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## 48-Hour Contest!

Congratulations to **Valerie Epp** from Saskatchewan who won a copy of *Go to Church, Change the World* by **Gerald Mast**.

This month's Question:  
*What electronic resource from CommonWord have you found most helpful?*

Prize:

**Deuteronomy Believers Church Bible Commentary**

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FEATURING

*A Candle Light Service*  
by Sara Erb

*A Christmas Cantata*  
by Ellen and Jean Halliday

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

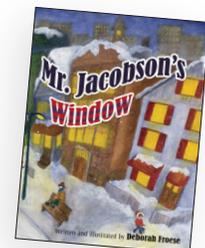
For libraries, homes, or Sunday morning storytellers

### *Mr. Jacobson's Window* Deborah Froese

Peanutbutterpress, 2013.

Emily-Ann's imagination runs wild when she catches a shadowy glimpse of her new elderly neighbour through his living room window, but she is pleasantly surprised to discover that her perceptions are wrong. The story incorporates elements of Christmas and Hanukkah, and points to the importance of family, friends and looking beyond first impressions.

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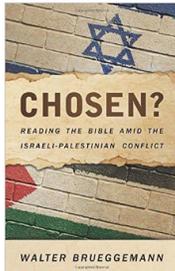
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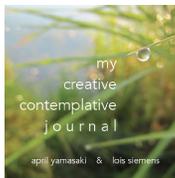
### **Chosen? Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

by Walter Brueggemann,  
Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.

How should we read the Bible in light of the modern situation? In four chapters, Brueggemann addresses the main questions people have with regards to what the Bible has to say about this ongoing debate. A question-answer section, a glossary of terms, a study guide, and guidelines for respectful dialogue are also included.

**\$14.99, paperback, 88 pp.** (or borrow)

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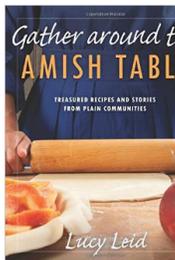
### **My Creative Contemplative Journal**

by April Yamasaki; Lois Siemens, 2015.

What does it mean to live creatively and contemplatively? This journal invites you to explore this question for yourself – with striking full-colour photographs, inspiring quotes, and plenty of room to make this journal your own.

**\$19.99, paperback, 106 pp.** (or borrow)

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### **Gather Around the Amish Table: Treasured Recipes and Stories from Plain Communities**

by Lucy Leid, Herald Press, 2015.

These cherished recipes speak of comforting traditions, lively communities, and strong Christian faith. Gather your family around the table to sample the nourishing fare and trademark charm of the plain people. In the words of one cookbook contributor: "Bake someone happy."

**\$19.99, paperback, 270 pp.** (or borrow)

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18059>



### **Rewilding the Way: Break Free to Follow an Untamed God**

by Todd Wynward, Herald Press, 2015.

How has "the good life" come to mean addiction to screens and status, fossil fuels and financial fitness? Trek along with wilderness guide Todd Wynward as he "rewilds" the Jesus Way. Packed with inspiring stories of how contemporary people and groups are caring for the land and each other, *Rewilding the Way* issues a call to action.

**\$15.99, paperback, 283 pp.** (or borrow)

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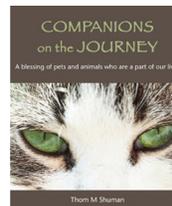


### **Sister Care - DVD**

by Carolyn Holderread Heggen, Rhoda Shenk Keener,  
Mennonite Women USA, 2015.

Provides women with tools for personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more effectively to the needs of others. Includes 12 sessions for small groups, retreats, individuals, or Sunday School classes.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/50/17973>



### **Companions on the Journey: A Blessing of Pets and Animals who are a Part of our Lives**

by Thom M. Shuman, Wild Goose Publications, 2015.

A service of appreciation and blessing for all the non-human beings who accompany us, in gratitude for their friendship, loyalty and unconditional love.

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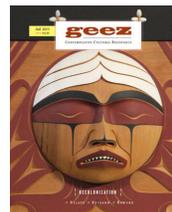


### **Walking in their Shadow: Supporting Children and Young People through Bereavement**

by Lex Bradley, Bible Reading Fellowship, 2015.

Aims to equip children's and youth workers, church leaders and those working in a chaplaincy context to support bereaved children and young people.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/16/17951>

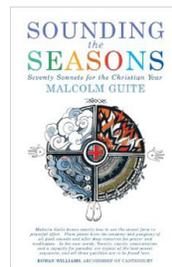


### **Decolonization: Relate, Relearn, Rework**

ed. Aiden Enns, Leah Gazan, Steve Heinrichs, Geez Magazine, 2015.

