

MPUMC Recommended Curricula

NOTES	W = Women	YA = Young Adult	Wk = Workplace	✝ = Lenten Study	🗣 = Guest Speaker Option
	M = Men	P = Parent/Family	B = Budget	✧ = Advent Study	Mar = Marriage

1st Category	2nd Category	Introductory	Intermediate	Advanced	Title	Author	Pub Date	Book	Guide/Workbook	Leader's Guide	DVD	Sessions	Notes		
KNOWING	Christian Essentials	♦			24 Hours that Changed the World	Adam Hamilton	2009	✓		✓	✓	7	✝		
		♦			A Spiritual Formation Workbook	Smith & Foster	1999						8		
			•			Apostles' Creed	Christian History Institute	2007				✓	21		
		♦				The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus	Lee Strobel	2008	✓			✓	6		
		♦				The Case for Faith: A Journalist Investigates the Toughest Objections to Christianity	Lee Strobel	2008	✓			✓	6		
			▪			Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind	J. Ellsworth Kalas	2005	✓		✓	✓	30		
		♦				Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling with Questions People Ask	Adam Hamilton	2005	✓		✓	✓	6		
		♦				Clear: 8 Lessons on the Theological Foundations of Faith	Chris Folmsbee	2010						8	
			▪			Devotion to Jesus: The Divinity of Christ in Earliest Christianity	Craig C. Hill	2008		✓	✓	✓	8		
			▪			The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden Life in God	Dallas Willard	2010	✓	✓	✓	✓	6		
			•			The Grace of God	Andy Stanley	2011						13	
			•			The Jesus I Never Knew	Philip Yancey	1998	✓	✓		✓	6		
		♦				The Mulligan: A Parable of Second Chances	Ken Blanchard & Wally Armstrong	2010	✓	✓		✓	6	M	
		♦				NOOMA: Flame (Vol 2)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1		
		♦				NOOMA: Rain (Vol 1)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1		
		♦				NOOMA: Rhythm (Vol 11)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1		
		♦				NOOMA: Trees (Vol 3)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1		
		♦				The Organic God	Margaret Feinberg	2007	✓	✓		✓	6		
		♦				The Prodigal God	Timothy Keller	2008	✓	✓		✓	6		
		♦				Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life	Tony Dungy	2007	✓	✓		✓	6	M Wk	
			•			Resurrection	NT Wright	2006	✓		✓	✓	2	✝	
			•			Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense	N.T. Wright	2010	✓	✓	✓	✓	10		
			•			Vanishing Grace: Whatever Happened to the Good News?	Philip Yancey	2014	✓	✓		✓	6		
			•			What's So Amazing About Grace?	Philip Yancey	2002	✓	✓		✓	10		
		♦				Who is This Man?	John Ortberg	2012	✓	✓		✓	5		
			•			Women Speak of God	Dr. Amy Oden	2006		✓	✓	✓	8	W	

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KNOWING	Bible Understanding	♦			A Hop, Skip and a Jump through the Bible	Ellsworth Kalas	2007					13		
		♦			The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul	Adam Hamilton	2015	✓		✓	✓	6		
				▪	Companions in Christ: Feeding on the Word (Vol 2)	E. Glenn Hinson	2006		✓	✓			5	
		♦			Disciple Bible Study I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study	Richard Wilke	2003	✓		✓	✓		34	
			•		Disciple Bible Study II: Into the Word Into the World	Richard Wilke	1992	✓		✓	✓		32	
			•		Disciple Bible Study III: Remember Who You Are	Richard Wilke	1996	✓		✓	✓		32	
			•		Disciple Bible Study IV: Under the Tree of Life	Richard Wilke	2001	✓		✓	✓		32	
		♦			Final Words From the Cross	Adam Hamilton	2011	✓		✓	✓		6	✝
			•		Genesis to Revelation: 1 & 2 Kings; 1 & 2 Chronicles	Charles Britt	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: 1 & 2 Samuel	Frank Johnson	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Exodus/Leviticus	Keith Schoville	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Ezekiel/Daniel	Linda B. Hinton	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther	Brady Whitehead, Jr.	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Genesis	Walter Harrelson	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Isaiah	Lloyd Bailey	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Jeremiah; Lamentations	Barbara P. Ferguson	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Job	Robin M. Van L. Maas	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Joshua, Judges, Ruth	Ray Newell	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Minor Prophets	Gene M. Tucker	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Numbers; Deuteronomy	Wayne Barr	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Songs	James Crenshaw	1997	✓		✓			13	
			•		Genesis to Revelation: Psalms	John C. Holbert	1997	✓		✓			13	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: 1 and 2 Corinthians	James L. Evans	2011						6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: 1 and 2 Samuel; 1 and 2 Kings; 1 and 2 Chronicles	Timothy B. Cargal	2012						8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: 1 and 2 Timothy; Titus; Philemon	Jack A. Keller	2012						6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Acts	Craig Keener	2011						8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Apocrypha	David deSilva	2013						8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Colossians; 1 and 2 Thessalonians	Lisa Withrow	2011						6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Deuteronomy	Jack A. Keller	2011						6	

