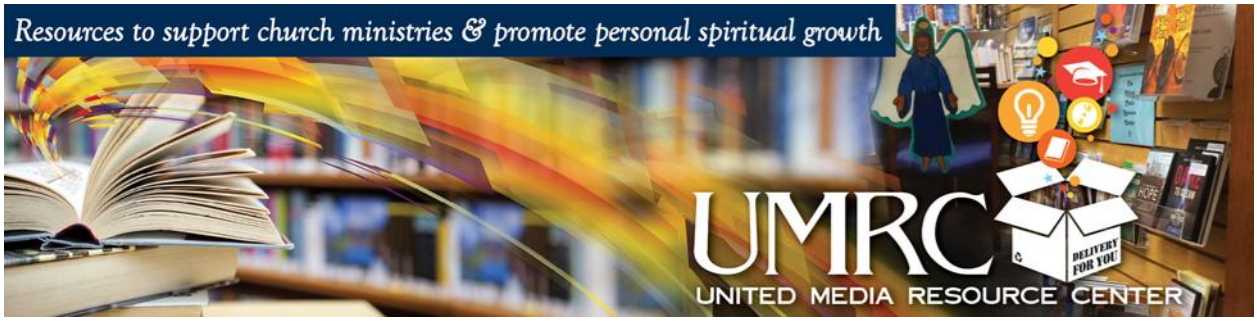

Resources about **Public Education and Back-to-School**
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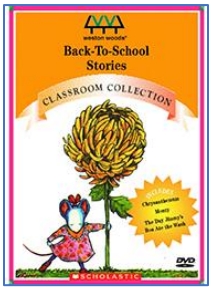
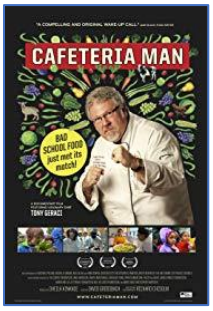
DVDs:



BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORIES (102172) Author: Henkes, Kevin; Stevenson, James; Noble, Trinka Hakes. This DVD contains three stories for children ages 4 - 9. CHRYSANTHEMUM - written and illustrated by Kevin Henkes, narrated by Meryl Streep. A little mouse thinks her name is absolutely perfect until she starts school and the kids make fun of her - except for Mrs. Twinkle, the music teacher, who thinks Chrysanthemum's name is absolutely perfect too! (15 min.); MONTY - written and illustrated by James Stevenson. Monty, a dependable and considerate alligator taxi for three children who need to get to school every day, decides that he needs a vacation when their back seat driving proves more than he can handle. The children have a new appreciation for him when he returns. (7 min.); THE DAY JIMMY'S BOA ATE THE WASH - written by Trinka Hakes Noble, illustrated by Steven Kellogg. Jimmy brings along his pet boa constructor on a class trip to the farm. (5 min.). Age: Preschool - Elementary. 27 Minutes.



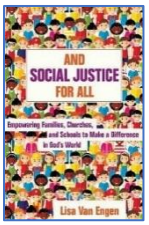
CAFETERIA MAN (103124) The USDA estimates 32 million school kids consume up to 50% of their calories at school, contributing to the obesity epidemic among young people. What does it take to reform school lunch programs and provide healthful, tasty meals to our nation's kids? This DVD documentary takes a behind the scenes look at Tony Geraci's sweeping, tenacious efforts to kick start school lunch reform in Baltimore's schools, a large urban district. Featuring the voices and images of students, parents, administrators, teachers and farmers, the film vividly documents this hopeful story, as well as honestly portraying the challenges. It makes clear that successfully transforming school lunch programs ultimately requires sustained efforts by a broad coalition acting on behalf of the well-being of students. Includes bonus segment 'Memphis Makeover' (6 min.). CLOSED CAPTIONED Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) Age: Adult. 62 Minutes.



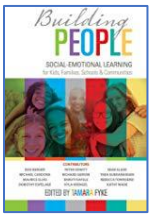
ENGAGING LOCAL SCHOOLS (105068) Author: Weems, Lovett; Berlin, Tom; Lee, Asa; Michel, Ann. This DVD/CD-ROM resource includes three DVD presentations, four narrated presentations, and printable handouts. DVD segments: 1) The Power of Doing What Matters, Tom Berlin (30 min.); 2) Why Schools Matter to the Church, Asa Lee (22 min.); 3) Discerning a Vision for Supporting a Local School, Lovett Weems (10 min.). The resource CD includes narrated presentations and printed resources on these topics: 1) Supplying Student Needs; 2) Supporting and Affirming Teachers; 3) Helping Students Succeed; 4) Developing a Heart for the Needs of Children and Schools. Age: Adult.

SCHOOLS THAT CHANGE COMMUNITIES (119141) This DVD documentary re-imagines what education can be, visiting K-12 public schools in five states across America that are engaging students in learning by solving real-world problems in a variety of communities, from economically and environmentally challenged rural areas to poverty-stricken urban neighborhoods. In the film, administrators, teachers, students and local residents discuss their projects and the value they find in place- and community-based education -- an interdisciplinary approach which emphasizes hands-on, curiosity-based investigation using surrounding neighborhoods as "living" classrooms. By confronting and solving real-world issues in their hometowns, students become more engaged in the learning process and develop a stronger sense of civic responsibility and pride. Plus, the local communities benefit as well. DVD also includes five bonus segments. Copyright limit: Your church can only show this DVD in a group of its own members (cannot advertise to the general public) Age: Adult. 58 Minutes.

