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#### CALENDAR

##### September

26 Congregational Life Sunday

##### October

3 Worldwide Communion Sunday

11 Thanksgiving Sunday

31 Mennonite Heritage Sunday

##### November

7 Peace Sunday

27 First Advent

#### 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.

# Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Sunday School, Prayer/Spirituality, & Worship...

## Sunday School

### New video curriculum for ... ...Adults/Small groups

**Faith Lessons.** Five volumes (Promised Land, Prophets and Kings, Life and Ministry of the Messiah, Death and Resurrection of the Messiah, Early Church), each including 2 videos, Leader's Guide and Participant's Guide. Filmed on location in Israel, this unique series weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, offering an interactive journey that is both faith-inspiring and life-changing.

### ...Parents

#### **Raising Great Kids:**

**Parenting with Grace and Truth.** For parents of preschoolers. Six sessions that highlight six important character traits parents want to instill in their children: connection, responsibility, reality, competence, morality, worship/spiritual life. Comes with one video, Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide.



### ...Youth

#### **Which Way to God? A Christian Look at World Religions.**

This course explores the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism and Buddhism, from a Christian perspective. Youth learn what it means to be Christian in the context of these religions and they become more confident in their own faith. Includes a Leader's Guide, youth newspapers, and a video.



### ...Youth/Adult

#### **A Force More Powerful.**

A two-part documentary series on one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's most important and least-known stories – how non-violent power overcame oppression and authoritarian rule. Includes stories from India (Ghandi), USA (civil rights), South Africa (apartheid) and many more.



### Children (K-Gr 8) Curriculum

**Centered Teaching: A Supplement for Teaching Jubilee: God's Good News** (Fall Quarter, Cycle B: God's People on the Move). Following the themes and texts of *Jubilee*, each session includes additional Bible story formats, wondering questions, new response activities and worship suggestions, all adaptable to traditional or broadly-graded groups. Can be used either to introduce a new broadly-graded Sunday School format or to "refresh" existing materials and methodology.

#### **Gather 'Round: Hearing and Sharing**

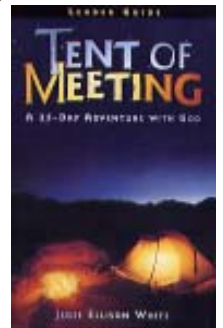
**God's Good News.** This is the name of the new Brethren and Mennonite children's curriculum that will be available from Faith and Life Resources in the fall of 2006, as a successor to *Jubilee*. Watch for further details in the next months.

## Prayer/Spirituality Resources for...

### ...Youth

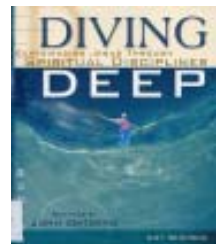
#### **Tent of Meeting: A 25-Day Adventure with God**

by Julie Ellison White. This Faith and Life resource offers youth five spiritual disciplines that have enriched the lives of Christians for centuries (Prayer of Examen, Fasting, Lectio Divina, Daily Office, Intercessory Prayer). Involves both group and individual times. Comes with Leader's Guide and Youth Journal.



#### **Diving Deep: Experiencing Jesus through Spiritual Disciplines.**

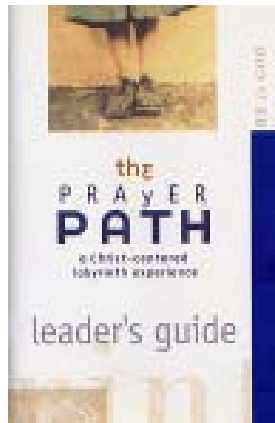
Thirteen interactive lessons for training youth in the spiritual disciplines. This resource also includes a retreat plan. Comes with Leader's Guide and six participants' journals.



