodist Program Calendar

Wall Calendar

Baptism and Our Ministry of Welcoming Seekers and Making Disciples