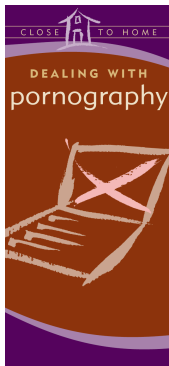




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NEW FOR MINISTRY:

Close to Home is a series of pamphlets designed to help Christian caregivers support those dealing with addictions, compulsive behaviors, mental disorders, experiences of abuse, or other difficult issues. Look for an introductory brochure included in this packet. The first three pamphlets—on Pornography, Spousal Abuse, and Eating Disorders—are to be released

by July 2007. Check www.mph.org/closetohome for more information and sample excerpts.



COMING SOON:

Sing the Story: Hymnal A Worship Book Supplement II: Sing the Story uses the seasons of the church year from Advent to Pentecost to tell the story of the life, ministry, death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ through song and word. Find more information at www.mph.org. Also coming: *Sing the Story* Accompaniment

Resource and *Sing the Story* CD.

With Heart & Hands is a collection of 18 arrangements of hymns from *Sing the Journey* and *Sing the Story*, the two supplemental volumes to *Hymnal: A Worship Book*. The scores are designed for piano offertories, preludes, and other performed music in worship. They can also be adapted for use as accompaniment with vocal or other instrumental renditions of the hymns. Alert your worship team to these new resources.

Wrestling with God: Devotional Readings for Men, for individuals or groups, includes 52 brief devotionals based on the biblical stories of men. Each includes suggestions for reflection, discussion or activity. Tell your men's groups to plan ahead to use this new resource.

FREE Summer worship resource

"Looking for God in Unlikely Places" is a free worship resource on the Gather 'Round summer theme, The Parables of Jesus. Use it to integrate worship with education, or as the basis for worship even if your church does not have summer Sunday school! Included are suggestions for visuals, children's time, sermon topics, and hymns to use with each of the thirteen sessions on the Parables found in the Gather 'Round summer materials. Find it at www.mph.org.

Nurture faith in children and families all summer

by giving them a "Parable Packet." Present each family with a summer



Talkabout (a box of Parable cards), *Connect* (the Parent/Caregiver guide), *Together* (the multiage student book), and *My Bible Storybook* (Early Childhood student book). Attach a letter on the top, explaining the materials and encouraging them to enjoy learning together about the Parables of Jesus. Use these materials to emphasize the importance of faith nurture with families.

Bibles recommended for use with Gather 'Round Sunday school curriculum: Three different NRSV Bibles, suitable for children, are now available. Check the enclosed catalog for order details, and consider ordering classroom sets.

Pass this information on to others in your congregation.
For more information or to order, call
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