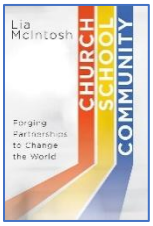
Books:



AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR ALL: EMPOWERING FAMILIES, CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GOD'S WORLD (819015) Author: Van Engen, Lisa. In this resource for parents and teachers, Lisa Van Engen shares basic information on fourteen global issues and provides discussion questions, Bible studies, book and activity suggestions, and 'ways to make a difference' for each topic. Ideas are provided for the following age groups: ages 3-6, ages 7-11, and ages 12+. Chapters: Clean water and sanitation - cracked cisterns; Creation care - an open window; Disabilities - a place for everyone; Education - summoning the best of us; Fair trade - giving beyond our means; Families - those we love; Health care - to touch the hem of His robe; Human trafficking - modern-day abolitionists; Hunger - gleaning the edges; Immigrants and refugees - the gift we received; Peace - how we see others; Poverty - having been entrusted much; Race - mend our fractures; Changemakers - fierce light. Includes lists of books and films on these topics for adults. Also included is a simple framework for a community gathering. Age: Adult. 332 Pages.



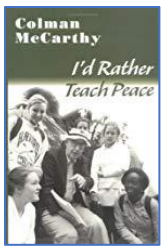
BUILDING PEOPLE: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING FOR KIDS, FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES (818155) Author: Fyke, Tamara, editor. This book brings together a dozen wide-ranging perspectives on social-emotional learning (SEL) to present a comprehensive picture of the SEL landscape in schools and communities and provide action steps for educators, families, and leaders. This book's contributors represent a diverse group of nationally and internationally renowned researchers, practitioners, and thought leaders whose collective body of work addresses multiple facets of SEL and its successful implementation in numerous relevant contexts. All stakeholders—from those who work in a school or district to families or other community leaders—will gain a better understanding of SEL and what it looks like in practice through this book. You will discover applicable ways to improve SEL wherever you live and work. Age: Adult. 132 Pages.



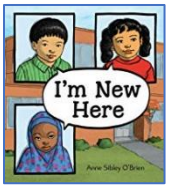
CHURCH/SCHOOL/COMMUNITY: FORGING PARTNERSHIPS TO CHANGE THE WORLD (821088) Author: McIntosh, Lia. Partnering through the seven virtues of Kwanzaa. Your church, ministry, or organization can become a force for positive change. Learn how and start now! Pastors, other leaders, and people in every community yearn to bring change - to influence people and systems for good; to work for morally rooted social change. What is the best way to do this work? Together. Collaborative efforts between churches, schools, and other organizations are critically important for our future. Lia McIntosh makes the case for this claim and instructs leaders who are ready to start, as she lays out a principle-based framework built on the seven virtues (or principles) of Kwanzaa. Each chapter includes a summary of key points, plus a list of questions and suggestions for discussion, further inquiry, or action. The book closes with a full list of practical suggestions and instructions for putting the principles into action immediately. It is designed for leaders and teams to read and work through together, resulting in plans and action. Chapters: 1) Public education in the U.S.; 2) Partnering in unity – Umoja – a practice of solidarity and embracing connectedness in family, community, nation, and world; 3) Partnering for self-determination – Kujichagulia – to define, name, create, and speak for one's self; 4) Partnering by collective work and responsibility – Ujima – to build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together; 5) Partnering through cooperative economics – Ujamaa – to build and maintain stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together; 6) Partnering for purpose – Nia – a commitment to the collective vocation of building, developing and defending our community, its culture and history in order to add to the good and beauty in the world; 7) Partnering with creativity – Kuumba – to always do as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it; 8) Partnering in faith – Imani – to believe with all our heart in God, our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle; 9) Conclusion – a call to advocacy; 10) Partnership actions you can take now. Includes discussion questions. Age: Adult. 113 Pages.



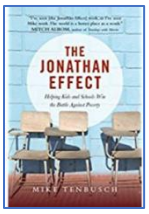
FAITHFUL CELEBRATIONS: MAKING TIME FOR GOD IN AUTUMN (818137) Author: Pearson, Sharon Ely. Designed to meet the need for generations to learn together, this book provides activities (crafts, recipes, discussion, worship, drama, games) that will bring families together and build strong communities of faith, whether it is in the home or a congregational setting. Chapters: Building a church family; Back to school; Labor Day; St. Francis of Assisi (October 4); International Day of Peace (September 21); All Hallows' Eve/Halloween; All Saints' Day; Thanksgiving. Age: Adult. 180 Pages.



I'D RATHER TEACH PEACE (803030) Author: McCarthy, Colman. The story of one man's passion for peace education, as seen during one semester in six schools where risk-taking students found themselves challenged and inspired by an unconventional course and a man who believes that if we don't reach our children peace someone else will teach them violence. Age: Adult. 140 Pages.



