

Resource Update

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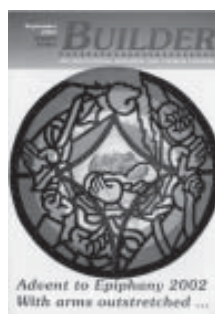
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Highlighting resources for Worship planners...

Awaiting Christ's Coming...

Why do we wait for each year as if Christ has not yet come? Fred Craddock puts it this way, "God's coming in Jesus is an event which shatters our time sequences and we find ourselves remembering tomorrow and looking forward to yesterday."



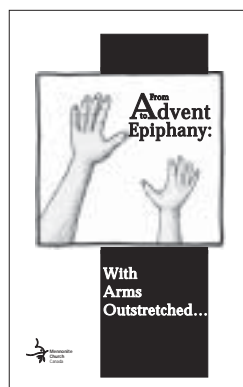
To help congregations with their planning for this time in the church year, the Northwest Ohio writing team for Advent 2002 has designed material for Advent to Epiphany 2002.

These September Builder booklets are available for \$3.50 + GST + mailing. For

more material and ideas to supplement this material check www.mph.org.

Advent Household Devotional Booklet:

From Advent to Epiphany: With Arms Outstretched.



A sample copy of this resource for the home is included in this packet. This piece was written by Elsie Rempel, Director of Christian Education and Nurture. We encourage our church households to use this devotional during Advent time. Available from the Resource Centre. \$1.75 each + GST + mailing.

*More Advent ideas are available at the Resource Centre: candle lighting ceremonies, monologues and other services.

Peace Sunday Worship ideas

Mennonite Central Committee Ontario created this year's resource packet. Included are excellent worship materials, including calls to worship, sermon ideas, songs, children's stories and much more. If you did not receive this valuable material, call your nearest MCC office.

Prayer for peace: by Henry Paetkau, Mennonite Church Canada Denominational Minister:

Prayer of Invocation:

Almighty God, we come into your holy presence with awe and wonder. In your wisdom you created us in your own image; in your mercy you have redeemed us through Jesus, your Son. We confess that we do not always acknowledge your Lordship, nor our common ancestry and destiny in you.

Look down with compassion on our narrowness of mind and smallness of heart. Forgive the arrogance and selfishness which infects our hearts; break down the walls that separate us, neighbour from neighbour and nation from nation. Unite us, we pray, in a love that is greater than our fickle affections, so that in your good time, all nations and peoples may know and serve you in peace and harmony.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Book titles for your Worship Resource Shelf

(These books are available for purchase from the CMU bookstore by calling 1-800-665-1954)

Music in Worship: A Mennonite Perspective edited by Bernie Neufeld.

Come as a Child: Children's Sermons to See and Hear by Jim Penner and Scott Sinclair
Stories for little Children by Donna McKee Rhodes

More Little Stories by Donna McKee Rhodes

Even More Little Stories by Donna McKee Rhodes



To receive any of the above resources:

Call 1-800-665-1954

(direct toll-free line to the Resource Centre)

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We're here for you!

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