

## United Methodist Lectionary Calendar 2015

"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.

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Rediscovering Play and Purpose

Prepare! 2015-2016

2015 Standard United Methodist Program Calendar

Redeeming the Gift of Power

Christ's Act in the Church

We Make the Road by Walking

As a troubadour for global music and an instigator of cross-cultural worship for more than 15 years in a variety of denominational settings, including congregational, national, and international venues, Michael Hawn has observed many faithful people who find that a taste of Pentecost in worship is refreshing and invigorating. In *One Bread, One Body: Exploring Cultural Diversity in Worship*, Hawn seeks to help bridge the gap between the human tendency to prefer ethnic and cultural homogeneity in worship and the church's mandate to offer a more diverse and inclusive experience. He offers a rainbow vision of the universal church where young and old joyfully and thoughtfully respond to the movement of God's Spirit in multicultural worship. Hawn and four colleagues from Perkins School of Theology in Dallas formed a diverse team in ethnicity, gender, academic field of study, and denominational affiliation to study four United Methodist congregations in the Dallas area that are grappling with cross-cultural ministry. Their four case studies illustrate both the pain and the possibilities encountered in capturing the Spirit of Pentecost in worship. Hawn also offers a concise and practical theological framework as well as numerous strategies and an extensive bibliography for implementing "culturally conscious worship." This book is invaluable for congregations that want to undertake the hard work of cross-cultural worship.

A probing but clearly written book, *Calendar* will find an appreciative audience beyond academia and clergy to the laity of the church: choirs and their directors, worship planners, adult study groups, and others who want to understand better the church's times of preparation and celebration. *Calendar* centers largely on theological meaning and parish practice in relation to liturgical time. Deliberately, almost no attention is given to detailed historical development, much of which is exceedingly complex in its origins and technical in its detail. An appendix entitled "Forgetting What You Were Always Taught (Or, This Book in a Nutshell)" aptly describes the radical reordering that Stookey believes occurs when our understanding of time and the story of Jesus takes its bearings from the Incarnation. So, just as the Christian week begins with Sunday, the day of Resurrection, Stookey follows the Christian year beginning with the season of Easter, and only then Lent; Christmas, then Advent. Illuminating discussions of Ordinary and Extraordinary Time, and the Sanctoral Cycle follow. In this definitive work, Thomas Talley draws on all the resources of historical scholarship to examine and unravel the complications brought to liturgical time by the blending of local traditions. Liturgical time, like al ecclesiastical structures, has interacted with other traditions since the early centuries. Yet Doctor Talley found that the gospel tradition and its liturgical employment shaped the period that comprises the liturgical year. His findings illustrate for the reader that every festival the Church celebrates - very Sunday - is centered primarily and finally in the Eucharist, which from the beginning and always proclaims the Lord's death until he comes.

Fully revised and expanded, this new work is the first major revision of the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church in more than 40 years! It is the official revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and authorized by the 2009 General Convention. All commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts have been retained, and many new ones added. Three scripture readings (instead of current two) are provided for all minor holy days. Additional new material includes a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many more ecumenical commemorations, plus a proper for space exploration. For years the oft revised volume, Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF), has served parishes and individuals mark part of the holiness of each day by providing Scripture readings, a collect, a Eucharistic preface, and a narrative about those remembered on the church's calendar that day whose lives have witnessed to the grace of God. Holy Women, Holy Men (HWHM) is a major effort to revise, but also to expand and enrich LFF. Where LFF provided two readings (gospel and other New Testament) plus a psalm, HWHM adds an Old Testament citation. Where LFF was limited to few non-Anglicans in the post-reformation period (and few non-Episcopalian after 1789), HWHM dramatically broadens appreciation for other Christians and their traditions. Over-emphasis on clergy is redressed by additional laity, males by females, and "in-church" activities by contributions well beyond the workings of institutional agendas. These almost daily commemorations occupy over 600 of the book's 785 pages, by far the lion's share of its content. Remaining sections address: principles of revision and guides for future revision; liturgical propers for seasons (Advent/Christmas, Lent, and Easter); and new propers for a miscellany of propers usable with individuals (or events) not officially listed in the formal calendar. Two cycles of propers for daily Eucharist are also included, one covering a six week period, the other a two year cycle.

The United Methodist Book of Worship Pastor's Pocket Edition

The Meaning of Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church

Prepare!: An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

Calendar

Eucharist

Holy Women, Holy Men

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

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**Recess**

**Our Membership Vows in The United Methodist Church**

**The United Methodist Music and Worship Planner**

**2015 Classic United Methodist Program Calendar**

This book is envisioned as a follow up to Stookey's successful Baptism: Christ's Act in the Church, published in 1982. It will provide historical--theological perspective in a style that is "popular," rather than academically heavy; and, it will be a concentration on Protestantism. The shared Calvinian eucharistic tradition of Presbyterians, UCC, and Methodists will be particularly explored. It will also provide material pertinent to preaching, study of the eucharist by laity, and practical revisions of denominational rites.

