

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR

Oct 4 - World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1084](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1084)  
Oct 25 - Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1130](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1130)  
Nov 8 - Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1075](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1075)  
Nov 15 - Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061)  
Advent/Christmas -  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)

## DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

**Loaned books  
shipped free**

– both ways –  
anywhere in Canada!

## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

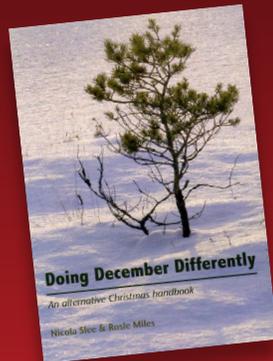
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planners, education  
coordinator, and church  
secretary

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members to subscribe:  
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 **View** this issue  
electronically at  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1149](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1149) and connect with  
our online catalogue

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

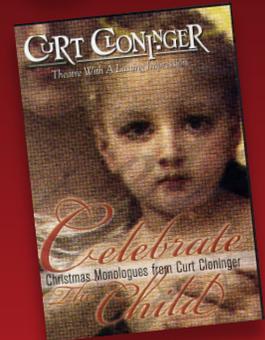
# are you ready for Christmas? *we can help!*



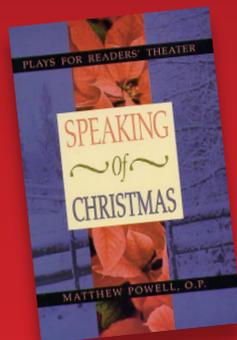
**Doing December Differently**  
Subject: *Alternative Christmas*



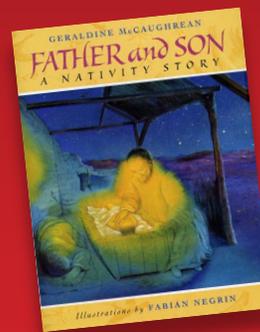
**Sacred Search:**  
*Encountering God during Advent*  
Subject: *Christmas curriculum*



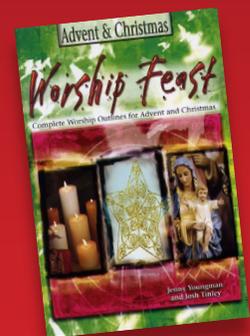
**Celebrate the Child DVD**  
Subject: *Christmas devotionals*



**Speaking of Christmas:**  
*Plays for Readers' Theatre*  
Subject: *Christmas drama*



**Father and Son:**  
*A Nativity Story*  
Subject: *Children's Christmas*

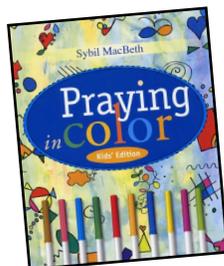


**Worship Feast:**  
*Advent and Christmas*  
Subject: *Christmas Worship*

Or check other Advent resources - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)

## Children's Corner

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



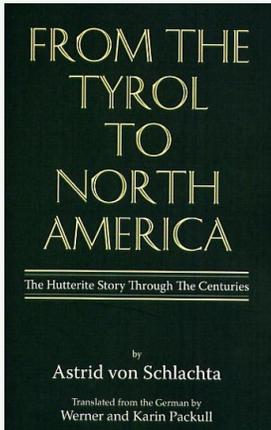
**Praying in Colour: Kids' Edition**  
by Sybil MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2009.

This new form of prayer makes sense to kids. Drawing with markers or crayons is half the prayer; the other half is carrying the visual memories throughout the day.

For additional children's books, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168)

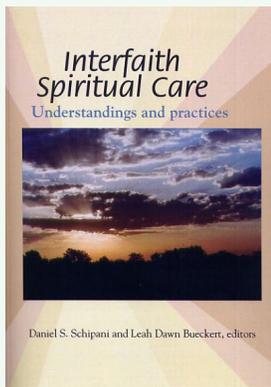
## From our Partners

### Pandora Press



***From the Tyrol to North America: The Hutterite Story through the Centuries***  
by Astrid von Schlachta;  
translated by Werner Packull  
and Karin Packull.

The Hutterite sojourn – a story of incredible odds, of success as well as failure, a chronicle of faith in the face of oppression – is one of the fascinating sagas of the last five hundred years.



***Interfaith Spiritual Care: Understandings and Practices***  
edited by Daniel S. Schipani,  
Leah Dawn Bueckert.

For spiritual caregivers in the hospital and other settings as they encounter the growing plurality of faith traditions and expressions among care receivers and colleagues.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

***Do You See What I See? Christmas Eve Candlelight Service***  
by Ray Friesen, Emmaus Mennonite Church, SK.

Using Harry Potter as a starting point, Ray Friesen's dramatic script invites people to see God at work, even in unexpected places. Includes speaking parts, solos and choir numbers. Download at - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1141](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1141)

✉ Share your church's original material

We're looking for more original Advent and Christmas resources as we approach the season.

Submit yours at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

## Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Combat Paper Project [www.combatpaper.org](http://www.combatpaper.org)

Through papermaking workshops veterans use their uniforms to create cathartic works of art.



