

Resource Update

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Highlighting resources for Worship Planners...

Spring and Summer Celebrations

April 27 – June 8: 'The Season of Easter.'

"The Season of Easter celebrated by the early church (versus a more recent tradition of celebrating only Easter Sunday) is returning to enliven and energize the worship of the contemporary church! This season begins on Easter Sunday and continues for the next 50 days to Pentecost and birth of the church." See the February Equipping packet for the resource from Marilyn Houser Hamm. Worship material for this season was printed in the February *Builder*.

April 27: 'Evangelism and Church Planting Sunday.'

The theme is 'Peace be with You' - John 20:19. "It is no coincidence that Evangelism and Church Planting Sunday falls on the first Sunday after Easter, for our outreach can be based on nothing else but encountering the risen Jesus." (from worship material). Worship

material was sent in the February Equipping packet and can be found online at www.mennonitechurch.ca.

May 11: 'Christian Family Sunday.'

Mother's and Father's Day are days of honouring our parents; this Sunday is a day to celebrate the whole household. See the other side of this sheet for worship service ideas.

June 8: 'Pentecost.'

The Jubilee Celebrations Book #1 has some great ideas for celebrating the birth of the church. If you do not have this book, give us a call.

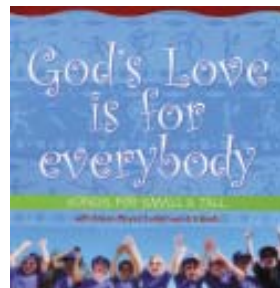
June: 'Blessing of Graduating Students.'

Some congregations have created a tradition for blessing their graduating students. Give us a call if you would like to see an example of this.

Summer Worship Series Ideas:



Jonah and God's Big Love: A learning experience for adults and children together. This resource offers congregations an intergenerational experience of Bible study. Each of the four sessions offers both worship and activity ideas. To preview this material give us a call.



God's Love is for Everybody C.D. and activity idea book. This rich resource could become the basis for a series of summer worship experiences. Call us to preview or order from Faith and Life Resources.

To receive any of the above resources:

Call 1-800-665-1954

(direct toll-free line to the Resource Centre)

Email: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

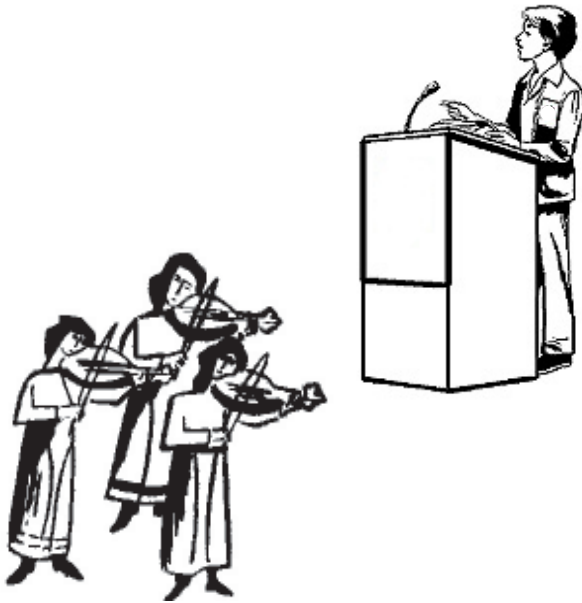
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If you are in the area, please drop in at

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We're here for you!

Kathy Giesbrecht / Connie Loepky



Christian Family Sunday

10 Ways to involve families in the Worship Service

- 1) Invite a family to serve as ushers
- 2) Invite a young family to play the Prelude
- 3) Invite a family to present Scripture as a Reader's Theatre
- 4) Invite all families to bring a 'family photo' for a wall display.
- 5) Invite a family to do the children's story.
- 6) Invite a family to present a drama.
- 7) Invite a family to provide music for the service.
- 8) Invite a (brave) family to do the sermon.
- 9) Invite a family to provide snacks for 'post-service visiting time'.
- 10) Invite each family to submit one good 'family activity' idea to the bulletin.



* encourage single adult families/households to also participate

Remember to pass this resource on to someone else!