



Mennonite Church Canada

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CALENDAR

We offer resources for...

January

23 Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday

February

6 Church Education Sunday
9 Ash Wednesday

March

20 Palm Sunday
24 Maundy Thursday
25 Good Friday
27 Easter

April

3 Evangelism and Church Planting Sunday

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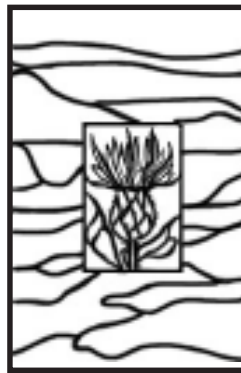
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Highlighting Resources for Sunday school, Family Ministry & Worship...

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: Browse our online catalogue, now with "**Quick-Pick Bibliographies**" –fast references to recent resources on popular themes.

Lent and Easter Resources



Marvelous in Our Eyes: At-Home Lent Resource

by Elsie Rempel. This worship resource for the home, based on materials available in *Leader* magazine, offers rituals, symbols, scriptural reflections, prayers, and family-based activities. Also includes a Maundy Thursday litany and Easter Sunday prayer of thanksgiving. A sample copy was sent to each church in last month's *Equipping* packet. You may either photocopy it, download the file at our website (www.mennonitechurch.ca) or call the Resource Centre to purchase copies at \$2.00/each, plus GST and shipping.

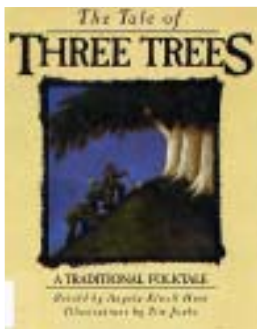


Sacred Search: Encountering God During Lent

by Angela Reed. New from Faith and Life Resources, this leader's guide invites youth to know God, themselves, and others in deeper ways by doing a kind of "internal housekeeping" during Lent. Especially appropriate for today's youth who seek intimacy, identity, and a greater spiritual awareness of what lies beyond themselves. Includes six Lenten exploration sessions and an Easter celebration. Preview it at the Resource Centre or order directly from Faith and Life Resources (1-800-245-7894).

Children's Corner

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



The Tale of Three Trees: A Traditional Folktale,

retold by Angela Hunt and illustrated by Tim Jonke.

"Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up ..." So begins this enchanting folktale about three trees whose wishes come true in surprising ways.

A classic, suitable for Easter.

Route To:

- Librarian
- Pastor(s)
- Worship Planners
- Education Coordinator
- Church Secretary

These links and many other electronic resources can also be found through our own online catalogue at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre.

Tsunami:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/news/releases/2005/01/06-tsunami.htm

How can Mennonite Church Canada congregations respond here at home? Offers suggestions of practical action, prayer and worship.

www.tsunamicurriculum.org

“Wake of the Wave: Teaching Children About the December 2004 Tsunami,” a curriculum guide written by Sally Ann Gibson. Aimed at students between grades 3 and 7 and includes background information on tsunamis, the region, discussion questions, and activities.

Lent/Easter:

www.goshen.edu/devotions

Sign up for free weekday online Lent devotions. Provided by Goshen College (Indiana) students, faculty and staff. Each based on the lectionary Scripture passages.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/seasonal/lent/index.htm

Our own website includes this year’s At-Home Lenten resource, “Marvelous in Our Eyes,” written by Elsie Rempel for family worship and reflection. This seasonal web page also includes worship resources for Tenebrae, Good Friday and Easter worship services.

www.leaderonline.org

Official website for *Leader* magazine. Includes many resources for pastors, worship leaders and teachers that supplement materials found in the magazine.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/rejoice/

Check out the daily devotional online. Written by a variety of Mennonite Church Canada and USA writers, each day’s reading includes a biblical text, reflection, and response. Daily prayer suggestions for the ministry of the Mennonite Church are also provided.

Annual Assembly:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte/

MC Canada/USA Assembly in Charlotte, NC July 4-9, 2005. All the information you need to pre-register.

Peace and Justice:

www.mcec.on.ca/peaceandjustice/

New website from the Peace and Justice ministry of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Includes a forum for online discussion, the “Shoes for your Feet” newsletter, and other resources.

www.peace.mennolink.org

Mennonite Church USA’s Peace and Justice Support Network website. Subscribe to their monthly e-zine, called “PeaceSigns.”

Christian Education:

www.mph.org/vbs

“Celebrate the Psalms! Our God is Awesome.”

Alert your VBS planning team to look for this free VBS 2005 preview, including a 5-day overview with Bible themes and texts, “Celebration Station” activities, sample leader/student pages, order information and more.

www.gosecondmile.org

“Second Mile” peace curriculum that invites congregations and small groups to enter a journey of worship, study, action and reflection that will help them become active signs of Christ’s peace in a broken world. Includes sample lessons and leader’s guides.

www.thirdway.com/menno/lite

Menno Lite: A Brief History for the Young at Heart. A brief, 10-point guide to Anabaptist and Mennonite history, with illustrations. Great for children or those new to Anabaptism.

www.mph.org/cp/pdf/MennoLens_Aug04.pdf

A tool for evaluating Christian resources with a Mennonite eye. Offers a quick overview of criteria to consider as you select Christian resources. Use it to help your congregation choose materials that will form and reinforce strong Anabaptist/Mennonite faith among your children, youth and adults.

