



Check out these timely resources for all your programming needs!

# MARC NEWS

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## Relax, Let MARC Help

No longer do you need to worry about finding Sunday school lessons or Bible study curriculums. MARC has all the resources you need in one place.

The Michigan Area Resource Center contains thousands of materials including curriculums for all ages, sheet music, 4,000 DVDs, videos, books and more! MARC is a lending library that serves all the United Methodist churches in Michigan.

Take a look at the resources featured in this March MARC News and see how your congregation might benefit from this great service!

Anyone in the church is eligible to reserve resources from this low cost, easy to use service.

Ask your church secretary today if you are a MARC member!



## Simple Living/ Overconsumption/Thankfulness/ Contentment/Stewardship

Yet another great Adam Hamilton resource...

ENOUGH- DISCOVERING JOY THROUGH SIMPLICITY AND GENEROSITY (DVD 0640)

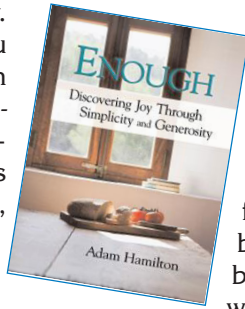
Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the “American Nightmare.” Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, rising housing costs and a volatile stock market are all contributing to economic insecurity. We live in a society that tells us “you deserve it now,” whether or not we can afford it or really even need it. *Simplicity, Generosity and Joy* leads participants to examine their own values and habits around wealth, spending, discipline, giving and contentment.

This six session video study features Adam Hamilton presenting:

- Introduction: Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis
- When Dreams Become Nightmares
- Wisdom and Finance
- Cultivating Contentment
- Defined By Generosity
- Bonus video: To Be A Blessing

Includes leader guide, stewardship DVD, and “Enough” book. 15-20 minutes per session. Perfect for an adult study group! \*\*\*New Resource\*\*\*

Dave Ramsey - “We Americans love our stuff. We’re living in a fast-paced, me-first, instant-gratification world, and it’s finally catching up to us. Debt is out of control, homes are in foreclosure ... even banks are going out of business. What the world needs today is



the message of contentment and simplicity, and that’s exactly what Pastor Adam Hamilton delivers in *Enough*.” Additional DVD with stewardship program, including printable artwork, bulletin samples, video clips, and other helpful resources.

**It’s time to pay your 2010 MARC dues!**  
**\$40: church/charge up to 200 members**  
**\$75: church/charge with 201-400 members**  
**\$110: church/charge with 401 or more members**

*We lend music, too! Visit [www.marc-web.org](http://www.marc-web.org)*

## Adult Education/ Small Group/Bible Study

New to MARC's *Living the Questions* series...

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS: Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God (DVD 0642)**

Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12-session DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

*Eclipsing Empire* includes downloadable and printable leader and participant guides with weekly readings and discussion questions. Each session may be conducted in one hour or expanded to include a meal and personal sharing. Each 20-minute video segment features a brief travelogue on a location significant for the study of Paul. The flexible DVD and resource materials can be used in variety of class, retreat, and other formats. The themes for the twelve sessions are:

1. Empire
2. Jesus
3. Paul's Mission
4. Paul's Character
5. Paul's Vocation
6. Cities
7. Paul's Letters
8. Paul's Ethics
9. Paul's Theology
10. Paul's Eschatology
11. Icons

Great for that longer term adult Bible study! \*\*\*New Resource\*\*\*



Betsy Weems, Director

## Worship Aids/Christian Living/Spiritual Growth

### Looking for Sermon Helps?

ILLUSTRATE- VIDEO CLIPS TO VISUALLY SUPPORT YOUR SERMONS (DVD'S 0641, 0643, and 0644)

Few things capture the heart like a well told story. *Illustrate* is a collection of real life stories from people across the country wrestling with life and faith. These stories are designed to help communicate practical and Biblical truth. Each video illustration has a strong Christian theme and can be used to visually support a sermon, enhance the worship experience, or tee-up discussion in small group Bible study.

Themes in Volume 4 (DVD 0641) include:

- Financial strain: money conflicts, economy wipes out finances
- Life's not fair: death of spouse, illness, job loss
- Adjustments: post partum depression, injury on the job, constant moves



Themes in Volume 5 (DVD 0643) include:

- Loneliness: isolated at work, disconnect in marriage, and new city... no friends
- Using Your Gifts: magic as mystery, DJ-ing for God
- Looking for Direction: finding your passion, losing a child to SIDS, struggling to live out your faith

Themes in Volume 6 (DVD 0644) include:

- Overwhelmed: family too busy, anxious about future, shot in Iraq
- Disillusioned: good deeds cause doubt, setbacks cause questions, betrayed and trying to forgive
- Reaching Out: apartment ministry, moving to India

Each clip 1-3 minutes in length. Powerful stories to create great teaching moments – for college and up! \*\*\*New Resource\*\*\*



Titles include:

RAIN, FLAME, TREES, SUNDAY, NOISE, KICKBALL, DUST, BULLHORN, LUMP, LUGGAGE, RHYTHM, MATTHEW, RICH, BREATHE, YOU, STORE, TODAY, NAME, OPEN, SHELLS, SHE, TOMATO, CORNER, WHIRLWIND

Grab one of these ever-popular NOOMA's for your Junior or Senior High Sunday School Class and/or Youth Ministry setting!  
12-15 minutes each – includes study guide

## Youth Ministry/ Discussion Starters/ Biblical Teaching

If you haven't yet had the **NOOMA** experience, you are long overdue! NOOMA is a series of short films featuring the teachings of Rob Bell, Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grandville, Michigan. Each video focuses on a different issue, and presents Christian perspectives in a compact and concise way.

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