

United Methodist Lectionary 2014 2015

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This book is designed to help preachers find and use the riches of the Psalms for preaching. The authors address the perception that the Psalms often go neglected in preparing for one of the central acts of worship: preaching. McCann and Howell demonstrate that the Psalms offer the preacher broad, rich possibilities for the congregation's engagement with the Scripture. Each chapter concludes with a brief sample.

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United Methodist Hymnal and Faith We Sing CDRom

A Guide for a Ministry of Home Communion Serving

The Upper Room Disciplines 2014, Enlarged-Print Edition: A Book of Daily Devotions

A Guidebook

September 2014 - August 2015

The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2014-2015

Funeral Hymns

The Lord Is Our Light invites you to explore God's hope and presence through a study of the scripture readings for Advent and Christmas. Key Bible readings call us to praise God as we actively wait for the coming of God's redemption and new creation. Through the readings, we hear the call to celebrate the light of God revealed through Jesus Christ. The season of Advent offers opportunities to prepare for God's coming in human form in the baby Jesus and for the approach of God's kingdom with the second coming of Christ. Hope is the focus of Advent worship, study, and prayer. We will discover the light that began in the manger and that continues as we look forward with hope to Christ's return. The Lord Is Our Light is based upon the Revised Common Lectionary scriptures for year B of the church year, a three-year cycle of Bible readings. The study includes commentary and reflection on readings from the Old Testament, the Gospels, and the Epistles. It offers the opportunity to explore these Bible readings in a five-session study. The goal is to help participants understand, appreciate, and engage in meaningful and joyous celebrations of Advent and Christmas and to live each day in God's light through Jesus Christ. The study book includes a leader guide with information about the season of Advent, suggestions for starting and leading small groups, Bible background, and discussion activities

You probably know the benefits of rest, relaxation, and meditation for your physical health. But what about your spiritual health? What if you could escape every day to a tranquil retreat to restore your soul? You can find this kind of peace and rejuvenation through *Disciplines*, The Upper Room's best-selling book of daily

devotions based on scripture passages from the Revised Common Lectionary. Fifty-three writers from diverse locales, ethnicities, and Christian traditions help you grow in your knowledge of the Bible and how to apply its truths to your life. Sample of 2014 Topics & Writers Choose Love – Amie H. Vaughan What Only Faith Can See – Kwasi Kena Voices of Holy Week – Michael E. Williams Trust in God – Luis F. Reyes Letting Go – Missy Buchanan The Gift of Faith – Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove Heeding God's Direction – Claudio Carvalhaes Where Heaven and Earth Meet – Jan L. Richardson. Enrich your daily walk with God with The Upper Room Disciplines. If you want to share the journey with a small group, each week offers an overview of the scripture for that week plus questions and thoughts for reflection and discussion. With Disciplines, your escape to a spiritual retreat is always nearby. Also available in Enlarged Print.

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

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

The United Methodist Way

The Anglican Way

Ancient Christian Devotional

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

A resource for use wherever weekday celebrations of the

Eucharist take place. It includes scripture readings from the NRSV and psalms from the Common Worship Psalter, and provides all the readings for the two year cycle of the weekday lectionary in one place.

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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Common Worship Daily Eucharistic Lectionary

Daily Bible Study Summer 2022

Prepare!: An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

The Revised Common Lectionary

September 2014–August 2015

Prepare! 2014–2015

This best-selling book of daily devotions based on the Revised Common Lectionary features 53 writers from diverse locales, ethnicities, and Christian traditions. Writers for 2014 include Missy Buchanan, Jan Richardson, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, Steve Garnaas-Holmes, Luis Reyes, Kwasi Kena, Claudio Carvalhaes, and many others. Each week opens with a scripture overview and questions and thoughts for reflection that can be used individually or with a small group. Each daily reading focuses on a selected scripture passage and ends with a prayer or suggestion for meditation.

The Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary begins with the conviction that Scripture speaks first and foremost to Christians now. Its message engages Christian belief and action in the present day. While informed by the best in current biblical studies, its commentary on the Scripture passages of the Revised Common Lectionary focuses on the questions of Christian life in the world that church members bring to worship. Each entry is co-written by a theologian and homiletician and seeks to answer the questions, "What does this passage say about the gospel and how does it speak to my encounter with God in Christ and my calling as a Christian in the world?" This volume showcases theological matters that arise from the biblical texts in the lectionary and from the church seasons and special days. This important resource draws upon recent scholarship in various disciplines with a view to enriching the theological contribution of sermons in the years to come.