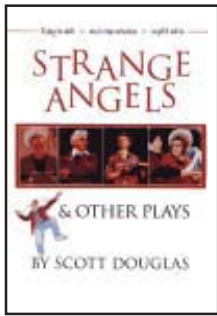
www.mph.org/jubilee

Enhance drama and worship to your *Jubilee* teaching with this multi-age supplement. Sample lesson included.

New Resources

For a complete list of new acquisitions, click "Newest Resources" on the Resource Centre webpage

Worship



Strange Angels and Other Plays, by Scott Douglas, 2004. Includes 10 easy to stage plays for adults.



Read the Way You Talk, by Jack Hartjes, 2004. A how-to book for anyone who reads scripture in worship. Readers should sound like people who are sure of what they are saying and confident of its importance.

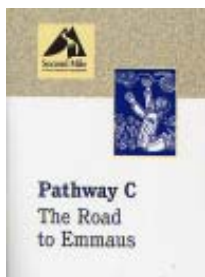
Spirituality

Take Our Moments and Our Days, AMBS, 2004. An Anabaptist prayer book, developed at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) for testing in the Mennonite constituency. Includes a two-week cycle of morning and evening prayers. Week One focuses on the Lord's Prayer; Week Two looks at the Beatitudes.

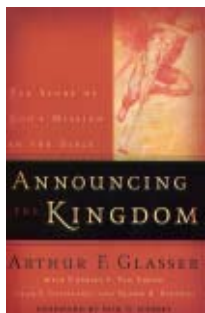
Soli Deo Gloria: A Daily Walk Through Romans, by Myron Augsburger, Faith and Life Resources, 2004. These meditations provide daily inspiration and will renew individuals and the church by challenging each reader to walk in the Spirit.



Christian Education



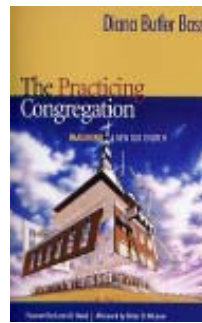
Second Mile, Pathway C, edited by Carol Penner, Faith and Life Resources, 2004. The third of four "Pathways" that invite congregations and small groups to enter a journey of worship, study, action and reflection that will help them become active signs of Christ's peace in a broken world. 20 sessions.



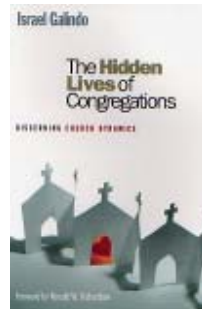
Missional Church

Announcing the Kingdom: The Story of God's Mission in the Bible, by Arthur Glasser, 2003. "The whole Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is a missionary book, the revelation of God's purpose and action in mission in human history." Establishes a biblical foundation for a theology of mission.

Church Leadership



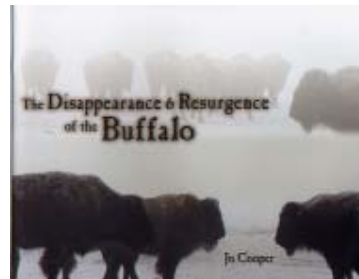
The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church, by Diana Butler Bass, 2004. There are many emerging forms of congregational life that display an unexpected vitality, adaptability, and faithfulness. In addition to the soup kitchens and the coffee hour, you may find people walking labyrinths, or practicing simplicity, or fasting. This book tells a new, and inspiring, story of mainline Protestant transformation.



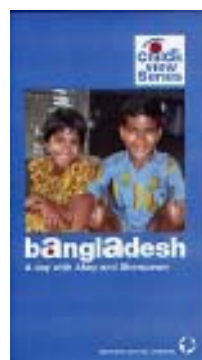
The Hidden Lives of Congregations: Discerning Church Dynamics, by Israel Galindo, 2004. Faced with crisis, lack of direction, or just plain "stuckness," many congregations and their leaders are content to deal just with surface issues and symptoms - only to discover that the same problems keep recurring, often in more serious ways. Galindo takes leaders below the surface of congregational life to provide a comprehensive, holistic look at the corporate nature of church relationships and the invisible dynamics at play.

Peace and Justice

The Disappearance and Resurgence of the Buffalo, by Jo Cooper. Through art and narrative, the artist portrays the story of the native peoples of Turtle Island (America) as



symbolized by the fall and rise of the buffalo. Will there again be harmony and respect among peoples and creation? A fresh re-telling of prairie history.



Bangladesh: A Day with Akey and Showpaw. 2004 MCC video (10 min) for elementary-aged children that offers a glimpse into the lives of two children in the rural Bangladeshi village of Shomaipur. Twelfth video in the Child's View Series.