



WORSHIP CALENDAR


April 5 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160
April 9 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161
April 10 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162
April 12 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163
May 3 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/895
May 31 – Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church secretary

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347

 **View** this issue electronically: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/954. And take advantage of the many “Read More” links

 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web.

1000 Mennonites for Peace

This tax season, let your tax forms work for peace instead of paying for war.

Option A: Declare yourself a Conscientious Objector to military taxation

Option B: Do the same and choose to withhold taxes that would otherwise fund war

In either case please notify jplenert@mennonitechurch.ca so we can tally these Acts for Peace.

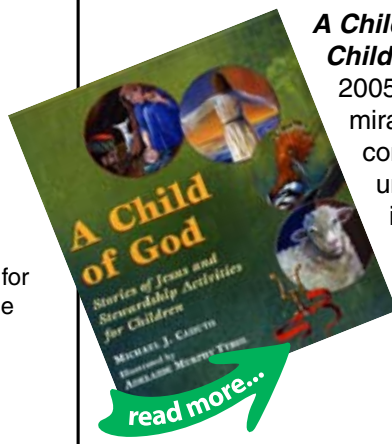
For more information:

- Peace Tax Form
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/946
- Conscience Canada video
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/903
- MC Canada related resources
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/413
- Further resources on conscientious objection
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/414

Our goal is to mobilize 1,000 Mennonites to Act for Peace!

Children's Corner

Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.



A Child of God: Stories of Jesus and Stewardship Activities for Children, by [Michael J. Caduto](#), [Adelaide Murphy Tyrol](#), Paulist Press, 2005. A re-telling of many New Testament stories that highlight the miracles and adventures of Jesus' life as a guide for living in a connected way with all of Creation. Leads children, ages 8-12, to understand the vitality of prayer, the sanctity of Creation and the importance of stewardship and celebration.

 For additional children's books, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168.

Conscience Canada Peace Tax Return 2008

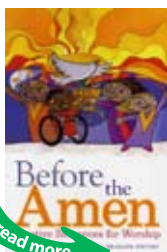
If you work
for peace...



Affirm your refusal to pay for war.
Redirect a symbolic part of your military taxes
OR
Redirect all your military taxes.

New Resources

There are 3 new resources added each day. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing.



Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship edited by [Maren C. Tirabassi](#); [Maria I. Tirabassi](#), Pilgrim Press, 2007. A new worship collection for seasonal and special events from these creative United Church of Christ writers.

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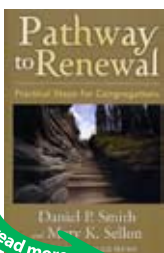
For other worship anthologies, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/834.



All for God's Glory: Redeeming Church Scutwork, [Louis B. Weeks](#), Alban Institute, 2008. Lifts up scutwork (endless emails, phone calls, and meetings) as an integral part of church leadership – even pastoral care.

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For other resources on church administration, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/657.



Pathway to Renewal: Practical Steps for Congregations, by [Daniel P. Smith](#); [Mary K. Sellon](#), Alban Institute, 2008. Offers pastors and congregational leaders a framework for understanding the deep cultural shift facing the congregation during a period of renewal.

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For other church renewal resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/953.



Shaping Your Family's Future, Philhaven, 2007. Although nothing can make parenting easy, this 6-week group study helps mothers and fathers discover the choices they have as new and expectant parents.

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For other parenting resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/183.



Money and Faith edited by [Michael Schut](#), Morehouse Education Resources, 2008. This study guide opens up a taboo subject, challenges people to connect their values with everyday concerns, and demonstrates how we can make a positive difference.

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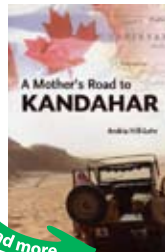
For other stewardship resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/393.



First Nations: Teachings and Practices, Manitoba First Nations Education Centre, 2008. This booklet provides a basic understanding of the traditional teachings and practices of First Nations people.

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For other resources on aboriginal teachings, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/952.



A Mother's Road to Kandahar by [Andria Hill-Lehr](#), Pottersfield Press, 2008. As a spouse of a Canadian Armed Forces officer and a mother of a son deployed to Afghanistan in 2006, she writes of her journey of becoming a peace activist and as "an insider" speaks critically of our government's military programs and policies.

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For other peace/war resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/951.



Faith and Politics after Christendom by [Jonathan Bartley](#), Paternoster Press, 2006. Offers perspectives and resources for Christians and churches no longer at the centre of society but on the margins.

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For other church and state resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/617.

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Sacred Space: A Hands-On Guide to Creating Multisensory Worship Experiences for Youth Ministry by [Dan Kimball](#); [Lilly Lewin](#), Zondervan, 2008. Provides dozens of creative ideas/practices to help students engage scripture and apply the lesson to their own lives.

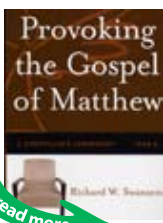
➔ **For other spiritual practice resources for youth ministry, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/507.**



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God in my Life: faith stories & how & why we share them by [Maren C. Tirabassi](#); [Maria I Tirabassi](#), Pilgrim Press, 2008. Anthology of faith stories that share how God is active and engaged in adolescence.