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KNOWING	Bible Understanding	♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Exodus; Leviticus; Numbers	W. Eugene March	2012					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Ezekiel; Daniel	Carlyle F. Stewart	2013					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Ezra; Nehemiah; Esther	Stan Purdum	2011					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians	Frank Ramirez	2011					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Genesis	J. Ellsworth Kalas	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Hebrews	Chris Ewing Weisz	2012					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Hosea; Joel; Amos; Obadiah; Jonah	Bruce Epperly	2013					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Isaiah; Jeremiah; Lamentations	Janice E. Catron	2013					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: James; 1 and 2 Peter; 1, 2, 3 John	Jack A. Keller	2012					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Job	Lee Schott	2012					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: John	Jack A. Keller	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Joshua; Judges; Ruth	Isabel N. Docampo	2012					6	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Luke	J. Ellsworth Kalas	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Mark	J. Ellsworth Kalas	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Matthew	J. Ellsworth Kalas	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Micah; Nahum; Habakkuk; Zephaniah; Haggai; Zechariah; Malachi	Linda B. Hinton	2013					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Proverbs; Ecclesiastes; Song of Solomon	Frank Ramirez	2012					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Psalms	J. Clinton McCann, Jr.	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Revelation	J. Clinton McCann, Jr.	2011					8	
		♦			Immersion Bible Studies: Romans	Lynn H. Cohick	2011					6	
				▪	In God's Time: The Bible and the Future	Craig Hill	2002	✓	✓	✓	✓	10	
				•	Invitation to Genesis: a Short-Term Disciple Study	Peter Enns	2006		✓	✓	✓	10	
				•	Invitation to John: a Short Term Disciple Study	Robert Kysar	2007		✓	✓	✓	8	
				•	Invitation to Psalms: a Short-Term Disciple Study	Michael Jenkins	2008		✓	✓	✓	10	
				▪	Invitation to Romans: a Short-Term Disciple study	Katherine Eisenbaum	2006		✓	✓	✓	8	
				•	Invitation to the Old Testament: a Short-Term Disciple Study	Celia Brewer Marshall & James Tabor	2005		✓	✓	✓	8	
				▪	Jesus in the Gospels	Richard Wilke	2005	✓		✓	✓	30	
		♦			John: The Gospel of Light <i>(available Dec 2015)</i>	Adam Hamilton	2015	✓		✓	✓	6	✝
		♦			The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem	Adam Hamilton	2011	✓		✓	✓	5	✧
				•	Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today	Adam Hamilton	2014	✓		✓	✓	6	
				•	N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: 1 & 2 Peter and Jude	N.T. Wright	2012					9	
				•	N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: 1 & 2 Thessalonians	N.T. Wright	2009					8	
		•	N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus	N.T. Wright	2009					12			
		•	N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: 1 Corinthians	N.T. Wright	2009					18			
		•	N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: 2 Corinthians	N.T. Wright	2010					11			

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KNOWING	Bible Understanding	•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Acts	N.T. Wright	2010					24		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Colossians & Philemon	N.T. Wright	2009					8		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Ephesians	N.T. Wright	2009					11		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Galatians	N.T. Wright	2010					10		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Hebrews	N.T. Wright	2010					13		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: James	N.T. Wright	2012					9		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: John	N.T. Wright	2009					26		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Letters of John	N.T. Wright	2012					9		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Luke	N.T. Wright	2011					24		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Mark	N.T. Wright	2009					20		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Matthew	N.T. Wright	2009					25		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Philippians	N.T. Wright	2009					8		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Revelation	N.T. Wright	2012					22		
		•			N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Guide: Romans	N.T. Wright	2009					13		
		♦			NOOMA: Breathe (Vol 14)	Rob Bell	2006					✓	1	
		♦			NOOMA: Dust (Vol 8)	Rob Bell	2005					✓	1	
		•			Not a Silent Night	Adam Hamilton	2014	✓		✓	✓	✓	5	✦
		•			On the Road with Jesus: Teaching and Healing	Ben Witherington III	2012		✓	✓	✓	✓	4	
		•			Parables from the Back Side: Bible Stories with a Twist	J. Ellsworth Kalas	1992	✓		✓	✓	✓	12	
					Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth	Francis Collins	2008		✓	✓	✓	✓	9	
				Surprised by Hope : Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, & the Mission of the Church	N.T. Wright	2008	✓	✓		✓	✓	6	✚	
	♦			The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus	Adam Hamilton	2012	✓		✓	✓	✓	6		
		Church/United Methodism	♦			A Disciple's Path	James A. Harnish	2008		✓	✓	✓	6	
	♦					Christianity's Family Tree: What Other Christians Believe and Why	Adam Hamilton	2007	✓		✓	✓	10	
	♦					John Wesley for the 21st Century	John O. Gooch	2006					15	
	♦					John Wesley's Message Today	Lovett Weems	1991					11	
	•					Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way	Kenneth Carder	2009					11	
	♦					NOOMA: She (Vol 21)	Rob Bell	2008					1	
	♦					NOOMA: Sunday (Vol 4)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1	