Daily Bible Study is a great companion to the quarterly Adult Bible Studies or as a stand-alone study. It is presented in quarterly segments. Bible-based, and Christ-focused, it coordinates with the lesson themes of Adult Bible Studies. Each daily reading includes a one-page Bible study for each day of the quarter, along with introductory reflection questions and commentary on the daily Scripture passage, life application, and a concluding prayer. Daily Bible Study Summer 2022 Theme: Transform The lessons this quarter begin with a look at the ministry of the Holy Spirit that brings new life to us as members of the body of Christ. Jesus tells the disciples in John's Gospel that he must leave so that the Comforter or Holy Spirit could come. The Spirit will lead and guide us into all truth and bring gifts and graces to all who will receive them. This transforming power prepares us for ministry in the world. The Holy Spirit's work in empowering us to be the church and carry out its mission is not limited to time and space. The lessons in Unit 2 take us through a series of events in the context of Jewish and Gentile hostility in which we see how the Holy Spirit moved the church forward to serve others. The final four lessons in this quarter explore a problem that has plagued humankind throughout the ages—violence! How do we as the people of God confront and overcome this menace to the faith? Unit 1: The Fruit of the Spirit Paul used the metaphor of fruit to help us understand that our lives are like the firstfruits of offering. Through participation in Christ's crucifixion through baptism, we have offered our lives to God's service. The Holy Spirit then gives us gifts to display. Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4, 17-21, 33, 38-39; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Galatians 5:13-21; Galatians 5:22-26 Spiritual Practice: Silence Unit 2: The Work of the Church These lessons take us through a series of events in the Book of Acts in which the activity of the Holy Spirit drives the action forward. The lessons in Unit 1 identify the gifts granted to us by the Spirit; these lessons look at the path on which the Spirit directs our lives and how the Spirit is already active before we

arrive at our destination. Scriptures: Acts 4:23-31; Acts 8:26-39; Acts 11:1-18; Acts 15:1-21; Acts 16:25-34
Spiritual Practice: Service Unit 3: The Pursuit of the People
God's word established a created order that depends on fruitfulness and cultivation rather than violence to maintain it, but humanity through its rivalries brings violence into God's created order. It is clear from Scripture that God's intent is to reestablish shalom, the Hebrew word that means "a shared well-being and abundance." While violence remains a part of the created order, God does not quietly sanction the human use of violence and calls us to imitate God's love and work toward shalom. Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 22:6-10, 17-19; Matthew 5:9, 38-48; Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 26:47-56
Spiritual Practice: Remembering

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The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual 2015

The New International Lesson Annual 2014-2015

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Honest to God Preaching

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

Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary

The standard resource for teachers of the Uniform Series.

Lectionary-based; keyed to 13 hymnals with calendar format that helps plan the entire year, as well as 8 or more suggested hymns for each service.

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

Bloggers and other invited writers from around the world contribute to this creative conversation about the weekly lectionary through commentary, stories, biblical study, liturgical resources, and more. Jenee Woodard, creator and editor of the immensely popular lectionary research site, *The Text This Week*, curates the conversation and adds insights of her own, including a list of the best online resources for sermon preparation. *The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual* remains among the highest quality preaching resources available, ensuring that pastors can quickly find relevant material for their sermons.

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

Preaching Year A

Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1

Living as United Methodist Christians

Creed Youth Study Book

The Upper Room Disciplines 2014

A follow-up to the previous Ancient Christian Devotional, which follows lectionary cycle A, this devotional guide follows lectionary cycle C, which begins in Advent 2009. This guide to prayer and reflection combines excerpts from the writings of the church fathers as found in the Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture with a simple structure for daily or weekly reading and prayer.

Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church **Upper Room Books**

*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 NRSV and CEB text.