A Million Minutes for Peace

[www.odysseynetworks.org](http://www.odysseynetworks.org)

Sign up and pledge to pray for peace on the UN International Day of Peace and beyond.



Mennonite Heritage Portrait

[www.mennoniteheritageportrait.ca](http://www.mennoniteheritageportrait.ca)

Explore the Mennonite experience in the Waterloo, ON region through historic photo collections and archives, using features such as GPS, environmental applications, and blogs.



Artwork by Janet McKenzie  
[www.janetmckenzie.com](http://www.janetmckenzie.com)

Using a variety of female cultural forms, the artist has created many empowering sacred portraits.



World Council of Churches

Worship Services on Reconciliation  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1062](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1062)

Use these worship outlines to engage in the UN campaign on reconciliation.



Mennonite Committee on Human Rights  
[www.mennosforhumanrights.org](http://www.mennosforhumanrights.org)

Explore the intersection of human rights and Anabaptist-Mennonite faith.



Do you have any sites to recommend?

**CMU Bookstore**  
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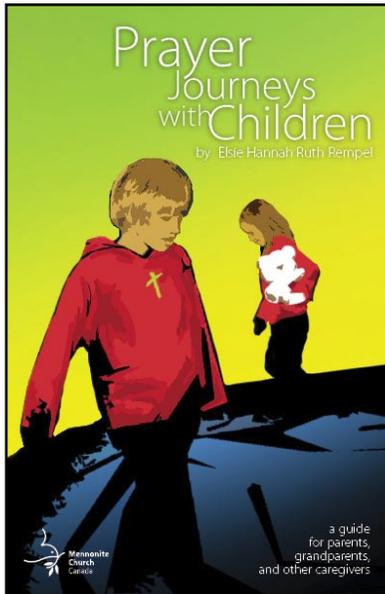
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## From Mennonite Church Canada

Our catalogue links you to hundreds of **free downloads**, including these recent additions.

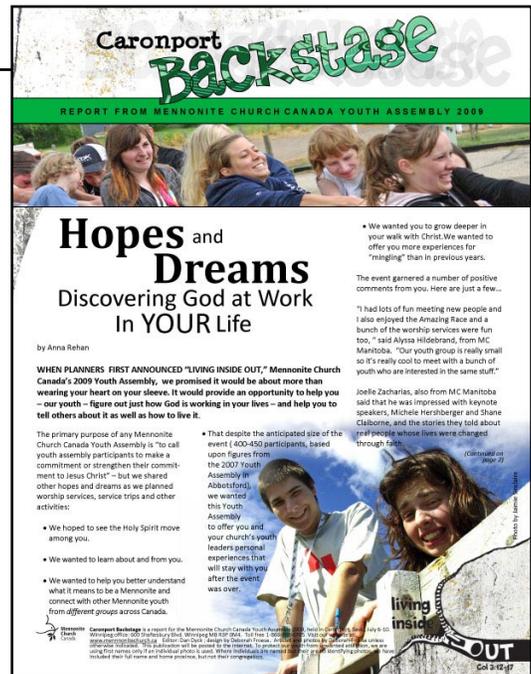


### ***Caronport Backstage***

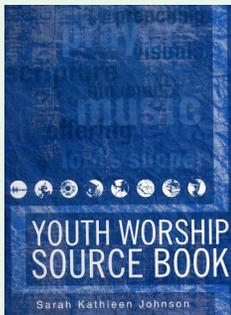
A 16 page full-colour news report on the happenings at the MC Canada Youth Assembly this past July.

### ***Forming Faith: Prayer Journeys with Children***

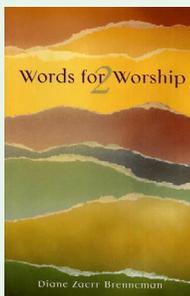
What is meant by children's spirituality? What are some strategies that can help all of us mentor the children God has entrusted us with?



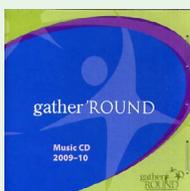
## From our Press



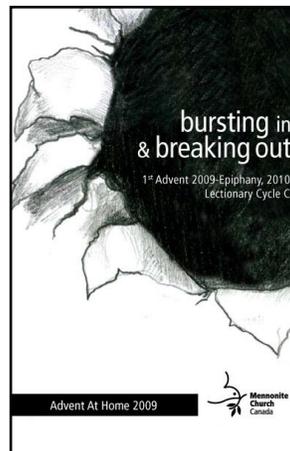
***Youth Worship Sourcebook***  
by Sarah Kathleen Johnson.  
A flexible curriculum to guide youth in understanding worship and leading creative, meaningful worship experiences.



***Words for Worship 2***  
A dynamic source of worship materials gathered from across our constituency. Also includes sample worship services.



***2009-2010 Gather'Round Music CD.***  
20 teachable songs for Sunday School music leaders – that accompanies this year's *Gather'Round* curriculum. Engineered by Bryan Moyer Suderman. Also a good children's album for the home!



### ***Bursting In and Breaking Out Advent 2009 At-Home resource***

Family prayers and activities adapted from the lectionary worship resources in *Leader* magazine.

