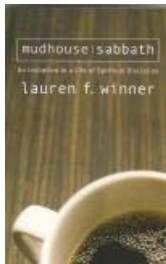


## **PRAYING IN COLOR: DRAWING A NEW PATH TO GOD**

By Sybil MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2007.

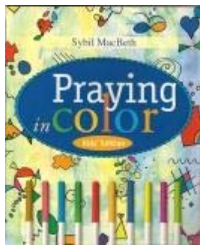
Using squiggles and color, Sybil MacBeth presents a way of focusing our prayers even when words are not enough, or our fidgets distract us. Perfect for those who hunger to know God a little better, visual learners, distractible or impatient souls, or those who feel a bit word-weary. The book can be used alone or enhanced with the DVD workshop. This would be a great experience during a retreat, to open a session meeting or Bible study, or for personal prayer.



## **MUDHOUSE SABBATH: SEVEN WAYS OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION INSPIRED BY THE JEWISHNESS OF JESUS - DVD**

By Lauren F. Winner, Paraclete Press, 2003.

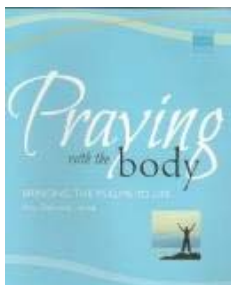
'After her conversion from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity, Winner found that her life was indelibly marked by the rich traditions and spiritual practices of Judaism. Using eleven spiritual practices from the Jewish tradition she shows how indeed the fabric grows much richer when woven together. Each brief DVD segment (10 minutes) is followed by the author at the Mudhouse" chatting with folks. Great for a small group.



## **PRAYING IN COLOR: KIDS EDITION**

By Sybil MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2009.

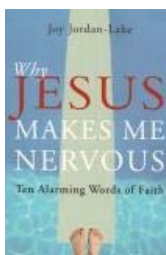
A great way to teach children how to pray, using a concept they enjoy everyday. A DVD is also included.



## **PRAYING WITH THE BODY: BRINGING THE PSALMS TO LIFE - DVD**

Roy DeLeon, Paraclete Press, 2009.

Discover how to use motion together with the Psalms to reinvigorate your daily prayer life. Forty prayer experiences are offered, each following the same format: a scripture reading, silent reflection question, body prayer sequence, guided meditation and prayer. Each prayer also includes a "living your prayer" segment that can be carried into your day. There is a 5 minute warm up section, and then each prayer is a 5 minute video clip. You can make the time longer by pausing the DVD, adding more quiet time, etc. This would work well in a retreat setting, or for individual use.



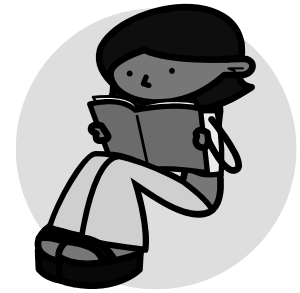
## **WHY JESUS MAKES ME NERVOUS: TEN ALARMING WORDS OF FAITH**

By Joy Jordan-Lake, Paraclete Press, 2007.

What might these ten words mean if truly lived out in the way Jesus lived them? Honest, challenging, and often witty, short chapters explore concepts from resurrection to hope, abundance to forgiveness and blessedness. A collection of discussion questions for each chapter is found in the back of the book.

[www.storypath.wordpress.com](http://www.storypath.wordpress.com)

- **Book reviews**
- **Ideas for ministry**
- **Lesson plans**
- **conversation**



## **Children's Literature: A Resource for Ministry**

The reviews and ideas expressed in this blog are offered by students, faculty and alumni of Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education. It is hoped that these resources will help you consider ways in which children's and adolescent books can be a bridge to Biblical stories and many aspects of Christian faith and life.

This site represents the work of students, faculty and staff involved in graduate theological education at Union Theological Seminary – Presbyterian School of Christian Education (Union-PSCE) with campuses in Charlotte, NC and Richmond, VA.

The resources shared on these pages had their genesis in the knowledge and enthusiasm of two professors who shared their love of books for children and adolescents and their conviction that these books could serve as a rich resource for those involved in educational ministry in the church. The material took shape as students in the course used what they had learned to craft learning resources that could be used in the church. With help from staff at the William Smith Morton Library on the Richmond campus, this blog finally emerged as a way to share this enthusiasm, creativity and knowledge with the broader church.

The resources here are divided into book reviews, lesson plans using children's books, and other ideas for using children's literature in ministry. Occasionally, Union-PSCE alumni will also be asked to contribute ideas from their work in the church. It is our prayer that these resources will be a prod to your own imagination, your own pleasure in this particular genre of literature, and in your ministry.

We hope this will be conversation where we can talk about good books and hear what good things are happening with the books that you read and share with others.

**Shenandoah Presbytery Resource Center • 1111 N. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone (540) 433-2556 –ext. 105 • FAX (540) 433-6830 • email: [resource@shenpres.org](mailto:resource@shenpres.org)**