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October 30, 2021

After turkey, dressing and cranberries, leave room for fine films.

During Thanksgiving week, millions of televisions will be streaming movies from home. We're here to help you find content you might not have considered. The first item in the national/international section links to 55 films that Spirituality and Practice editors have anointed the Most Spiritually Literate Films of 2020.

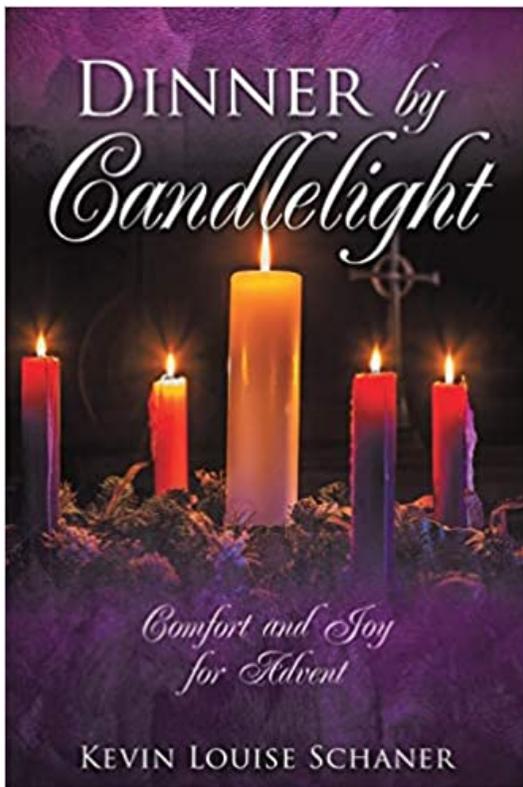
The movies and series selected are not the usual holiday fare. How do you judge a film as spiritually literate? Here is how they do it at Spirituality and Practice. <https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/films/features/view/10933>

--David W. Reid, editor



Northern Colorado





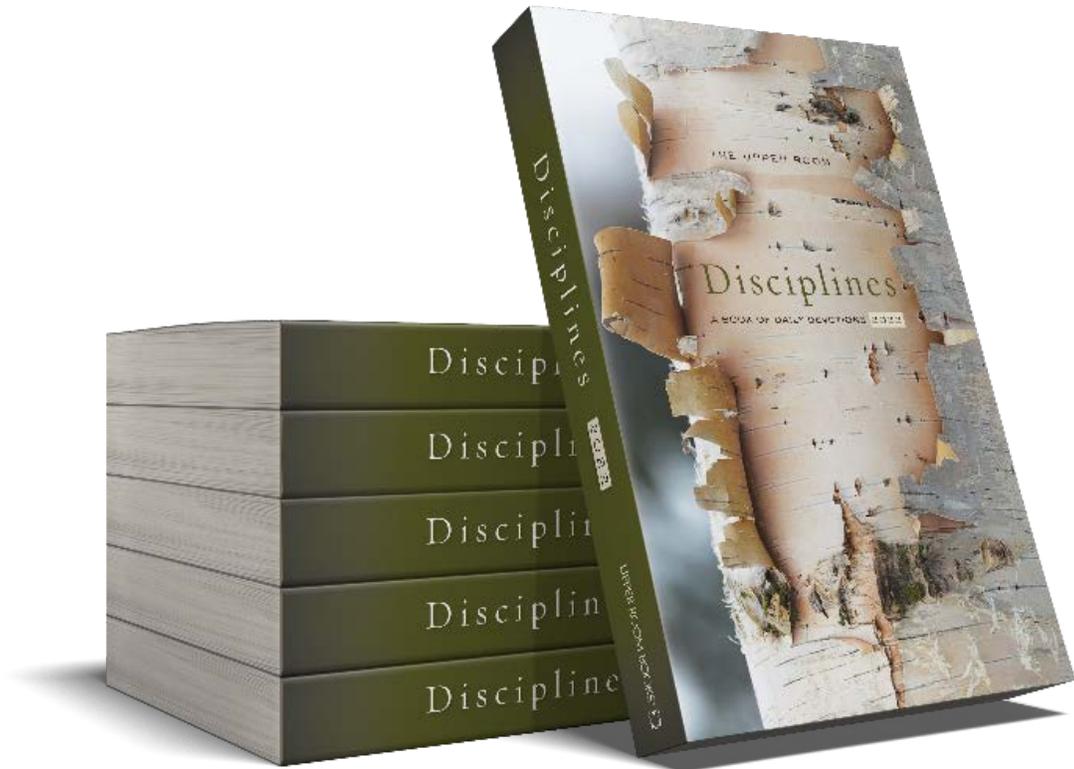
Dinner by Candlelight: Comfort and Joy for Advent has been chosen for study during the upcoming season of Advent. This easy read from Kevin Louise Schaner guides you through the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace with short essays, open-ended questions and suggestions for Advent actions. Join discussions of the book and share your Advent memories and hopes on



December 1, 8, 15 and 22. David Reid will facilitate the noon section in person. Kate and Rick Norton will facilitate the discussions on Zoom only at 7 p.m.

