



**Mennonite Church Canada**

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# Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Sunday school, Family Ministry & Worship...

**Need resources? We're easy to find!** 1-866-888-6785 toll free 204-831-5675 fax  
resources@mennonitechurch.ca www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre

**Reminder:** You can always check the **Resource Centre webpage** and browse our online catalogue, peruse our recent acquisitions or check out past issues of Update.

## CALENDAR

### October

31 Mennonite Heritage Sunday

### November

7 Peace Sunday

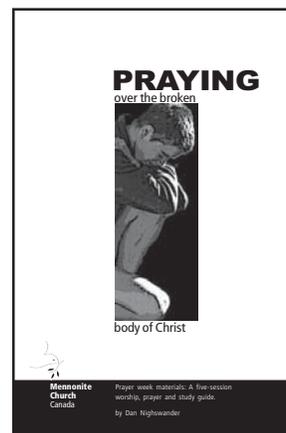
28 First Advent

### December

25 Christmas

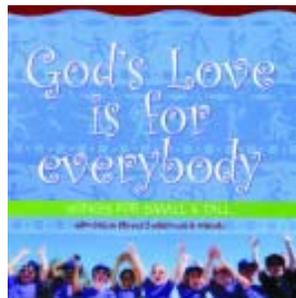
## Prayer Week Materials - Coming Soon!

In this Equipping packet you will find an information flyer on this year's Prayer Week guide, "Praying over the Broken Body of Christ." Written by Dan Nighswander, the guide invites us into reflection both on the Biblical letter of 1 Corinthians and also on life in our churches. The format is intended for group study, and provides reflection questions and worship suggestions as well as commentary on the issues. A helpful "suggested structure for study and prayer" makes it easy for group leaders to get the most value out of this experience. One copy will be sent to each congregation in the next issue of Equipping; more copies can be ordered from the Resource Centre.



## Christmas Gift Ideas

Here are some music ideas for your Christmas gift list, available for sale at the Resource Centre:



**God's Love is for Everybody: Songs for Small and Tall** by Bryan Moyer Suderman and friends. \$16.95, plus GST

**Up to the Mountain: Songs for Worship**, by Mennonite Church Canada. \$6.00, plus GST

**Out of the Blue: Marimba Favourites from the Blue Hymnal**, by Darrell Bueckert. \$20.00, plus GST

**Best Loved Bible Stories: 3 CD pack**, by Steve Bell and friends. \$25.00, plus GST

## Circulate your worship materials here!

Congregations are always looking for current, tested resources from our member congregations. Email, fax or post us your copy of a special service, litany or celebration, and we'll pass it on.

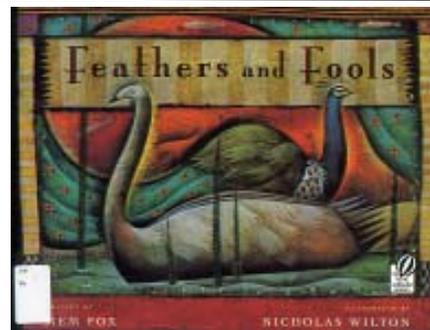
## Children's Corner

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

### Feathers and Fools

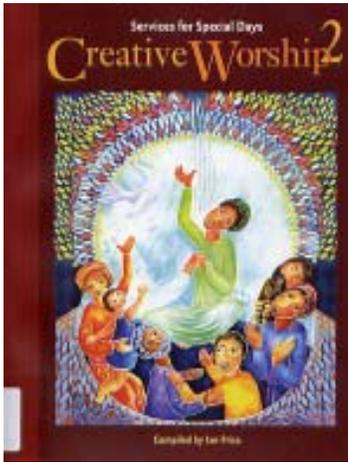
by Mem Fox

The story of two flocks of birds that feared each other because of their differences. As their fear grew, they soon became enemies, hoarding many weapons to protect themselves. Would the chance for peace be lost forever? A poignant story that highlights the arbitrariness of perceived differences that lead to fear, and the real possibilities of friendship, based on shared commonalities. A good Peace Sunday resource for elementary children.



# Christmas Resources

Need Advent suggestions? Worship materials? Christmas Eve program ideas? Activities and devotions for your family at home? Are you looking for simple, alternative ways to celebrate Christmas? Here's just a sample of what we can provide:



## Worship

*Creative Worship*, by Ian Price, Wood Lake Books, 1999.

*Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources and Readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany*, by the Iona Community, Wild Goose Worship Group, 2000.

*Untold Stories of Advent*, by Mark Vincent, Faith and Life Press, 1993.

*Kneeling in Bethlehem*, by Ann Weems, Westminster Press, 1987.

*Tracks in the Straw: Tales Spun from the Manger*, by Ted Loder, Innisfree Press, 1997.

## Alternatives

*Simplify and Celebrate: Embracing the Soul of Christmas*, by Alternatives, Northstone, 1997.

*A Simple Christmas: Hundreds of Ways to bring Christ and Joy back into Christmas in the Spirit of More With Less*, by Alice Chapin, Herald Press, 1998.

*To Celebrate: Reshaping Holidays and Rites of Passage*, Alternatives, 1987.

[www.buynothingchristmas.org](http://www.buynothingchristmas.org) offers many alternative activities, songs, adult and youth curriculum and more.

## Family

*Come! Walk in the Light of Day!* by Elsie Rempel, Mennonite Church Canada, 2004.

*How Can This Be? Table Devotions for Advent*, by Rose Mary Stutzman, Mennonite Publishing House, 1996.

## Programs

Many programs, both published and others made available from our constituent churches. Check our website for materials that you may download:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/seasonal/christmas/index.htm](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/seasonal/christmas/index.htm)

**Note:** Seasonal materials are available for a shortened two-week (in Winnipeg) or three-week loan (by mail).

## To serve you better, a new Lending Policy

As of October 6, 2004, the Resource Centre has adopted the following policy guidelines.

- The loan remains free — and we will pay the postage for shipping books.
- A new flat rate shipping charge for videos and kits balances costs across the country.
- Shorter loans for seasonal materials, making them available to more people.
- Guidelines regarding overdue material will allow items to circulate more quickly and allow others to place holds and reservations.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

[resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

## Usership:

Our services are available free-of-charge to:

- MC Canada constituents
- CMU faculty, staff and students

We also welcome other Canadians to use our Centre:

- \$10.00 annual fee
- \$5.00 video rental fee
- \$10.00 video kit rental fee

We do not ship items outside of Canada.

## Length of loan:

- Regular loan = 4 weeks
- Seasonal materials = 2 weeks in Winnipeg; 3 weeks by mail
- Faith and Life curriculum = 2 weeks in Winnipeg; 3 weeks by mail (preview only)

## Renewals:

All items may be renewed for an additional two-week period, subject to demand.

## Overdues:

After a short "grace period," the borrower will be charged the full replacement costs for item(s) overdue.

## Shipping Costs:

- Book shipment is free. We pay postage, both ways.
- A flat \$7.00 shipping charge (anywhere in Canada) is applied to all other shipments. The borrower also pays the return postage.

## Copyright Restrictions:

It is illegal to duplicate a video or charge admission for its showing. It is also unlawful to photocopy printed materials.

## Damage:

Any damage to an item(s) should be reported immediately. The borrower will assume the related costs.