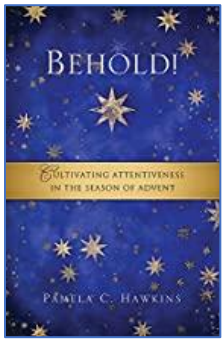
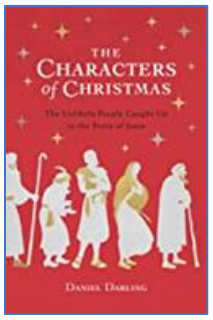


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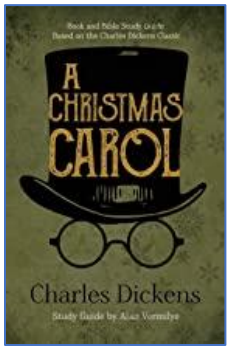
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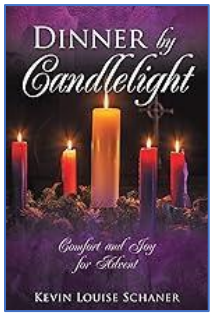
BEHOLD! CULTIVATING ATTENTIVENESS IN THE SEASON OF ADVENT (811057) Author: Hawkins, Pamela. Allow the word "Behold!" to draw you into a prayerful Advent, whether individually or with a group. Be attentive to expectancy, preparation, faith, and promise. Then as you draw near to the manger, you will find what you seek and what God chooses to give. This book provides daily meditations as well as a weekly prayer practice such as praying with images, silent prayer, using prayer beads, and compline. A guide for leaders adapts this book for group use. 109 Pages.



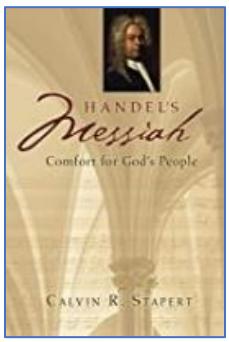
CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS: THE UNLIKELY PEOPLE CAUGHT UP IN THE STORY OF JESUS (819130) Author: Darling, Daniel. Chapters: Introduction - Jesus, the greatest story of all; Joseph, the unsung hero of Christmas; A Christmas miracle - Zechariah and Elizabeth; Mary, the simple girl at the center of everything; The song of the angels; Room for Jesus - the innkeeper; The first to know - shepherds; Seeking and finding - the wise men; Herod, the monster of Christmas; The oldest bucket list - Simeon and Anna; The surprising people in Jesus' family; The even more surprising people in Jesus' family; Afterword - imagine yourself. Includes reflection questions. 178 Pages.



CHRISTMAS CAROL BOOK AND BIBLE STUDY GUIDE (820047) Author: Dickens, Charles and Vermilye, Alan. Book and Bible Study Guide Based on the Charles Dickens Classic "A Christmas Carol." Designed as a five-session study, this item includes the full text of the book as well as discussion questions. Session titles: 1) Marley's ghost; 2) The first of the three spirits; 3) The second of the three spirits; 4) The last of the spirits; 5) The end of it. Each participant will need a copy of the guide. Includes two supplemental guides: an answer guide and a list of Scripture references. 166 Pages.



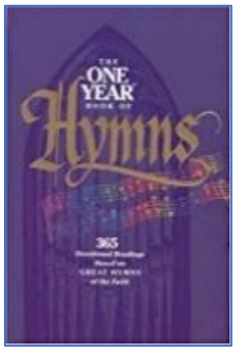
DINNER BY CANDLELIGHT: COMFORT AND JOY FOR ADVENT (820144) Author: Schaner, Kevin Louise. A collection of 29 short devotional readings for Advent. *2021-2022 UMW Reading Program: Spiritual Growth 81 Pages.



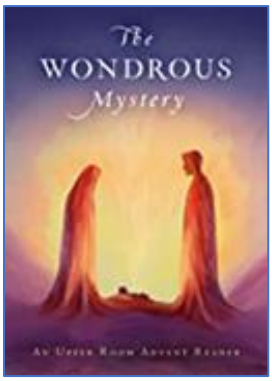
HANDEL'S MESSIAH: COMFORT FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (818232) Author: Stapert, Calvin. This book includes historical information surrounding Handel's 'Messiah' as well as commentary on the theological message of the words and the way Handel's music conveys and interprets that message. Includes bibliography and index. 173 Pages.



MOMENTS & DAYS: HOW OUR HOLY CELEBRATIONS SHAPE OUR FAITH (816248) Author: Van Loon, Michelle. This book explores the gift of time and takes a look at holidays in the Jewish and Christian calendars -- their stories, structures, and histories -- and offers suggestions on how you, your family, and your congregation can ponder their significance. Chapters: Measuring time, being measured by time -- the calendar; In the beginning -- introduction to the Jewish calendar; Day of yes, day of rest -- the Sabbath; Into freedom -- Passover, unleavened break, first fruits; Fifty days and first fruits -- Shavuot; May you be in scribed in the Book of Life -- Rosh Hashanah, Feast of Trumpets; Atonement and mercy -- Yom Kippur; God with us, us with God -- Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles; Stones of remembrance -- Jewish history's holy days; From here to there -- introduction to the Christian calendar; **Longing for home -- Advent; Welcoming the Word made flesh -- Christmas; The Light to the world -- Epiphany**; Ashes to ashes -- Lent; Walking toward the cross with Jesus -- Holy Week; Living in resurrection time -- Easter; Signs, wonders, and new community -- Pentecost; Right here, right now -- Ordinary Time; Conclusion -- it's about time. Includes glossary and recipes. 213 Pages.



ONE YEAR BOOK OF HYMNS: 365 DEVOTIONAL READINGS BASED ON GREAT HYMNS OF THE FAITH (816158) Author: Brown, Robert and Norton, Mark, editors. Each entry includes a short reading about a hymn. Helpful indexes allow you to locate specific titles or hymn writers, or to look up hymns on specific topics. 210 Pages.



WONDROUS MYSTERY (819184) During Advent we think about a wondrous mystery: that God chose to become human and lived among us. The Savior of the world was born a vulnerable child. The King who will rule all of creation lies in a humble manger. This book of short daily readings invites readers to reflect on several paradoxes that make up the Advent season: light and darkness, peace and strife, solitude and community, simplicity and complexity. Writers include Barbara Brown Taylor, Henri J. M. Nouwen, Esther de Waal, Walter Wink, Sue Monk Kidd, Wendy M. Wright, and other voices from Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life. 72 Pages.