

John Lewis was the son of sharecroppers and an apostle of non-violent protest. Images of his brutal beating on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama in 1965 led to the swift passage of the Voting Right Act. The Act ensured the right of Black Americans to vote, removing many previously existing restrictions. Known less for sponsoring major legislation than for his relentless pursuit of justice, Lewis was called the "conscience of Congress" by his colleagues. Suggested resources to learn more about the life of John Lewis and his legacy include:

Books:

His Truth Is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by John Meacham and John Lewis

Walking with the Wind: a Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis and Michael D'Orso

For younger members of our congregation:

March, a graphic novel by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell

The Story of John Lewis: a Biography Book for young Readers by Tonja Leslie

Movies

John Lewis - Good Trouble. A 2020 documentary film about the life of John Lewis

Selma - 2014 historical drama film that tells the story of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights marches led by Martin Luther King, JR, Hosea Williams and John Lewis.