

# Resource Center Newsletter

## Beaver-Butler Presbytery

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### Luke 8:15

Those seeds that fell on good ground are the people who listen to the message and keep it in good and honest hearts. They last and produce a harvest.

The Message



The Presbytery Center is open Mon to Thurs  
9:30 AM-4:00 PM

The Resource Center is open during these hours.

Sidney's hours are  
M, Tu & Thurs  
9:30 AM-4:00 PM



**WHERE IN OUR  
PRESBYTERY IS  
THIS CHURCH??**

This church started out as a new church development...

The answer will be in the next newsletter!!

## \*VBS Picture Contest

Make sure you stop at the VBS Picture display at the Presbytery Meeting to vote for your favorite VBS Picture. The church with the most votes will receive a \$25 certificate toward their VBS or ministry for 2016.

## \*Teaching the Bible to Children (And Their Parents) Part 2.

Lib is a retired professor from McCormick Theological Seminary, is a member of the Presbyterian Publishing Board, and has authored many books. She is in the process of writing a book about teaching the Bible to children and their parents. The conference I attended last spring was focused on this theme.

In this article, we will see Bible storybooks for children. Lib has co-authored several children's Bibles and Bible storybooks. Her recommendations are not limited to those she authored. See the bibliography attached to this newsletter. Two Bible storybooks she highly recommends are: "Deep Blue Bible" and "Shine On: A Story Bible. They encourage parental involvement, but also can be read by the student. See the descriptions on the back side of this page.

## \*Our Own Rev. Dr. Peter deVries, an Author

Peter deVries, pastor at Old Union Church has written a Commentary to accompany the book, *"Supermom in Galilee" by Rachel Stackhouse*

This book is the tale of an agnostic suburban soccer mom who wakes up from a migraine and finds herself in first-century Galilee. As she joins the group of people following Jesus, we see him not as the gospel writers chose to present him, but as he might have appeared to a modern woman who has everything, but knows something is missing.

In the accompanying commentary, Peter uses his 27 years' pastoral experience and his Ph.D. in New Testament hermeneutics to provide both historical and Biblical background to learn more about Jesus' world, and reflections with discussion questions to explore your understanding of Jesus and his impact on your life.

This book is designed to engage both the individual reader and book clubs or study groups seeking a fresh perspective on a familiar topic. If you're looking for change-of-pace study material, this may be the book for you.

## \* A Church is Looking for Hymnals

Does your church have any copies of the 1990 Blue Hymnal in large print? One of our churches is looking for 2 dozen of them.....

## \* Still Some Hymnals and Bibles

Only the TNIV Bibles, the Blue Presbyterian Hymnals, and the older Maroon Hymnals remain. Just a suggestion: grab some of the Bibles to give to visitors....

## \* New Library of Books Available

Come to the Presbytery Office to discover our **Small Conference Room** full of pastor's donated books. There is a large variety great books here. By the way, you are invited to take books and bring them back when you are finished with them if you don't want to keep them. You are also invited to bring your books to donate. Just be sure that they are in decent shape and something that someone else might like to read. (FYI: This isn't a dumping spot for unwanted books...)

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We held our last Presbytery meeting here.  
The church is  
**North Branch  
Presbyterian Church**  
the pastor is  
**Rev. Andrew Beery**

## \* Seasonal Resources

These groups of resources will enhance your FALL and ADVENT needs:

- ☺ **Stewardship materials**
- ☺ **Suggested Bibles and Bible storybooks for children & families**
- ☺ **Advent and Christmas studies & resources**
- ☺ **MANY new small group DVD studies**
- ☺ **Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School**
- ☺ **Youth group leadership and Bible studies**

Check out the attached lists to see some of the resources that are available. Every resource listed is in the Resource Center.

## \* Websites Worth Visiting

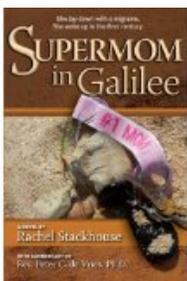
[www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong-learning](http://www.ctsnet.edu/lifelong-learning)

### *LIFELONG LEARNING*

For church professionals and lay people, Columbia's Center for Lifelong Learning provides non-degree courses and events – opportunities to learn with and from others for faithful discipleship. Led by top-notch seminary faculty, our offerings are biblically and theologically grounded, with a practical focus to help participants identify and address specific, real-life needs. At the same time, we see lifelong learning as recreation – time to step out of life's busy routines and experience renewal of mind, spirit, body, and emotion. We hope you will browse through our website to find out more about opportunities that are available for you.

We also invite you to read our newsletter, *Journeying Together*.

## \* New To You Resources.....



### **Supermom in Galilee: A Novel With Commentary**

By Rachel Stackhouse and Rev. Peter deVries, Ph.D.

*A unique, absorbing journey in time crafted by a bestselling novelist and molded by a New Testament scholar! Rachel did everything right. But no matter where she was, she had the feeling she was supposed to be someplace else...*



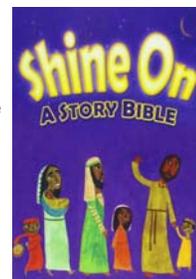
### **Deep Blue Kids Bible: Diving Deep into God's Word**

CEB-Common English Bible.

This engaging, interactive Bible offers four-color icons and illustrations throughout with a wealth of notes, devotionals, Bible trivia, and other interactive elements to capture inquisitive young minds. Plus the CEB Deep Blue Kids Bible will encourage a thirst for God's timeless message.

### **Shine On : A Story Bible.**

Grow lifelong faith one story at a time. Each story is beautifully crafted, maintaining the spirit and poetry of the biblical text in language that is fresh and engaging for children. The book is filled with lively illustrations that help children of all ages connect to the stories. Sidebars with thought-provoking questions, interesting facts, and simple activities invite families and congregations to take each story a few steps further.



### **Learning to Use My Bible: A Study for Children Ages 7-10.**

By Joyce Brown

Kit includes Teacher's Guide and Class Pak. 8 sessions. Uses the CEB Common English Bible. Encourage children to take an interest in the Bible, and help them make it their lifelong companion. Learning to Use My Bible offers a fun, hands-on approach, with maps, games, and charts. This short-term study is ideal for children who have just received their first Bible and can read and write at an elementary level.