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														Church/United Methodism	♦	▪	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
KNOWING	Church/United Methodism			▪	Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition: John Wesley's Sermons for Today	Strong, Wang, Watson, McDonald-Walker & Dorrance	2007		✓			13											
			•		Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It	Adam Hamilton	2014	✓		✓	✓	6											
			•		This We Believe: The Core of Wesleyan Faith and Practice	William Willimon	2010			✓		8											
		♦			Three Simple Questions: Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose	Rueben P. Job	2011	✓	✓	✓	✓	6											
		♦			Three Simple Rules : A Wesleyan Way of Living	Reuben P. Job	2007	✓		✓	✓	6											
			•		United Methodists and the Sacraments	Gayle C. Felton	2007					4-6											
		♦			Wesley: A Heart Transformed Can Change the World	Kenneth Kinghorn	2011			✓	✓	4											
		♦			The Wesleyan Way	Scott J. Jones	2013	✓		✓	✓	8											
	Basic Christian Ethics			▪	A Life Worthy of the Gospel: An Introduction of Christian Ethics	Dr. Sondra Wheeler	2005		✓	✓	✓	6											
				▪	Adventures in Missing the Point	Brian McLaren & Tony Campolo	2003					18											
		♦			Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues	Adam Hamilton	2005	✓		✓	✓	7											
			•		Evil and the Justice of God	N.T. Wright	2006				✓	1											
			•		If You Know Who You Are You'll Know What To Do: Living with Integrity	Ronald J. Greer	2009					4-6											
		♦			NOOMA: Luggage (Vol 7)	Rob Bell	2005				✓	1											
		♦			NOOMA: You (Vol 15)	Rob Bell	2007				✓	1											
			•		Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics	Adam Hamilton	2008	✓		✓	✓	5											
	♦			When Christians Get it Wrong	Adam Hamilton	2010	✓		✓	✓	6												
	Knowing God's Purpose			▪	Companions in Christ: Exploring Spiritual Guidance (vol. 5)	Wendy Wright	2006		✓	✓		5											
				▪	Companions in Christ: Responding to Our Call (vol. 4)	Dawson, Gerrit, Scott	2006		✓	✓		5											
			•		Companions in Christ: Exploring the Way: An Introduction to the Spiritual Journey	Thompson	2005		✓	✓		7											
		♦			If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat	John Ortberg	2001	✓	✓		✓	6											
			•		The Land Between	Jeff Manion	2013	✓			✓	5											
		♦			Outflow: Outward-Focused Living in a Self-Focused World	Steve Sjogren & Dave Ping	2006					5											
		♦			The Power of a Whisper: Hearing God, Having the Guts to Respond	Bill Hybels	2010	✓	✓	✓	✓	6											
		♦			Pursuit: Living Fully in Search of God's Presence	Scott Chrostek	2012					8											
			•		The Will of God	Leslie Weatherhead	1995					6											
		♦			Why? Making Sense of God's Will	Adam Hamilton	2011	✓		✓	✓	4											
		♦			You'll Get Through This	Max Lucado	2013	✓	✓	✓	✓	6											