As we work towards reconciliation between Settlers and First Nations peoples, it is resources like this that we need to help spark understanding, discussion, and action. Covers topics like treaties, reclaiming indigenous languages, and decolonizing Christian theology.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18011>



### **Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year**

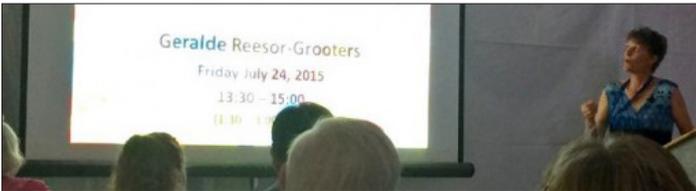
by Malcolm Guite, Canterbury Press, 2012.

Including sonnets for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross, and poems for major feasts and festivals, this is a versatile resource for enriching worship, reflection and devotion.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18036>

## LINK

We provide hundreds of links to videos and websites.



### 10 Ways to Make your Church Autism-Friendly

by Geralde Reesor-Grooters, the Mennonite, 2015. **WEB RESOURCE**

A summarized list from Reesor-Grooters' workshop at the 2015 Mennonite World Conference Assembly.

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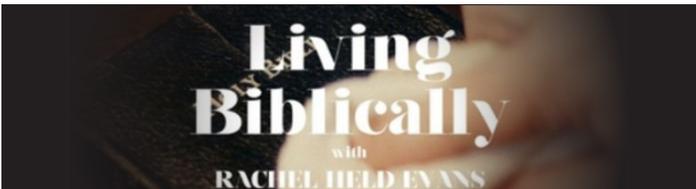


### 4-Part Social Media Content Framework for Churches

by Rich Birch, Unseminary. **BLOG POST**

A handy framework for evaluating the impact of your church's online content.

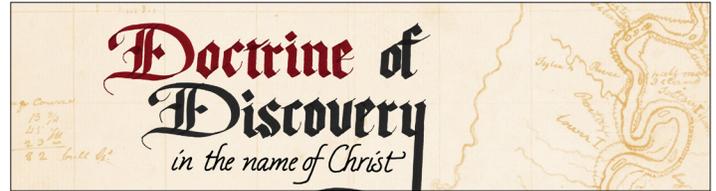
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### Living Biblically

by Rachel Held Evans, The Work of the People, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO**

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/17925>



### Doctrine of Discovery: In the Name of Christ

eclecticreel, 2015. **ONLINE VIDEO**

European descendants benefit from a violent history of land grabbing and genocide that was justified by patriotism and religion. What does it mean to be a peacemaker today in a world where the present is defined by the violence of the past?

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/17903>



### Dancing with Elephants: A Beginners Guide to Losing Your Mind

by Jarem Sawatsky. **BLOG**

In a world afraid of dying, not achieving and not succeeding, I reflect on the gift of losing my mind. While my blog posts use my experience with Huntington's Disease as a springboard, they raise issues which may be of interest to anyone with dementia or another disability.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18026>



### London Interfaith Peace Camp

ed. Sarah Darsha, The Muslim View, 2015.

Valleyview Mennonite Church has been involved in the London Interfaith Peace Camp for children since its beginning in 2013. This video is an introduction to the vision and goals of this Muslim, Jewish, Christian children's ministry.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/48/18025>



### Faith and Wonder: Living and Telling Stories with Spirit

ed. Sarah Darsha, The Muslim View, 2015.

Each scripture telling is accompanied by story prompts, bits of helpful information, and other simple activities to get you engaged with the story.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/6/18057>

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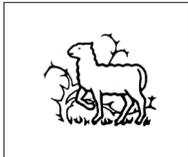
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**A Celebration of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace: A Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
by Sara Erb, First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, 2014. PDF.

A candlelight service for Christmas Eve – based on the advent wreath: candles of hope, love, joy and peace, in addition to the Christ candle.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/17947>



**Anabaptists, the Bible and Violence**  
by Tom Yoder Neufeld, Centre for Anabaptist Studies, 2015. MP3.

The audio recording of the first annual lecture of the Centre of Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, UK.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/46/17912>



**Unsettling Theology: Decolonizing Western Interpretations of Original Sin**  
by Melanie Kampen, 2014. PDF.

This thesis takes up one of the dominant doctrines in Western Christianity, that of original sin, a long-standing theological concept that provided justification for the genocide on the Indigenous peoples of America.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/43/17885>



**Enriching our Communion**  
Packet Resource. PDF.

A sampling of communion worship liturgies, reflections and practices – assembled from CommonWord's recent *Enriching Our Communion* workshop.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/52/18028>

## Advent at Home

by Elsie Rempel

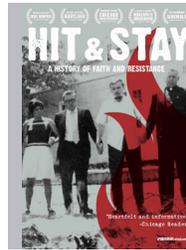


Our popular annual family resource that includes worship ideas, prayers and activities suitable for home.

