

WORSHIP RESOURCES

- April 17 – Palm Sunday
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Check out the Church Guy's Blog





We're changing the Update.

Fewer Hyperlinks are included in this PDF version. Rather, to view all the resources highlighted in this month's Update, check one online location www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1383. We trust that website viewing will be easier for you!

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church secretary

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347

 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web



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Willard Metzger, General Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada, has joined the blogosphere and has become "Willard Metzger – Church Guy."

He's admittedly new at sharing his reflections online, but Willard believes that many communications channels are needed to reach audiences where they are at. "Jesus met people where they were at, and information technology helps me to do that in a small way," says Willard. "A virtual presence is not the same as a physical presence, but it is one way of reaching out that allows readers to comment on my posts and interact with me."

Sharing personal experiences, confessions, and hesitations, Willard says that readers can expect his blog to be an informal and timely reflection of his visits with ministry partners, ordinary people, and perhaps a politician or two. He also invites readers to join him on Facebook.

His blog can be found at <http://willardmetzger.blogspot.com/>

Children's Corner home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller



What's in the Bible? Vol 3 DVD

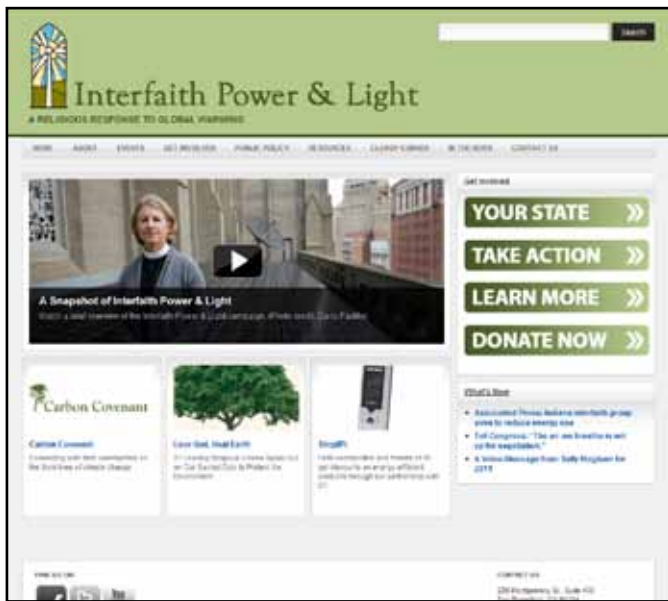
by Phil Vischer, Tyndale, 2010

Don't lie, don't cheat...don't TRIM YOUR BEARD? The Old Testament is full of rules, and some of them are kind of, well, weird. Discover why God gave all these rules to Israel and which ones still apply to us today! Also learn about Israel's 40-year "time-out" in the wilderness as this DVD concludes the first five books of the Bible. Volumes 1 and 2 are also available for loan.

Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to many websites – here are some recent additions:



www.interfaithpowerandlight.org

Interfaith Power and Light: A Religious Response to Global Warming - Promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation among people of faith.



www.adamjcopeland.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/PastorsInCyberspace2

When the Pastor's Study Moves to Cyberspace: An Examination of Ecclesial Social Media Policies by Adam J. Copeland.
- An essay that explores how to minister appropriately with (and despite) social media.



<http://vimeo.com/3569154>

Music at Trinity by Shane Higgs - Shane, former pastor at Trinity Mennonite in the US, addresses the "cultural" nature of music, its ever-changing qualities, and the need for the church to accept/embrace musical diversity in its worship.



www.baylor.edu/fcm_journal

The Journal of Family and Community Ministries – ecumenical resource designed for congregational leaders involved in family and community ministries.

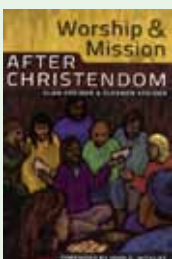


www.media.cmu.ca

2011 Refreshing Winds: Naked Spirituality by Brian D. McLaren
- In these five audio podcasts, listen to McLaren describe four stages of spiritual development - simplicity, complexity, perplexity and harmony.

From our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network



Worship and Mission after Christendom

by Alan Kreider; Eleanor Kreider, Herald Press, 2010.

Today, as Christendom weakens, worship and mission are poised to reunite after centuries of separation. In post-Christendom mission, God is the main actor and God calls all Christians to participate. In post-Christendom worship, the church tells and celebrates the story of God, enabling members to live in hope and attract outsiders to its many tables of hospitality.



Tongue Screws and Testimonies: Poems, Stories, and Essays inspired by the Martyrs Mirror

by Kirsten Beachy, Herald Press, 2011.

