

## *Resource Center News*

Join us for an **Open House** on Thursday, **August 26** from 11-3. Emphasis will be on stewardship. Come chat with Tommy Dillon, rector of St. Aidan's, San Francisco. He's just returned from the TENS Conference and will be on hand to talk with anyone who comes looking for stewardship resources.

Do you have questions regarding Godly Play? Sally Mancini from Trinity, Menlo Park will also be on hand to answer your questions.

A light lunch will be served.

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### **What's New in the Resource Center**

#### **Weaving God's Promises**

This new, downloadable curriculum from *Morehouse Education Resources* is now available! Designed for children ages 3-11 in the Episcopal Church, it is biblically based, connecting God's Story to our story through the Hebrew Scriptures, Gospels and New Testament, weaving the Book of Common Prayer and the Revised Common Lectionary to every session. Learn more by visiting the [website](#) where there are now 3 downloadable sample lessons and the 3-year Scope & Sequence [here](#). Webinars led by *Joanna Leiserson*, its founder are being held throughout the fall. Full copy available for viewing/reading. (Carol participated in a recent Webinar and was liked what she saw)

#### **Living the Good News**

Lectionary-based curriculum that helps bring the weekly readings alive for all ages. For seven age-levels, each published three seasons of the church year. NEW – they now have a multi-age program. Good news if you have a small group that meets in one room.

[Download 2010-2011 Curriculum Overviews](#)

#### **Rhythms of Grace**

Program resource designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and families living with autism spectrum disorders. [Details](#)

#### **Confirm not Conform**

Would you like to read or view the entire program? We have the complete program in binder form for viewing. [Confirm not Conform details](#)

**Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What It Means to be a *Christian*** is a new study that addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures: **God, Jesus, Salvation, Community and Practice**. In 5 sessions, small groups watch a brief video with Marcus Borg teaching and engaging adults that you can then continue the conversation in your own small group. A participant workbook allows all participants to share leadership in delving into these serious conversations.

[Details](#)

## Transforming Preaching

Ruthana Hooke provides special instruction in what she considers four key areas for effective preaching: a method of freeing the voice for proclamation, yoga and movement practices that free the body for fuller expressiveness, the performance of Scripture texts, and improvisation. *Transforming Preaching* is the eighth installment in *Transformations: The Church of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, a series of books that provides hands-on tools to help clergy and lay leaders chart the future. A discussion guide for individual readers and church groups is included in the new book. Others in the series are: *Transforming Scripture*, *Transforming Vocation*, *Transforming Stewardship*, *Transforming Leadership*, *Transforming Evangelism*, *Transforming Congregations*, *Transforming Disciples*.

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**Jenifer Gamber**, author of *My Faith, My Life*, has a wonderful calendar of the liturgical seasons for 2011. Go to [www.myfaithmylife.org](http://www.myfaithmylife.org) and look under Recent Tools.

You may be familiar with the youth version, but Jenifer Gamber has a wonderful newcomers' book for adults, [Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church](#) which has a companion website with lots of terrific information including loads on spiritual practices.

## NOOMA

These 24 short films are like parables set in today's world. Through story, image, and music, you can connect with the speaker's struggles and main points. Scriptures are referenced, so those that want to dig into the passages have that opportunity, but they're not read through in drudgery, so even the most reticent youth can feel comfortable connecting. It's a must-do for any groups searching for down-to-earth ways to connect with the teachings of God! All are available plus the accompanying music CD. Try "Trees" for an environmental program. [For description on each](#)

## Simply Christian - Why Christianity Makes Sense

N. T. Wright offers a fresh presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity, making the case that faith is reasonable and rewarding for us today. In this course, Wright expands on the themes of his acclaimed book *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense* in ten inspiring and informative video lessons. [More information](#)

**The Adventists** is now airing nationally on PBS stations. A multi-storied documentary film that explores a church that couples a firm belief in the near Second Coming of Christ with a remarkable focus on health, wholeness and well-being. Born out of the religious fervor of the mid-19th century, Adventists today are living longer and seemingly healthier lives, and are the subject of numerous studies to understand why. 60 minutes, DVD format.

### [Online Catalog](#)

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