



## Sharing the Good News!

Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ

### RESOURCES ARE OUR "FRIENDS"

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I absolutely love resources!!! I love using appropriate resources in various mediums ...print, web-based, audio, DVD, TV, music, song lyrics, etc.! I love finding resources that will assist in Christian formation and youth ministries.

Webster defines resource as "a source of support; supply; information; expertise and something to which one has recourse in difficulty."

Resources provide us with reliable, creative or new ways to do ministry. I would even go so far to say that Jesus himself used resources to enhance his ministry and teachings! Think of those stories he told using everyday objects to illustrate his point!

I decided to write about resources due to the very positive response from folks in regard to last month's Mailing "Featured Resource" page. In fact, Fran Potters and I hope to be able to include a "Featured Resource" page in each monthly Mailing. The Featured Resources page will be based on seasons of the church year; specific age group needs; topical studies; current events, etc. The page is also available on the PNEC website. And, by the way there is now a "Featured Resources" display in the lobby of the PNEC office... check it out when you are here!

*Here are some resources for you to look into and hopefully find useful in your setting -*

#### **Bible study and special topical studies:**

[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) – Weekly Seeds – offers in depth studies for lectionary scriptures

[www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) – Justice and Witness – Jubilee Study – Neighbors in Need – PDF format

[www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com) – Just released new downloadable studies for Advent

**Audio Books:** 7 disc series /Audio book of *The Shack* – Available in the Resource Center - thank you to Rev. Donna Knobloch for this donation.

**Movies:** Websites for movie reviews and study guides:

[www.christianitytoday.com/movies](http://www.christianitytoday.com/movies) - downloadable, discussion guides for free and for purchase; free e-newsletter available

[www.hollywoodjesus.com/movies](http://www.hollywoodjesus.com/movies)

[www.christiancinema.com](http://www.christiancinema.com)

[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) – *Reel to Real*- written as a youth resource but adaptable for use with adults – downloadable and print versions available

#### **Internet Based**

[www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) and [www.Godtube.com](http://www.Godtube.com) - both provide clips for use with groups and in worship settings – search for the topic you want

*If you have any great resources you have found please let me know so that we can share that good news with others in PNEC!*

Keeping you updated and well resourced!

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