## ...Youth/Adult

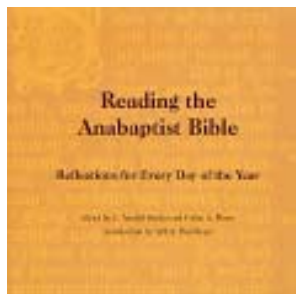
### *The Prayer Path: A Christ-centred Labyrinth Experience.*

With this bucket of resources, you will be able to create your own multi-media labyrinth for a unique guided prayer and devotional adventure. Eleven stations on the journey lead you to “let go” of the busyness, “centre” your life on God, and “reach out” to the world with Christ’s love. Comes with Leader’s Guide, participants’ guides, video, CD.



## Come! Walk in the light of day!

At-Home Family Advent Resource, by Elsie Rempel. Many churches, in recent years have offered these At-Home resources to their families. A good way to connect Sunday worship with family devotions. Includes six weeks of reflections, prayers and activities from First Advent, 2004 to Epiphany 2005, Lectionary Cycle A. Will be soon available free online at the Mennonite Church Canada website, or for a nominal charge from the Resource Centre.



**Reading the Anabaptist Bible: Reflections for Every Day of the Year.** A unique day book with one page of meditative readings set for each day of the year. Every daily reading is composed of two primary elements: a Bible passage for the day, and an Anabaptist

testimony reflecting on the biblical words.

## New worship resources:



**Leader, Fall 2004.** This issue on “Discernment” has just been released. In addition to excellent feature articles, it includes the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany worship resources. Call Faith and Life Resources to begin your subscription (1-800-245-7894 or 519-747-5722).

Leader subscribers will want to download other worship resources at

[www.leaderonline.org](http://www.leaderonline.org). Included are an Advent retreat plan, Psalm readings, and extra helps for visuals and music.

**Online Children’s Lectionary Stories.** Following the lectionary but stumped with the children’s story? Check the MC Canada website for weekly stories based on the lectionary texts, beginning August 29 ([www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/sermons&worship](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/sermons&worship)).

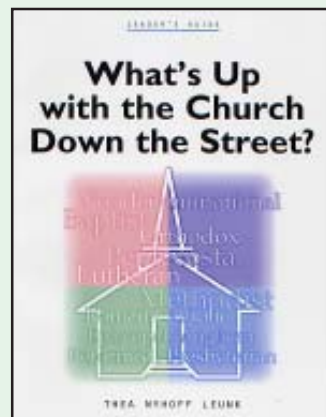
## Coming soon Online:

### *Intergenerational Christmas Program.*

This program will be based on the Advent lessons in *Jubilee* and will also be closely harmonized with the *Centered Teaching* supplement. Look for it at the MC Canada website by late September.

## Other New Educational Resources

**Unsettled Weather: How do I Forgive?** Because forgiveness is not simply taught, but requires each person to find the courage and motivation to forgive, this study’s methodology is very practical and experiential, engaging both the head and the heart. Wilma Derksen offers a storytelling approach that allows each participant to share their own experiences. This becomes the catalyst for further action and reflection. Look for this resource in your own church office or library – one complimentary copy was distributed to each congregation at this summer’s Assembly in Winkler.



**What’s Up With the Church Down the Street?** This ten-session curriculum will help youth understand the beliefs and practices of other Christian denominations (including Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed, Episcopal/Anglican, Radicals and Reformers, Baptist,

Methodist, Holiness and Pentecostal, Nondenominational). Written from a Reformed perspective. Includes Leader’s Guide and participant newspapers. Each session also includes suggestions for adapting the material for adult use.

**Closer Than A Brother: Building Deeper Relationships** by Sven Eriksson. The fifth and final study in the series by the same name. Provides men with the opportunity to reflect on friendship.

**Road to Emmaus, Pathway C** in the four-part *Second Mile: A Peace Journey for Congregations* series, will include sessions on Being the Church; Communities of Refuge; Peace Begins at Home; Eliminating Family Violence; Lives of Service.