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														Surrender	Transformation
LOVING	Surrender			▪	Companions in Christ: Deepening Our Prayer (vol. 3)	Adelaide Gonzales	2006		✓	✓		6			
		♦			The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows	James Bryan Smith	2009						9		
		♦			NOOMA: Kickball (Vol 6)	Rob Bell	2005					✓	1		
		♦			NOOMA: Matthew (Vol 12)	Rob Bell	2006					✓	1		
		♦			NOOMA: Noise (Vol 5)	Rob Bell	2005					✓	1		
		♦			NOOMA: Today (Vol 17)	Rob Bell	2007					✓	1		
		♦			NOOMA: Tomato (Vol 22)	Rob Bell	2008					✓	1		
				▪	Renovation of the Heart: Putting on the Character of Christ	Dallas Willard	2002	✓	✓			✓	13		
				•	When the Game is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box	John Ortberg	2008	✓	✓	✓		✓	6		
		Transformation	•	Boundaries: When To Say Yes, When To Say No to Take Control of Your Life	Henry Cloud & John Townsend	2002	✓	✓			✓	13	P		
				▪	Companions in Christ: Embracing the Journey (vol. 1)	Rueben Job & Marjorie Thompson	2006		✓	✓			5		
				▪	Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness	Marjorie Thompson	2002		✓	✓			8		
				▪	Companions in Christ: The Way of Grace	Marjorie Thompson	2004		✓	✓			9		
				▪	Companions in Christ: The Way of Transforming Discipleship	Stephen D. Bryant	2006		✓	✓			6		
				▪	Companions in Christ: The Way of Blessedness	Marjorie Thompson	2003		✓	✓			9		
	♦				Forgiveness: Finding Peace through Letting Go	Adam Hamilton	2012	✓		✓		✓	4		
	♦				Half-Truths (available April 2016)	Adam Hamilton	2016	✓		✓		✓	6		
		•	Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World	Joanna Weaver	2013	✓	✓			✓	10	W			
		•	Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change You from the Inside Out	Joanna Weaver	2014	✓	✓			✓	12	W			

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LOVING		♦			Love to Stay: Sex, Grace and Commitment	Adam Hamilton	2013	✓		✓	✓	8	Mar		
		♦			Me, Myself, and Lies	Jennifer Rothschild	2009		✓		✓	6	W		
		♦			NOOMA: Name (Vol 18)	Rob Bell	2007				✓	1			
		♦			NOOMA: Store (Vol 16)	Rob Bell	2007				✓	1			
		♦			NOOMA: Whirlwind (Vol 24)	Rob Bell	2009					1			
		•			The Me I Want To Be: Becoming God's Best Version of You	John Ortberg	2010	✓	✓		✓	5			
		♦			Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith	Rob Bell	2005					7			
		Spiritual Disciplines		▪		50 Ways to Pray	Teresa A. Blythe	2006					9+		
			•			Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth	Richard Foster	1988	✓	✓		✓	13		
				▪			Companions in Christ: The Way of Prayer	Stephen Bryant & Jane Vennard	2007		✓	✓		10	
	♦					The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ	James Bryan Smith	2010					12		
				▪			Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God	Dallas Willard	1999					10	
	♦						NOOMA: Open (Vol 19)	Rob Bell	2008				✓	1	
	♦						The Sacred Echo	Margaret Feinberg	2008	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Community and Submission	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer and Listening	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Reflection and Confession	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Service & Secrecy	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Simplicity and Fasting	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Solitude and Silence	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Study and Meditation	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
	♦						Spiritual Disciplines: Worship and Celebration	Jan Johnson	2003					6	
		Comm Fruits													
	♦					The Good and Beautiful Community: Following the Spirit, Extending Grace, Demonstrating Love	James Bryan Smith	2010					8		

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SERVING	Service				Advancing the Common Good	Gabe Lyons	2011		✓		✓	5		
		♦			The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us?...	Richard Stearns	2009	✓	✓		✓	6	M	
		♦			NOOMA: Corner (Vol 23)	Rob Bell	2009					✓	1	
		♦			NOOMA: Shells (Vol 20)	Rob Bell	2008					✓	1	
		♦			Same Kind of Different as Me	Ron Hall & Denver Moore	2010	✓	✓			✓	5	
		♦			Start: Becoming a Good Samaritan	Seaton & Wiersma	2009		✓			✓	6	YA
		•			Unfinished: Believing is only the Beginning	Richard Stearns	2013	✓				✓	6	
		•			When Helping Hurts	Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert	2009	✓	✓			✓	9	
	Sharing	♦			How United Methodists Share Their Faith	Rodney Wilmouth	2004						6-8	
		♦			NOOMA: Bullhorn (Vol 9)	Rob Bell	2005					✓	1	
				▪	Serious Answers to Hard Questions	Kenneth Carder	2002		✓	✓		✓	10	
		•			You Matter More Than You Think: What a Woman Needs to Know About the Difference She Makes	Leslie Parrott	2009						25	W
		♦			Serving From the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service	Carol Cartmill & Yvonne Gentile	2003		✓	✓		✓	8	
	Spiritual													
	Stewardship	♦			Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?	Rick McKinley, Chris Seay & Greg Holder	2009	✓				✓	4	✦
		•			Blessed Earth: Hope for Creation/Hope for Humanity	Matthew Sleeth	2010		✓			✓	12	
		♦			Enough: Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity	Adam Hamilton	2009	✓	✓	✓		✓	6	
		♦			Green Church: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rejoice!	Rebakah Simon-Peter	2010		✓	✓			6	
		♦			NOOMA: Rich (Vol 13)	Rob Bell	2006					✓	1	
	Time	♦			Hurry Less, Worry Less: 10 Strategies for Living the Life You Long For	Judy Page Christie	2005						9/10	P Wk