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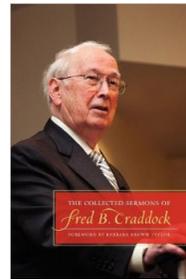
## OTHER NOTEWORTHY TITLES



**Hit & Stay: A History of Faith and Resistance**  
DVD, Brink Vision, 2014

This award-winning documentary tells the inspiring story of a group of radical priests, nuns, and everyday people who risked prison and took on the government to end the Vietnam War.

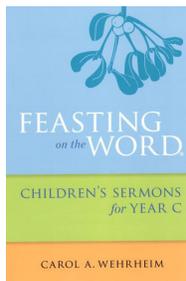
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**The Collected Sermons of Fred B. Craddock**  
by Fred B. Craddock, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011

Fred Craddock has been one of the most important homileticians in the US for the last 40 years. As a teacher of preachers, his influence has spread beyond the classroom through his writings and lecturing.

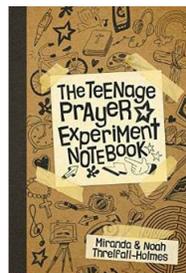
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**Feasting On the Word: Children's Sermons for Year C**  
by Carol A. Wehrheim, Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.

Offers practical suggestions for preparing and delivering the Sunday morning children's story. Also provides a retelling of each Sunday's Bible story – based on the Revised Common Lectionary – for the entire church year.

<http://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/2/18037>



**The Teenage Prayer Experiment Notebook**  
by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes, Noah Threlfall-Holmes, SPCK Publishing, 2015.

Written by a Mom and her teenage son, this book encourages youth to try prayer out (in many forms) for themselves. Also includes comments from other teenagers and space to record your own thoughts.

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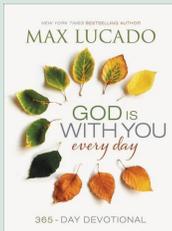


**"Deuteronomy" Believers Church Bible Commentary**  
Gerald Gerbrandt, Herald Press, 2015.

In this insightful commentary, Old Testament scholar Gerald Gerbrandt invites readers to struggle with the difficult passages and to humbly converse with the book's consistently hopeful themes of covenant, land, and leadership.

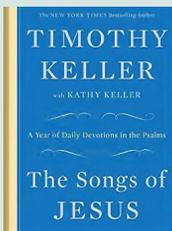
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## new books + music



### **God is With You: 365-Day Devotional** by Max Lucado

These new devotions are personal, practical, and inspirational, reminding readers that no matter what they are facing in life, God is with them every day.



### **The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms** by Timothy Keller

Offers inspiration every day for an entire year based on the Book of Psalms. Each day readers will encounter a fresh, inspiring lesson from one of the most beloved books in the Bible.



### **I Will Not Be Shaken: A Song Writer's Journey Through the Psalms**

by Steve Bell

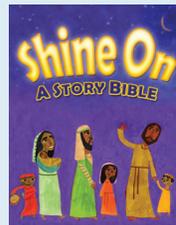
Steve has co-written a book with Pastor Jamie Howison. The CD is 17 of Steve's Psalm-themed songs that he's written over the last 25 years, and the book tells the story of each song with deep meditative reflections on each Psalm.

## bibles for kids



### **The Story For Children: A Storybook Bible** Reg. \$19.99 SALE \$16.99

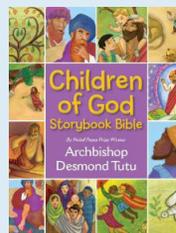
The Story for Children isn't just another collection of Bible stories—it's The Story—the big picture of God's enormous love for his children! Presented by bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado with Randy Frazee and Karen Hill, these 48 pivotal stories show how God has a great and grand and glorious vision, beginning with Creation and ending with the promise that Jesus is coming again.



### **Shine On: A Story Bible** \$27.50 + ONLINE

Each story is beautifully crafted, maintaining the spirit and poetry of the biblical text in language that is fresh and engaging for children. The 320-page hardcover is filled with lively illustrations (from artists around the world) that help children of all ages connect to the stories. As a bonus, sidebars with thought-provoking questions, interesting facts, and simple activities invite families and congregations to take each story a few steps further.

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### **Children of God: Storybook Bible** \$21.50 + ONLINE

Desmond Tutu retells more than 50 of his most beloved stories, artfully highlighting God's desire for all people to love one another and to find peace and forgiveness in their hearts. In an attempt to create the first truly global Bible for children, artists from around the world have been invited to portray the stories with the style and richness of their own culture. Every story shows how God works through history, and ends with a short prayer. Archbishop Tutu's wisdom, compassion, and sense of humor shine throughout, as he reminds us that "We are all God's children."

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### author of the month



#### Ann Voskamp

Ann Voskamp is the wife of one good farmer, the home-educating mama to a half-dozen exuberant kids, and author of the New York Times Bestseller, *The Greatest Gift* (left) and *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are* (right).



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