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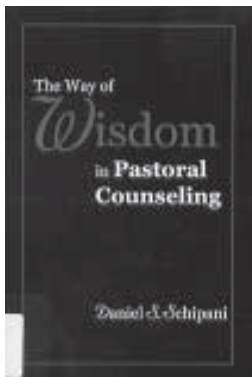
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Highlighting Resources for Christian Education and Worship ...

New Lending Resources



The Way of Wisdom in Pastoral Counseling by Daniel S. Schipani.

“Daniel Schipani’s groundbreaking book relocates pastoral care and counseling where it belongs—in the mainstream of the theological tradition. He recovers a biblical understanding of wisdom and moves beyond a medical paradigm to an approach of pastoral ministry

that fosters growth in wisdom in the context of the natural vulnerabilities and celebrations of lived experience. Bringing both biblical and psychological insights to bear on engaging case studies, this book embodies all that is best in contemporary practical theology.” —David Lyall, *University of Edinburgh*



Radical Gratitude, by Mary Jo Leddy.

“In a cynical time, in an ungrounded space, Mary Jo Leddy gives us both needed gratefulness and absolute ground. As always, her analysis of the problem and her synthesis of a solution make for good spiritual food.”

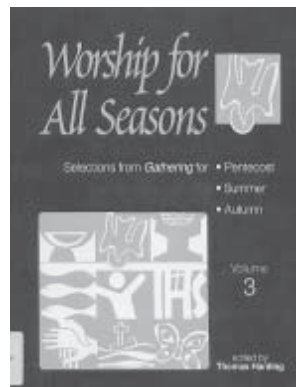
—Richard Rohr, *O.F.M., Center for Action and Contemplation*



Banners for Worship by Carol Jean Harms.

“With Banners for Worship, you can learn how to make attractive banners yourself! Both the novice and experienced banner maker will benefit from the handy guidelines and clever techniques developed especially for this book.”—*from back cover*

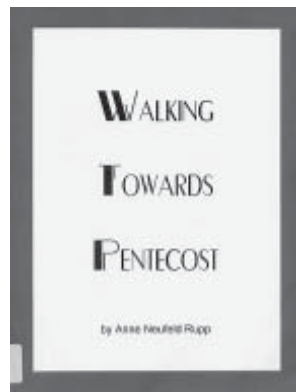
Worship Resources for Pentecost



Worship for All Seasons edited by Thomas Harding.

“In this volume, the third of the series, worship planners will find inspirational resources to support faith communities living in “Ordinary Time” or the post-Pentecost season. Drawn from recent issues of the periodical ‘Gathering’, volume 3 offers innovative service suggestions for the

season of Pentecost and the final weeks of the church year.”—*from back cover*



Walking Towards Pentecost, by Anne Neufeld Rupp.

This book focuses on the excitement, surprise and joy evoked by the post resurrection appearances. Each story moves from one to the next, climaxing in Pentecost, the birth of the church. The book contains three parts, beginning with the Easter story and moving Sunday by Sunday

towards Pentecost. Each division has a specific focal point, yet parts of any section are interchangeable with another. —*from back cover*

SEND US YOUR STUFF

The Resource Centre is always on the look-out for worship materials being created by congregations. Send us a copy of special services, litanies or celebrations that you have created. This passing on of resources enables us to share them with other congregations who are looking for ideas and inspiration. Mail or email your stuff!

New Children's Story Worship Resource !

Have you noticed how positively the whole congregation responds when the children's story brings a scripture theme to life in concrete ways? This is not because the storyteller is preaching over the children to the rest of the congregation. When the essence of the gospel text is distilled effectively in a children's story, it resonates deeply within the experiential realm of our souls, no matter our age.

Good children's stories add to our worship when they are geared to the age level that has gathered, are succinct, have one biblical point or theme, connect that theme to the current context of the gathered children in a concrete way, include opportunities to reflect or respond to the topic and share the Good News.

To help facilitate such intergenerational worship experiences, Mennonite Church Canada is testing the addition of children's story resources on the worship resources page of our website for the fall of 2004.

We have acquired the services of three gifted children's storytellers who are known to do all of the above as they serve in their congregations. They have agreed to develop stories on the lectionary gospel texts for September, October, and November. These storytellers are Barrett Plett from Bethel Mennonite Church (Winnipeg), Joanne Peters from Bergthal Mennonite Church (Didsury), and Miriam Rempel from Home Street Mennonite Church (Winnipeg).



Your feedback and recommendations will be important for helping Mennonite Church Canada shape this new way of helping our congregations be both child friendly and Bible centered.

You can help!

Is there a gifted Children's Storyteller in your congregation whom we could approach with such an assignment? Please let us know by sending your recommendations to Elsie Rempel, erempel@mennonitechurch.ca,

1-866-888-6785, or fax 204-831-5675.

Available for Fall 2004!