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 history of 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

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

Prepare 2009-2010

Extending the Table

The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner, 2014-2015

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

Living Our Beliefs

A three-year pattern of lectionary readings has come into widespread use over the past generation within many churches. Since its release in 1992 the three-year Revised Common Lectionary has had a significant influence ecumenically on worship and its preparation. Now the ecumenical consultation responsible for the Revised Common Lectionary is releasing a set of proposed prayers specifically designed for use with the calendar of readings in the RCL. The Consultation on Common Texts sought to prepare a truly ecumenical set of prayers that represent the full spectrum of Christian tradition in all its diverse richness.

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Here is the retreat and catechesis parishes will love to give to everyone in the assembly, a serious booklet that presents Lent as a powerful opportunity for renewal. Individuals can conduct a self-assessment; make resolutions about prayer, fasting and almsgiving; translate resolutions into commitments; reflect on

their process in a scripture journal; and prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation.

We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In this six-week study, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. This Youth Study Book takes the ideas presented in Adam Hamilton's book and interprets them for young people grades 6-12. Includes leader helps with discussion questions and can be used with the adult-level DVD.

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

Fresh Perspectives on the Spirituality of the Desert

The Consultation on Common Texts

What Christians Believe and Why

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

The Lord Is Our Light

Old Testament scholar and interpreter Brent A. Strawn focuses on the importance of honesty in preaching, especially around three challenging Old Testament themes: 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. In addition to key scripture passages, he turns to several contemporary authors and as dialogue partners on the three themes. Asserting that keeping secrets can be 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 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 clarity.

Worship Planner 2019-2020 is lectionary-based and places at your fingertips: 100 pages in spiral-bound format that help you plan the entire worship year, from September through August. Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to United Methodist worship resources: The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, Worship & Song, The United Methodist Book of Worship, and The Africana Hymnal. Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Reproducible worship planning forms. Resources for holidays and special days. Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, and much more. Also available with CEB texts.

You can believe anything and be a Methodist, just so long as you're sincere. Such misperception has deep historical and cultural roots. Explore a basic explanation of beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Discipline. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way. "Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced" writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of our beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrine and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world." Living Our Beliefs is essential reading for new members, confirmation classes and small group studies. As one reviewer says, "Bishop Carder invites us to both understand and live our beliefs. With deep understanding of Wesley's teaching, he inspires us to practice what we preach. This is the United Methodist way." The Leader's Guide for this course, Living Our United Methodist Beliefs, by George Hovaness Donigan may be purchased here.

An all-in-one resource that helps both the music director and pastor plan the worship services for each Sunday and holy day of the year, The United Methodist Music Worship Planner 2019-2020 is lectionary-based and places at your fingertips: 160 pages in spiral-bound format that help you plan the entire worship year, from September through August. Eight or more suggested hymns for each service keyed to United Methodist worship resources: The United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing, Worship & Song, The United Methodist Book of Worship, and The Africana Hymnal. Complete lectionary text of the Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle, and Gospel reading in the Common English Bible translation. Reproducible worship planning forms. Resources for holidays and special days. Suggestions for prayers, solos, anthems, visuals, and more. Also available with NRSV texts

An Advent Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary

What Am I Doing for Lent This Year?

Talking Sin, Suffering, and Violence

A Book of Daily Devotions

The United Methodist Hymnal & The Faith We Sing

Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church

"Who is missing?" Mark Stamm asserts that this is a question the church should ask every time its members gather around the Lord's Table. He reminds readers that "participation in the Lord's Supper is not a ritual that we perform as isolated individuals, rather we do it with the whole church in mind, even those who cannot attend." In *Extending the Table*, Stamm discusses historical, theological, and pastoral questions surrounding the subject of home communion serving to support participants in understanding and appreciating the significance of this ministry. While Stamm consistently presents information that reminds readers of the importance of "extending the table," he also addressed questions and concerns that arise in serious

discussions of celebrating this sacrament outside church walls. Ultimately, Stamm suggest a model for home communion ministry that takes into account scriptural teachings, historical understanding, and spiritual needs.

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.

A weekly worship planning book for pastors and musicians.

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

The Sunday Service of the Methodists; with Other Occasional Services

Musical Resources for the Revised Common Lectionary

An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

Our Story, Our Beliefs, Our Lives

Lectionary Cycle C

Preaching the Psalms