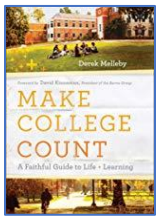
I'M NEW HERE (817042) Author: O'Brian, Anne Sibley. In this full-color picture book, three young children (Maria from Guatemala, Jin from Korea, and Fatimah from Somalia), settle into a new school in the United States with support and friendship from new friends. Age: Preschool – Early Elementary. 30 Pages.



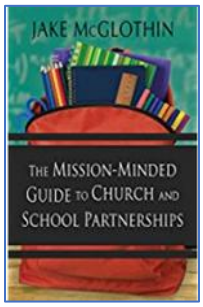
JONATHAN EFFECT: HELPING KIDS AND SCHOOLS WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST POVERTY (817014) Author: Tenbusch, Mike. David had a heart for God but he still needed a good friend to remind him of who he was in the Lord and to help him achieve his destiny. This is what you can do for a young person who needs you. It is a personal commitment between two people, but it works best when it starts as an organizational commitment between a school and a church. Chapter titles: Alone in the wilderness; The Jonathan commitment; The church awakening; Starting steps for building church-school partnerships; How you can change a life; The plan in action; What to watch out for; Pushing through. Age: Adult. 190 Pages.



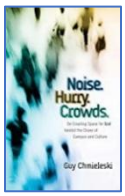
LIGHT OR DARKNESS: RECLAIMING THE LIGHT IN SPORTS (812126) Author: Stouffer, Robert. The author, a Christian who has participated in sports programs in various roles, discusses how we can structure, coach, support, and participate in sports programs so that athletes of any age can strengthen their character and play with honor. Includes insight for players, parents/grandparents, coaches, officials, school and league administrators, and the media. Age: Adult. 235 Pages.



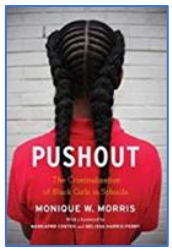
MAKE COLLEGE COUNT: A FAITHFUL GUIDE TO LIFE AND LEARNING (818183) Author: Melleby, Derek. Chapters: What kind of person do you want to become? Following Jesus during the critical years; Why are you going to college? Finding your place in God's story; What do you believe? Taking ownership of your faith; Who are you? Securing your identity in Christ; With whom will you surround yourself? Connecting with Christian community; How will you choose a major? Putting your faith into action; How do you want your life to influence others? Leaving a legacy. Includes bibliography. Age: Young Adult. 120 Pages.



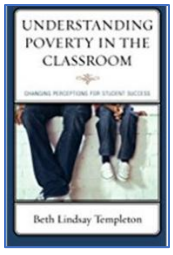
MISSION-MINDED GUIDE TO CHURCH AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS (817060) Author: McGlothin, Jake. Inspire your church family to embrace the power they have to change lives and make a difference in your community. Chapter titles: Partnerships matter; Partnerships align with our identity; Starting a partnership; Programs and ministries for the partnership; Practical tools and tips for your partnership; How to engage your congregation; Seeing the impact of a partnership. *2019 UMW Reading Program: Education for Mission Age: Adult. 174 Pages.



NOISE. HURRY. CROWDS. ON CREATING SPACE FOR GOD AMIDST THE CHAOS OF CAMPUS AND CULTURE (818238) Author: Chmieleski, Guy. Chapters: Noise; Silence; Learning to quiet our inner (and outer) world; Hurry; Sabbath (slowing); Learning to move with greater intention; Crowds; Solitude; Learning to be alone - and with others; Muchness and manyness; Simplicity; Learning to be content in a culture of abundance. This book is designed for college students but is appropriate for all adults. Age: High School - Adult. 134 Pages.



PUSHOUT: THE CRIMINALIZATION OF BLACK GIRLS IN SCHOOLS (818021) Author: Morris, Monique Monique Morris shares information and ideas to encourage a robust conversation about how to reduce the criminalization of Black girls in our nation's learning environments. Chapters: Struggling to survive; A blues for Black girls when the 'attitude' is enuf; Jezebel in the classroom; Learning on lockdown; Repairing relationships, rebuilding connections; A Q&A for girls, parents, community members, and educators; Resources and programs for African American girls; Alternatives to punishment. Larger than average print. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program Bonus Book: 2 Social Action Age: Adult. 282 Pages.



UNDERSTANDING POVERTY IN THE CLASSROOM: CHANGING PERCEPTIONS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (814146) Author: Templeton, Beth Lindsay. People who live in poverty view life differently than those who have adequate basic resources. This awareness-building book provides information and interactive exercises for teachers, parents, and all persons who volunteer in schools or are interested in improving education. Chapter titles: Defining the well-being of a child; Poverty in our midst; Seeing with other eyes; Becoming aware of assumptions; Deepening our understanding; Grasping the effects of poverty on teaching and learning; Facing more challenges; And then there are the parents; Learning from others' success. Includes instructions on setting up a poverty tour. Age: Adult. 135 Pages.