



NoCo Beet

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Welcome to our second issue.

We have plenty of great resources to watch, listen to or read in your own faith formation journey.

NoCo Beet is a monthly publication sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team and Northern Colorado Library Board at First United Methodist Church in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Tis the season of giving and the organizations and causes highlighted in *NoCo Beet* will always be among those deserving consideration of your support.

If you missed the first issue of *NoCo Beet*, you can find it at our archive on the [Adult Ministries page](#) at the First United Methodist Church website. If you have comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us, and if you like what you see please forward this to acquaintances.

Everyone is welcome to subscribe by using [this form](#).

Why the name *NoCo Beet*? Read about it [here](#).

David W. Reid, editor



Northern Colorado



Creating a Contemporary Book of Hours is a fundraising event for World Wisdoms Project. Learn this

spiritual practice in four Sunday afternoon sessions during January. Find information [here](#).



United Methodist Women's books for 2021 have arrived. These books are selected for the UMW Reading Program and generously donated by the UMW. They are available for checkout by any patron of the Northern Colorado Faith Library. Look for holdings with the UMW'21 prefix in [this list](#) of new items.

Men's Bible Study at First Church is studying the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). The group meets at 7 a.m. Thursdays via Zoom.

Contact David Reid davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 to connect with this group.

Open Hearts class at First Church just started a five-week Advent study of Adam Hamilton's *Not a Silent Night* on November 22. They plan to resume a study of Amy-Jill Levine's Great Courses programs on the Old Testament in early 2021.

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Rev. Scott Awbrey, of Loveland, recently launched Spiritual Passages, a library of spiritual quotes, stories, metaphors, humor and sermons. Awbrey is an ordained minister with the Centers for Spiritual Living. It's easy to sign up for the daily reflections at [the website](#).



There are **seven beautiful Advent and Christmas resources** you can check out today at the Northern Colorado Faith Library. They're all on display in the front of the library. Call ahead to Haley Candelario at 970-482-2436.

- [*A Renaissance Christmas*](#) The National Gallery of Art
- [*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus: Advent and Christmas with Charles Wesley*](#) by Paul W. Chilcote
- [*The First Christmas*](#) by Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crosson
- [*Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent*](#) by Walter Brueggemann
- [*Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*](#)
- [*The Three Tenors Christmas*](#) (DVD or CD)
- [*Glad Christmas Tidings*](#) (DVD) Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra

Regional

Keep a Light in Your Window, the new documentary about **Bruce “Daddy Bruce” Randolph**, reminds us that the social entrepreneur had the same mission as Jesus to feed 5,000 people. [Watch](#) this inspiring story.



The Mountain Sky Conference Pilgrimage to the Land of Love, a daily spiritual journey to combat racism and white supremacy, has concluded. Now resources for all 77 days of the journey [have been posted](#) so you can take the pilgrimage on your own schedule.



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The **season of Advent** is upon us and UMC Communications recommends [these outstanding resources](#).



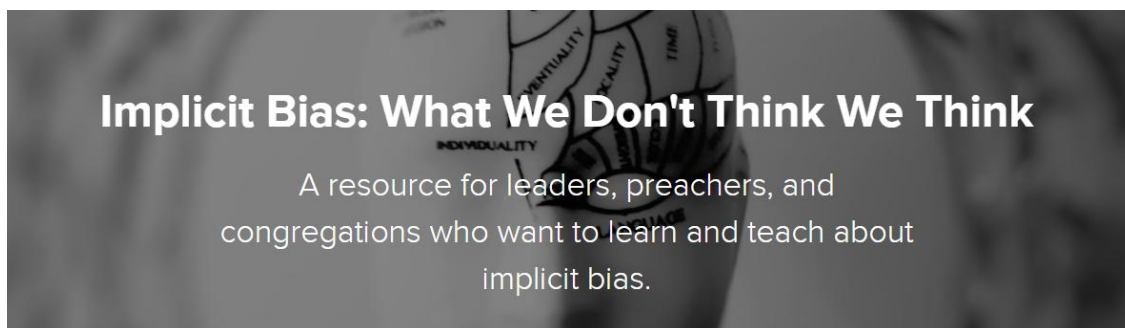
Looking for a spiritually literate movie this season? Here's a list from Spirituality & Practice, a multifaith and interspiritual website. The list for 2020 will appear soon. Meanwhile, [here is the list for 2019](#).

Looking for spiritually thoughtful gifts for children or grandchildren? *Englewood Review of Books* is a trustworthy resource produced by Englewood Christian Church in suburban Indianapolis and edited by C. Christopher Smith. Click through [this short gift guide](#) for young readers.

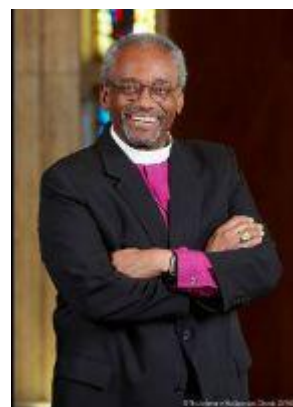
Dr. Willie Jennings' 2019 Hagen Lecture at First Church helped those in attendance confront the concept of whiteness. Now Jennings has written a new book about theological education and whiteness. It earned a starred review in [Publishers Weekly](#) and high praise in this in-depth review in [The Christian Century](#).



For \$20 you can explore implicit bias – including your own – [in a course](#) sponsored by the **United Methodist General Commission on Religion & Race**. The instructor is Rev. Michelle Lederer, an ordained elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church.



Our values matter, **The Most Rev. Michael Curry** reminds us in [this sermon](#) of hope that was part of a program sponsored by Washington National Cathedral. You may remember Curry, who is presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church, from the royal wedding in Britain.



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