

What is Discovery Place?

Discovery Place is the resource center for the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The easiest way to understand what we do is to think of us as the public library for the 900+ churches in Central and North Eastern Pennsylvania. The center was opened in 1997 to ensure that all churches, regardless of their size or annual budget would have access to quality study and resource materials.

Discovery Place has over 4000 resources covering all areas of ministry. Mainly we carry small group, Sunday school and Bible study materials. But we also have lots of other categories of resources including Leadership Development, God's Call, Stewardship Campaigns, Evangelism, Worship, Missions, Church and United Methodist History, Personal Finances, Social Justice, Prayer and Spiritual Formation, Family and Marriage, and Parenting. We have resources specific to Men's and Women's ministries and materials for all ages from Infant to Older Adult.

Discovery Place Resource Center is part of Connectional Ministries for the Susquehanna Conference and is fully funded by Shares of Ministry. Therefore, the resources we carry are paid for by your offering dollars and belong to you, the members of the United Methodist churches in our Conference. So we strongly encourage everyone to use them.

The resources at Discovery Place can be accessed in several ways:

Visit the Center: Everyone is welcomed to visit Discovery Place during our normal business hours of **Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:15pm** (Summer hours-close at noon on Fridays). The center is located in the Conference office building at 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

Phone: Feel free to call anytime during our business hours at 800-682-2615 or 717-766-7968

Online Catalogue: All resources are catalogued on the online catalogue on this website. This online catalogue is fully searchable by a variety of fields including title, author and subject. If you come across a resource that you would like to borrow, simply place it in the "cart" and then fill out the short order form once you are finished "shopping." This order will be sent directly by email to the Discovery Place email inbox. We will respond to you by email within one business day and let you know if your item(s) is available or when it will be available in the future.

Email: We are also happy to receive orders by email at discovery@susumc.org

Receiving and Returning Items

In Person: You are welcomed to pick up your orders in person during our normal business hours of Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:15pm (Summer hours-close at noon on Fridays).

Mail: Most of the orders placed at Discovery Place are sent by U.S. Postal Service to our customers throughout the Annual Conference. We send orders in zipper-topped nylon bags. The items are typically sent by 4th Class Library Rate so may take a bit longer than regular 1st Class Mail. When you are finished using the items, simply place them back in the bag, seal it, and mail it back to us. There is always a 3X5 instruction card in the bag when it is mailed out. We do ask that you pay for the return postage.