

RESOURCES for Presbytery of Western North Carolina Faith Formation * Christian Education * Spiritual Nurture

The following is a list of some resources that may be helpful during this time of the 2020 Global Pandemic. Many of these resources have been recommended by certified educators of the PC(USA). Our prayers continue with you, our congregations, and the world as we continue to navigate these uncertain times.

With gratitude to all who are sharing their knowledge, experience, and gifts in ministry,

The Christian Education Committee
Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Resources from these topics below:

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General Faith Formation

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INFORMATION FROM PC(USA)

1. PC(USA) website resources

Resources especially helpful for Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations.

<https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>

2. Office of Christian Formation of PC(USA)

Resources to deal with the current crisis, studies for Christian education, blogs and ideas.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/office-of-christian-formation/>

3. PC(USA) Store

Offering some free PC(USA) resources now

[https://mailchi.mp/pcusastore/2rap4ldyit-1140927?e=\[UNIQID\]](https://mailchi.mp/pcusastore/2rap4ldyit-1140927?e=[UNIQID])

GENERAL FAITH FORMATION

1. APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators)

Wealth of knowledge, experience, information on Christian Education topics.

Website: <https://apcenet.org/> includes zoom meetings, resources and “What to do about VBS”

Facebook: www.facebook.com/apcenet

2. Hope4CE

Resources from Kathy Dawson (Certified educator, PC(USA) minister, and professor of Christian Education at Columbia Seminary) See her “Faith at Home” series on this Facebook page that she is producing during this time each Monday for family reflection with ideas for each of the Revised Common Lectionary scripture passages.

<https://www.facebook.com/hope4cepage>

3. Building Faith

Resources from this ministry of Virginia Theological Seminary

Website: <https://buildfaith.org/>

Facebook blog: <https://www.facebook.com/buildingfaithblog>

CHILDREN and FAMILY MINISTRIES

1. ARW – Arts Recreation and Worship Conference

Montreat conference usually held early May each year, this year has been offering free classes online May 4-8, through their Facebook site. Many creative ideas.

<https://www.facebook.com/RecreationWorkshop/>

2. Treasure Box Tuesday (Traci Smith)

Resources for children and family ministries. Links to interesting articles, products, books, conferences and other goodies.

<http://www.traci-smith.com/treasure-box-tuesday/>

3. The Thoughtful Christian

Their Facebook page is offering free downloadable Bible stories from Growing In Grace and Gratitude, PC(USA)’s elementary Sunday School curriculum each Monday. They also offer free downloadable coloring sheets.

www.facebook.com/TheThoughtfulChristian/

4. Tucked In: Bedtime Stories and Prayers with Episcopalians and others

Recordings of readers telling Bible and other stories and short bedtime prayers.

www.facebook.com/episcopaltuckedin/

5. Wendy Claire Barrie Blog - about Faith at Home

Resource blog including some posts adapted from her book Faith at Home.

<https://wendyclairebarrie.com/2020/04/18/sacred-space-at-home/>

6. Flyaway Books

PC(USA) WJK Press related picture book program dedicated to themes of diversity, inclusivity, compassion, and kindness.

<https://www.facebook.com/FlyawayBooks/>

7. Illustrated Ministry

Free, weekly, faith formation resources for all ages. Free prints each week and a lesson and coloring sheet that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.

www.illustratedministry.com/flattenthecurve

8. Children's Ministry Network

<https://network.crcna.org/childrens-ministry/35-tech-free-faith-forming-fun-activities-families-do-home?fbclid=IwAR0xNMUtQbHrFwyUshmoH5gCOICWKpafFS8XogSdDINIAxjZKe8Ksu81OA>

9. GenOn

Intergenerational ministries emphases. Offers helpful zoom discussions.

<https://www.genonministries.org/>

10. Laurie's Little Monkeys

Games and other helpful resources for children and youth ministries.

www.laurieslittlemonkeys.blogspot.com/2020/03

11. Practical Resources for Churches

Online resources for child and family faith formation.

www.prceli.org

12. Vibrant Faith

For families, faith communities and people of all ages.

<https://vibrantfaith.org/>

13. Sunday School resource ideas from Zion Presbyterian Church in Canada

Check out their stop action Lego Bible stories.

<http://zionpres.org/sunday-school/>

YOUTH MINISTRY

1. Presbyterian Youth Workers Association

PYWA connects, supports, inspires volunteers and paid professionals who minister with youth.

www.facebook.com.PYWAPCUSA/

2. Stay Home, Stay Connected Quicksheets

Youth ministry ideas from PC(USA)

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/stay-home-stay-connected/>

3. D365.org

App for short daily devotions 365 days each year. Ecumenical. Adults enjoy too.

www.D365.org

4. Big Ideas in Youth Ministry

Designed to consider the big picture of changing youth ministry and provide helpful, practical ideas for churches.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/revmtb/>

See also this website: www.bigideasym.com

ADULT MINISTRY

1. The Thoughtful Christian

PC(USA) and ecumenical curriculum publishers, they have been sharing free chapters online from some PC(USA) publications.

www.thethoughtfulchristian.com

2. TheoEd

First Presbyterian Church, Atlanta has “Theo Ed Talks” online, similar to TED Talks – Bible, theology, spiritual life. All free.

www.theoed.com

3. Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network (POAMN) resources

<https://www.facebook.com/poamn/>

4. The Present Word

Being offered as PDF for the Spring unit.

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=14656&Title=Using-The-Present-Word-during-the-COVID19-Pandemic>

5. Synod of Mid-America PC(USA)

Resources for Bible study and what it means to be a Presbyterian.

Website: <http://synodma.org/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/somapcusa/>

See www.theoacademy.com

PERSONAL NURTURE

1. Daily morning worship experience

Neal Presa (seminary professor, Associate Pastor of Village Presbyterian Church in CA and former PC(USA) Moderator) leads a brief morning worship through Pentecost at 5:30-6:00 A.M. PST via Zoom or Facebook live broadcast. Recorded each day.

<https://www.facebook.com/NealPresa>

2. The National Council of Churches meditations

Offering daily scripture readings, prayers, and meditations for comfort and inspiration.

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/topics/daily/>

Sign up for these daily devotionals to receive one email each day:

<https://nationalcouncilofchurches.us/sign-up-to-receive-ncc-daily-devotionals/>

OTHER GENERAL RESOURCES (for anytime)

1. The Thoughtful Christian

PC(USA) and ecumenical resource for curriculum and Bible stories and other faith topics for youth and adults. All downloadable lessons. Options for pay per lesson or year subscription.

www.thethoughtfulchristian.com

2. Worshiping With Children

Revised Common Lectionary worship resources for churches to use with children/families.

Developed by PC(USA) Certified educator and author, Carolyn Brown.

<http://worshipingwithchildren.blogspot.com/>

3. Storypath (produced by Union Presbyterian Seminary)

Reviews and discussion ideas for faith-related books.

<http://storypath.upsem.edu/reviews/>

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