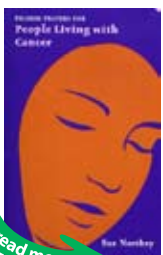
➔ **For other resources on faith sharing, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/950.**



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Provoking the Gospel of Matthew by [Richard W. Swanson](#), Pilgrim Press, 2007. A new rendering of the gospel, set in a storytelling framework, that serves to provoke the reader to look for new and lively readings of Matthew.

➔ **For other volumes in this storytelling commentary series, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/949.**



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Pilgrim Prayers for People Living with Cancer by [Sue Northey](#), Pilgrim Press, 2004. Provides short stories of courage, faith, and prayer that remind us that love can endure a variety of life's trials.

➔ **For other resources on faith and cancer, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/948.**



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Reel Spirituality: Theology and Film in Dialogue by [Robert K. Johnston](#), Baker Publishing Group, 2006. Reel Spirituality traces the powerful role that movies play in our cultural dialogue and guides Christian moviegoers into a theological analysis of film.

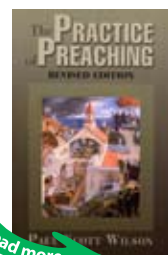
➔ **For other film and faith resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/782.**



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Reverse Mentoring: How Young Leaders can Transform the Church by [Earl Creps](#), Jossey-Bass, 2008. Offers ways older church leaders can learn from younger leaders who are more conversant with culture, technology, and social context.

➔ **For other resources on technology and the church, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/799.**



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The Practice of Preaching by [Paul Scott Wilson](#), Abingdon Press, 2007. A creative tool for making the weekly text become a homiletic reality.

➔ **For other preaching guides, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/715.**



DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny is our short-hand way of making our links as accessible to you as possible. Not many of us have the patience to re-enter an 80-character URL address! Use the dozens of convenient "tiny URLs" in this issue to direct you to new and related resources.

Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to many websites – here are some recent additions:

- *War Resister's Support Campaign* – www.resisters.ca. Learn more about the campaign that calls Canada to welcome American war objectors.
- *The Thoughtful Christian: Study Packets for Youth and Adults* – www.thethoughtfulchristian.com. Download short studies for a small fee.
- *Seeds of Hope: Hope for the Healing of Hunger and Poverty* – www.seedspublishers.org. Many free educational and worship resources on the theme of poverty.
- *Proost* – <http://www.proost.co.uk>. A wide range of “alternative worship” products (video, audio, print) for a small fee.
- *Online Labyrinth* – <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/paradigm/>. Take a moment to “walk” the labyrinth online.
- *Movie Ministry* – www.movieministry.com. Connects movie clips with various themes and scripture texts, for a fee.
- *Emerging Church.info* – www.emergingchurch.info/index.htm. An interactive forum regarding the new “emerging” ways of being church.
- *Church Pandemic Resources* – www.churchpandemicresources.ca. An MC Canada online resource to help congregations prepare for and respond in the event of a pandemic.

Do you have any sites to recommend? Let us know!

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



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Welcome Aboard: Introduction for Passengers on North Star Flight 2009 by Lois Ewert, North Star Mennonite Church, SK. Those who attended the recent MC Saskatchewan delegate assembly in Drake were welcomed by two flight attendants – and this creative, humorous skit. Use as a template for your next group welcome or introduction!

→ **For other original materials, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479**

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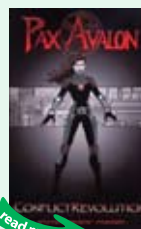
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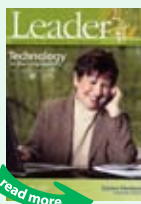
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The Dark Night: A Gift of God, by [Daniel P. Schrock](#), Herald Press, 2009. Rooting the experience in scripture, Schrock demystifies the spiritually dry periods in the lives of Christians.



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Pax Avalon: Conflict Revolution by [Steven "Reece" Friesen](#), Herald Press, 2008. Blessed with an incredible gift, Julianna "Pax" Embry in this graphic novel must choose between the glamour of celebrity and the mission of peacemaker.



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Preview a Periodical

Leader. Published quarterly, it includes regular leadership columns and seasonal worship resources. The *Spring 2009* edition is on “technology and the congregation” and has the worship materials for the Pentecost season.

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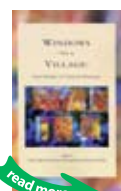


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Spiritual Caregiving in the Hospital: Windows to Chaplaincy Ministry, edited by [Leah Dawn Bueckert](#); [Daniel S. Schipani](#), 2006. Celebrates the unique contribution of hospital chaplains, fosters understanding and support for their work, and seeks to elicit interest in their ministry of spiritual caregiving.



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Windows to a Village: Life Studies of Yarrow Pioneers edited by [Robert Martens](#); [Maryann Tjart Jantzen](#); [Harvey Neufeldt](#), 2007. A unique social-historical, composite portrait of Yarrow, BC, and its people.

→ **See all of Pandora Press's titles at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/387.**