“Dinner by Candlelight will encourage you to continue your Advent traditions while considering new ways to prepare for His birth. A beautiful thought-provoking read,” says Debbie Vest, retired director of South Central Jurisdiction Volunteers in Missions of the United Methodist Church.

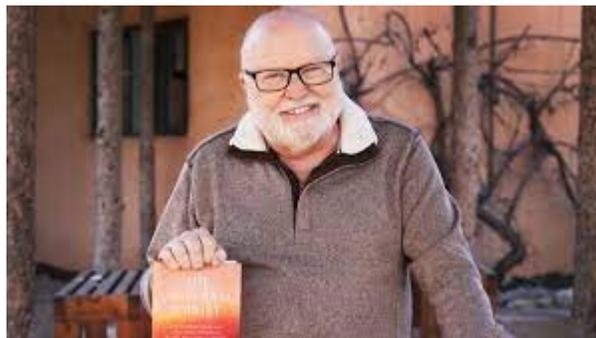
Contact David Reid at davidreid24@gmail.com or 970-581-2707 to register for either section. Books are \$12 and available at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays or by contacting David.



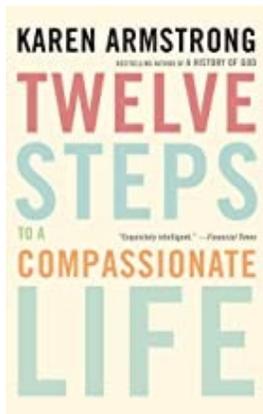
Copies of ***The Upper Room Disciplines 2022*** are available for purchase at the Adult Faith Formation table on Sundays. The cost is \$17 for regular type or \$20 for enlarged type. Contact David Reid if you are unable to purchase on Sundays. <https://www.upperroom.org/disciplines/about>



On Sunday, November 21, **Open Hearts Sunday School** class will begin a five-week Advent study based on the classic film ***It's a Wonderful Life***. Each class session will include video segments from the film and discussion questions. All are welcome. The class meets from 11 to noon on Sundays in the Village Commons at First Church. Information: Martha Conant at MarthaConant@gmail.com.



A weekly study of ***The Universal Christ*** by **Richard Rohr** is available in person and on Zoom beginning on November 7th at 9:30 a.m. in Village Commons. This study is hosted by the **Serendipity Class**. To connect with this group contact David Reid at davidreid2@gmail.com or 970-581-2707. This [video](#) describes concepts explored in the book.



At 12:30 p.m. November 28, the **Spirituality Book Club** will honor **Rev. Rich Thompson**, who is retiring from his post as convener of the group that he founded six years ago. A potluck brunch will precede a discussion of **Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*** at First Church. Information: Martha Conant at MarthaConant@gmail.com. The group is sponsored by the Fort Collins Interfaith Council and the Northern Colorado Faith Library.



World Wisdoms Project

World Wisdoms Project will hold a series of small-group discussions to help participants explore personal experiences during the pandemic. Connie Shelley, Laurie Gudim and Lea Alvarado will facilitate these conversations from 1 to 3 p.m. on November 7, 14 and 21. Registration and a fee are required to obtain the Zoom link. <https://www.worldwisdomsproject.org/event/listening-to-the-voices-of-one-another-in-small-reflective-art-gatherings/>



National/International





David Byrne's *American Utopia* explores the need for connection. It is one of 20 features, 20 documentaries, 10 foreign language and 5 television series on the list of Most Spiritually Literate Films of 2020, according to Spirituality and Practice. <https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/films/awards>

Southern Lights

Kaitlin Curtice, a storyteller and poet, and author/educator Anthea Butler are featured speakers at the Southern Lights: A January Adventure in Progressive Christianity at St. Simon's Island, Georgia. The hosts are Diana Butler Bass, Brian McLaren and Jim Chaffee. <https://southernlightsconference.com/>

NBCC
New Beginnings Community Church

Let's Talk

An online faith-based conversation with the Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy regarding COVID, vaccination and mental health

Sun, Nov 7 **NEW DATE!**
3 PM PT (6 PM ET)

Register at: bit.ly/NBCCLetsTalk

New Beginnings Community Church in Northern California hosts a faith-based discussion with Surgeon General Vivek Murthy about COVID-19, vaccination and mental health at 4 p.m. MST November 7. Register here: <https://www.nbccbayarea.com/events-calendar/lets-talk>



Rev. Glen Chabon Kernell Jr. discusses the United Methodist Church's ongoing acts of repentance with Indigenous people in a presentation sponsored by the

General Commission on Race and Reconciliation.

<https://michiganumc.org/conversation-chebon-kernell/>



People in North Carolina may wear their Halloween costumes to the All Hallows Eve Service at Duke University Chapel. And during this time of pandemic, masks are required. But if you watch online from Colorado you can settle for pajamas and slippers at 8:30 p.m. October 31. <https://chapel.duke.edu/all-hallows-eve-service-candlelight-oct-31>



The Academy
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Register soon if you are interested in a one-day, online retreat titled “Healing the Wounds of Christendom” sponsored by the Academy of Spiritual Formation on November 12. The leaders are Elaine Heath and Juan Huertas.

<https://academy.upperroom.org/event/nov12-academy-day-apart/>

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