

What is Discovery Place?

Discovery Place is the resource center for the Susquehanna Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are located at the Susquehanna Conference office building at 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Essentially, we are a library for the churches in the Conference. 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. Usage is not limited to pastors and church staff; anyone involved in the church may borrow materials from Discovery Place.

Discovery Place has hundreds of resources covering many areas of ministry. Mainly we carry small group, Sunday school and Bible study materials. But we also have other resources: Leadership Development, Stewardship Campaigns, Evangelism, Worship, Missions, Congregational Vitalization, Spiritual Formation and Prayer, Family, Marriage, and Parenting. We have resources specific to Men's and Women's ministries and materials for all ages from Infant to Older Adult. We also have seasonal resources for Christmas/Advent and Easter/Lent.

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

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

Visit the Center: Everyone is welcome to visit Discovery Place during our normal business hours of **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.** (In the summer we close at noon on Fridays). Other hours, including evenings and weekends, can be arranged by contacting us in advance. Occasionally we are closed for a partial or full week for vacation. Closures will be noted in advance at the top of the Discovery Place website. Notice of closures will also be communicated in advance via QuikLINK.

Phone: Feel free to call us at 717-766-7968. If Discovery Place is not open when you call, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we're able.

Online Catalog: All resources are listed in the online catalog on this website. This online catalog is fully searchable by a variety of fields. A basic search includes phrase, author, or title of a resource. If you are searching for resources on a specific subject, use "Advanced Search" and choose a subject from the drop-down menu. When you see a resource you would like to borrow, simply place it in the "cart" and then fill out the short order form once you are finished "shopping." Your order will be sent directly to Discovery Place via email. We will respond to you by email (or phone if you so choose) within one business day and let you know if your item(s) is available or when it will be available.

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

Receiving and Returning Items

In Person: You are welcome to return resources or pick up previously-placed orders in person at 303 Mulberry Drive, Mechanicsburg, any time between 8 am and 4 pm on weekdays. If Discovery Place is not open, the receptionist will assist you.

Mail: Most of the orders placed at Discovery Place are sent by U.S. Postal Service. 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/ mailing tag in the bag when it is mailed out. We do ask that you pay for the return postage.