

So, we're not giving up. How could we? Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without [God's] unfolding grace. [...] There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, The Message (MSG)

Tuesday • 06.29.21 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. via ZOOM
Preview of Studies, Praise, & Introduction to Study Leaders

Monday • 07.26.21 • 6:00-7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Closing Night Celebration



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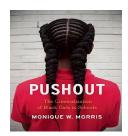
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Finding Peace in An Anxious World edited by Erin James-Brown - \$10

Tuesday, 07.06.21 & Thursday, 07.08.21 6:30-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM <u>Study Leader</u>: Dr. Mary T. Nickson

Finding Peace in an Anxious World, the 2020 Spiritual Growth Study by staff of the Urban Village Church, uses the book of Proverbs and "The Serenity Prayer" as a guide to help Christians find their way through anxiety, worry, and fear and move towards God's peace that surpasses all understanding. Using "The Serenity Prayer" as a scaffold, Finding Peace in An Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through scriptural and spiritual

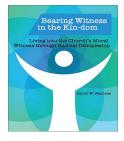
disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.



Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools by Monique W. Morris - \$20

Monday, 07.12.21 & Thursday, 07.15.21 6:30-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM Study Leader: Dr. Thalia Matherson

Despite increased attention to the mass and over-incarceration of black men, the plight of criminalized black women and girls is overlooked, underreported and under analyzed. Monique W. Morris' *Pushout* shows how even with obstacles, stigmas, stereotypes and despair, black girls still find ways to breathe remarkable dignity into their lives in classrooms, juvenile facilities and beyond, and challenges the rest of us to do the same.



Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom: Living Into the Church's Moral Witness Through Radical Discipleship by Darryl W. Stephens - \$10

Tuesday, 07.20.21 & Thursday, 07.22.21 6:30-8:30 p.m. via ZOOM <u>Study Leader</u>: Ms. Anna Bundy

Imagine God's Justice and Lead with Compassion. Love. Justice. Solidarity. Living as siblings in the "kin-dom" of God requires bold faith. This book explores this history, empowering us to imagine God's justice and to lead with compassion. Together, we bear witness to God's gracious presence in ways that make a material difference to all of

creation, all persons, especially victims of injustice and those who are most vulnerable. This is the moral witness of the church. Author Darryl W. Stephens, an ordained United Methodist deacon, works in the specialized ministry of teaching.

Three Challenging Studies Presented Virtually! Three Amazing Study Leaders!

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