The Miami Presbytery Resource Center is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

You are welcome to visit us and browse during regular hours or call us at 258-8118 (1-800-270-8118 within Miami Presbytery) with your questions or requests. If you are unable to visit us during these times, we will be happy to mail resources or arrange for you to get them in another way.

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News and Views from MacRead and MacView July-August 2006

A digest of some new or timely resources and information that might be of interest to church professionals and their congregations.

The Resource Center has lost its best resource. Pat McLaughlin left her position as Resource Librarian June 15th. We will all miss her welcoming presence, her professional ability to find any resource imaginable (even outside our facility), and her kind way of making us all feel special.

Summer Hours
Your Miami Presbytery Resource Center will be adjusting its hours for the summer months. If you are making a trip in to the presbytery offices specifically for checking out materials or getting help with an upcoming project, consider calling or emailing ahead to verify our availability, or check our website.

The Artist’s Way of Preaching by Charles Denison...offers ideas and suggestions to help preachers develop sermons that will appeal to those born in the multi-media, visualization age.

Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic: Seven Simple Keys to Growing Churches by Adam Hamilton...tells the humorous and quirky story of Bob, a swimsuit salesman, who has moved to the Arctic. Bob’s story illustrates the fundamental concepts of presenting and selling oneself that also apply to how we spread the gospel message.

Tell Me a Story: 30 Children’s Sermons Based on Best-Loved Books by Phyllis Vos Wezeman...links the special days and holidays of the liturgical and secular calendars to sermons based on best-loved children’s books such as “I’ll Always Love You,” “The Selfish Giant,” “Miss Fannie’s Hat,” and “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

The Spirit-Led Leader: Nine Leadership Practices and Soul Principles by Timothy C. Geoffrion...is an inspirational and practical book helping the reader integrate personal faith with effective corporate leadership.

Next Miami Presbytery Meeting
Tuesday, September 12
at Kirkmont Center
Resource Center Display: TBA
Looking Ahead…

July 2—Immigration Sunday
July 9—Small Church Sunday
September 12—Presbytery meeting at Kirkmont Center
October 1 — World Communion Sunday; Peacemaking Sunday
October 29—Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 14—Presbytery meeting at Piqua: Westminster
December 3—First Sunday of Advent

Let us help with your planning!

In God’s Time: The Bible and the Future by Craig C. Hill
...explores Biblical teachings about the future. Hill offers an alternative to the two poles of belief: the belief, on the one hand, in the rapture, and the differing belief that Jesus did not reveal the time and the place of the approaching Kingdom of God. There is an accompanying study guide for an 8-session adult class.

Use the Resource Center’s on-line catalog to search for resources. It’s on the presbytery’s website: (www.miamipresbytery.org).
Click on Resource Center and then on-line catalog/webrary.
Search by title, subject, or author.

E-mail the Resource Center at resource.center@miamipresbytery.org

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For Your Children: Creating Communities of Faith in our Families by Martha Bettis Gee
...offers tools for pastors and educators, and ideas for families. It draws from the concept that families serve as a small group ministry. It offers a plan for a workshop to help parents in their role as a child’s small group leader, establishing family covenant groups, and suggestions for family rituals. The section for families includes guidelines for family rituals, ways to pray, and resources for both children and their parents.

The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children’s Ministry from Group Publishing
...is an easy-to-use book, providing copiable scripts. Indices make searching for skits to supplement particular stories a breeze! Skits last three minutes or less, and the book includes a CD with sound effects, background sounds, and mood music.

Job by David C. Hester
...is a 10-unit study focusing on the difficult questions raised in Job: Where is God in the worst moments of our emptiness? What are we to do when experience casts doubt on what we have always believed? Where in the world is justice? The author’s touching honesty, emanating from his own experience of suffering, provides a moving connection between the ancient text and the world today.

The Gospel of Mark—Jesus: Powerful, Courageous, and Trusting is an 8-week study of the Gospel of Mark, exploring the themes of Jesus’ identity, the Kingdom of God, and the nature of discipleship.

Amos and Hosea: Boundaries, Tough Love, Amazing Grace is an 8-week study about the prophets Amos and Hosea and their relevance for today. The study deals with the relationship between human beings and God.

Job and the Life of Faith: Wisdom for Today’s World is a 7-week study of the book of Job, exploring the themes bad things happening to good people, good things happening to bad people, the connections between sin and suffering and obedience and blessing, and the trustworthiness of God.

All three studies have a Leader’s Guide available on CD-Rom (with downloadable handouts) or in print.

Recently acquired Kerygma studies

Touch the Water by Phyllis Vos Wezeman
...contains 30 sermons on baptism for use by clergy and lay leaders in preaching to children from kindergarten to fifth grade. The sermons are also adaptable for younger children as well as middle school-aged children. Each sermon follows a consistent format based on five basic components: passage, purpose, preparation, presentation, and prayer.