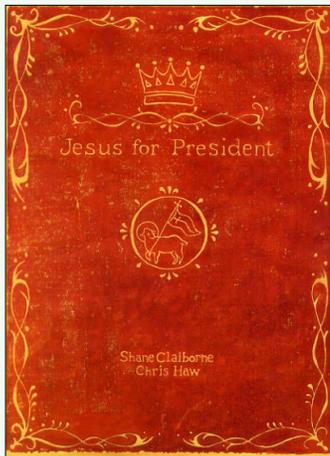
## DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

last month (Aug 2009), our **free** downloadable files were accessed over **10,000** times?

That's a record – and puts us in reach of our goal of 100,000 by year-end (double the traffic from 2008).

Browse our catalogue for downloads contributed by MC Canada staff, pastors and many others from our congregations.

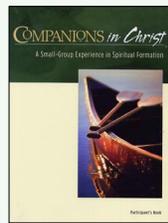
Contribute your own electronic resource – see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1082](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1082) for more details.



**Jesus for President DVD**

by Shane Claiborne; Chris Haw, Zondervan, 2008.  
Subject: [Jesus](#)

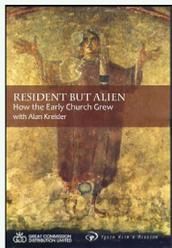
Join the “Jesus for President” tour as Shane and Chris issue a radical manifesto to awaken the Christian political imagination, reminding us that our ultimate hope lies not in partisan political options but in Jesus and the church as a people “set apart” from his world. Includes discussion guide.



**Companions in Christ: A Small-Group Experience in Spiritual Formation**

Upper Room Books, 2006.  
Subject: [Spiritual Formation](#)

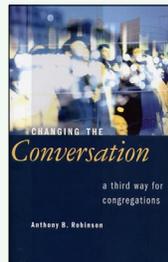
A 28-week journey that offers small groups a powerfully transforming experience in spiritual formation, while exploring classic spiritual practices and inviting participants to develop daily patterns that open their lives to a deepening relationship with God and one another.



**Resident but Alien: How the Early Church Grew**

DVD, by Alan Kreider, 2009.  
Subject: [Christian History/Identity](#)

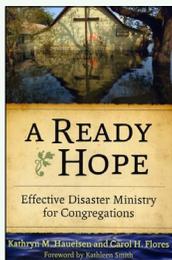
Six 30-minute presentations by AMBS professor Alan Kreider on the growth of the early church – despite discrimination and persecution.



**Changing the Conversation: A Third Way for Congregations**

by Anthony B. Robinson, Wm B Eerdmans, 2008.  
Subject: [Church Renewal](#)

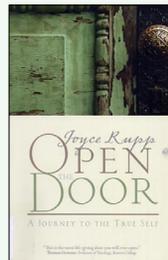
The author invites church leaders and members into ten crucial conversations that will change their congregation’s culture and help them respond with greater vitality, effectiveness, and faithfulness to our postmodern culture and its challenges.



**A Ready Hope: Effective Disaster Ministry for Congregations**

by Kathryn M. Hauelsen; Carol H. Flores, Alban Institute, 2009.  
Subject: [Disaster/Pandemic](#)

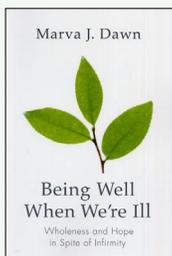
12 lessons that detail the predictable phases of disaster recovery at both the individual and community level and lift up helpful and unhelpful ways that congregational leaders and members can be involved in disaster response efforts.



**Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self**

by Joyce Rupp, Sorin Books, 2008.  
Subject: [Spiritual Life](#)

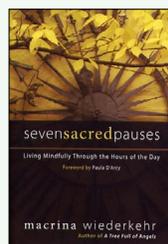
Rupp explores the rich image of the door as an invitation to spiritual growth and a “God-awareness.”



**Being Well when We're Ill: Wholeness and Hope in Spite of Infirmity**

by Marva J. Dawn, Augsburg Fortress, 2008  
Subject – [Theology of Suffering](#)

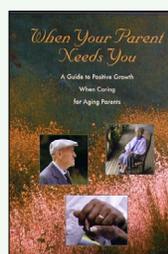
Provocative and uplifting, this book – written by one who has both extensive theological expertise and multiple infirmities – offers spiritual resources, emotional support, intellectual answers, and practical solutions that enable persons with infirmities to persevere through them and to be well.



**Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully through the Hours of the Day**

by Macrina Wiederkehr, Sorin Books, 2008.  
Subject: [Morning/Evening Prayers](#)

Using scripture, poetry, reflections, and personal stories, the collection is a wonderful gift for those who seek to find balance in their busy days and bring the practice of the Divine Office home to their own hearts.



**When Your Parent Needs You: A Guide to Positive Growth when Caring for Aging Parents**

DVD, Paraclete Press, 2004.  
Subject: [Aging Parents](#)

This DVD focuses on the positive aspects of caregiving and on what caregivers can obtain from their experience.