After twenty years as a successful pastor, Laurie Haller was burned out. A Lilly Endowment grant gave her a rare opportunity to take a sabbatical from ministry and family to evaluate her ministry and life. Recess brings readers along as she returns to France. The journey is equally introspective. Each page discloses her thoughts, prayers and passions. Ultimately Recess challenges us all to find a better balance between work and play, physical and spiritual health.

Laurence H. Stookey sifts through the confusion and rhetoric to offer this practical, biblically sound guide to baptism. He examines the sacrament from historical, theological, and pastoral perspectives, and looks at how it has been altered over time.

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Or, The True Power of Christianity

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

Playing God

A New Paradigm

Celebrating the Saints

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**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.**

**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.**

**2015 Wall Edition United Methodist Program Calendar**

**Classic Edition**

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

**Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018**

**Baptism**

A weekly worship planning book for pastors and musicians.

Lesser Feasts and Fasts has not been updated since 2006. This new edition, adopted at the 79th General Convention (resolution A065), fills that need. Biographies and collects associated with those included within the volume have been updated; a deliberate effort has been made to more closely balance the men and women represented within its pages.

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.

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Standard Edition

Stewardship in African-American Churches

An Ecumenical Music & Worship Planner

Christ's Feast with the Church

The Origins of the Liturgical Year

A Guidebook

Anderson provides a brief, user-friendly introduction to the meaning of Holy Communion as understood and practiced in The United Methodist Church. He addresses basic questions about Holy Communion.

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2015 Standard United Methodist Program CalendarStandard Edition

Church Publishing Incorporated is pleased to offer this new and expanded volume of optional commemorations of significant figures in the history of the Episcopal Church. It replaces the popular Holy Women, Holy Men. By action of the 2015 General Convention, Great Cloud of Witnesses is being made available for devotional or catechetical use and for use in public worship throughout the Church. GCW reflects the lively experience of holiness, especially on the level of the local community. GCW is accordingly a useful tool for learning about the history of the church and identifying those who have inspired and challenged us from the time of the New Testament to the present. Each entry includes a biographical narrative of the person or people, highlighting the significance of their lives and witness. A devotional collect is provided in both Rite I and Rite II language and a set of indexing "tags" suggests how the entry fits into the broader scope of Christian history and delineates the Christian gifts and virtues that may have inspired the person's ministries. The GCW binder edition is printed on a special synthetic paper coated with a unique clay coating which combines the advantages of paper with the durability of plastic. We chose this synthetic paper because it looks and feels like paper but stands up to water, weather, grease, chemicals and resists tearing in both directions. If changes are made to the calendar of commemorations in future years, CPI will publish a special extension pack, so that individual pages may be replaced. We believe this format will be flexible for many years.

Wall Calendar  
The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2018-2019 NRSV Edition  
The Revised Common Lectionary  
The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2017-2018 NRSV Edition  
A Guide for Daily Prayer, Bible Reading, and Discipleship  
A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation

**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.**

"When the church embraces the responsibility of living as faith managers of God's vast resources [as Psalm 24:1 teaches], the community of faith will prosper." So begins this practical and theological study of stewardship, both in the context of the African-American church tradition and beyond. After all, a systematic approach to stewardship undergirds the ministry and mission of the church universal. A stewardship consultant, Amerson draws upon his experience to help churches develop a theology of generosity; define stewardship leadership roles; celebrate the offering each week; and establish endowment giving. While recognizing still-relevant traditions, he also points to newer tactics and strategies convenient to both members and congregations—including electronic giving, contribution statements, and year-end giving. A highlight of the book is Amerson's explanation of the development of a narrative budget/narrative spending plan. He also writes about stewardship education at multiple levels. This book is a solid resource for financial stewardship education.

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Exploring Cultural Diversity in Worship  
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The United Methodist Music & Worship Planner 2021-2022 NRSV Edition  
The Tongue of Fire

*A Disciple's Journal 2015 is a guide for daily prayer, Bible reading, and discipleship for Christians in the Wesleyan tradition who want to grow in holiness of heart and life. The journal follows the liturgical calendar and contains orders for daily morning and evening prayer, space to record weekly acts of discipleship, a daily lectionary based on the Revised Common Lectionary, excerpts from the works of John and Charles Wesley, and articles on discipleship in the Wesleyan tradition. Includes Advent and Christmas (Year C) and pages for notes.*

*"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 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.*

*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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