A refreshing, reflective, heartbreaking, humorous—and sometimes irreverent—anthology of poems, creative essays and fiction by new and noted authors with connections to the Anabaptist tradition.



www.danloewen.com/blog/

Re:Think Worship: Creative Ideas for Your Services by Dan Loewen
-This site is a collection of songs, videos, and creative ideas that have been used at Level Ground Mennonite Church.



Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



Prayer of Thanks - in 4 Directions

by Riverton Fellowship Circle, Riverton, MB.

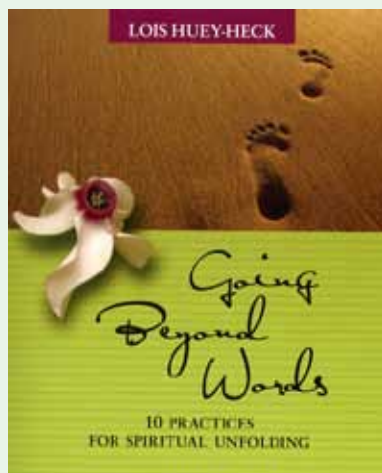
A weekly prayer ritual for this congregation. By praying in all 4 directions (north, south, east, west) we can express our thanksgiving to Christ as the centre of all creation.



Share your church's original material at resources@mennonitechurch.ca

New Resources

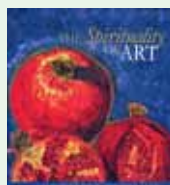
We average 3 new resources daily.



Going Beyond Words: 10 Practices for Spiritual Unfolding

by Lois Huey-Heck, Wood Lake Publishing, 2010.

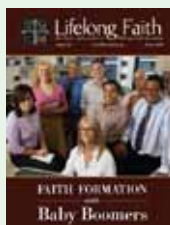
Contemplation, meditation, and prayer are some of the ways we "practice" our spirituality. This book will appeal to people who already have a spiritual practice and are looking for ways to deepen or enliven it.



The Spirituality of Art

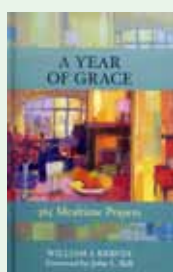
by Lois Huey-Heck; Jim Kalnin, Wood Lake Publishing, 2006.

Through stories, quotes and thoughts, *The Spirituality of Art* is a guide to deeper enjoyment and appreciation of visual art, the spiritual journey and the connections between the two.



Lifelong Faith, Vol 4, Issue 4, Winter 2010

A quarterly journal committed to helping congregations develop lifelong faith formation for all ages and generations. This issue's focus: Faith Formation with Baby Boomers.



A Year of Grace: 365 Mealtimes Prayers

by William S. Kervin, Hendrickson Publishers, 2003.

A collection of contemporary and classic mealtimes prayers for every day of the year.



Pursuing Pastoral Excellence: Pathways to Fruitful Leadership

by Paul E. Hopkins, Alban Institute, 2011.

The heart of this book is the stories of seven ordinary pastors whose leadership has become extraordinary. They invite readers to examine their own stories, to think about the value of longevity in ministry, and to enhance the enduring impact of their own pastoral leadership.



Christian Prayer and Labyrinths: Pathways to Faith, Hope and Love

by Jill Kimberly Hartwell Geoffrion, Pilgrim Press, 2004.

An introduction to labyrinths, the practice of individual and communal labyrinth prayer, guided prayer walks, and more.

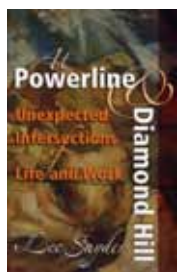


Starting With Spirit: Nurturing Your Call to Pastoral Leadership

by Bruce G. Epperly, Alban Institute, 2010.

A spiritual and professional resource for new pastors, their family members, and congregations, as well as ministers in every season of ministry who seek to grow in vitality and skill in the ongoing adventure of ministry.

From our Partners



At Powerline and Diamond Hill: Unexpected Intersections of Life and Work

by Lee Snyder, 2010.

How does a Mennonite farm girl, whose "closed" Oregon community prescribed a limited role for women and distrusted education, end up a university president? Journey with Lee Snyder as she explores the surprising and unexpected paths that opened her doors to education and leadership.



A Mennonite Woman: Exploring Spiritual Life and Identity

by Dawn Ruth Nelson, 2010.

Part narrative, part theology, part spiritual memoir, Dawn Ruth Nelson asks us to wake up to what is shaping us spiritually as contemporary Christians in North American culture. Discover why Mennonites have been drinking deeply from contemplative spiritual formation wells in the last 30 years.



Storage Issues

by Suzanne Kay Miller, 2010.

These personal lyric and narrative poems search for meaning in the background, events, and concerns of one Mennonite woman's existence.

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.

Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing



History and Mission in Europe: Continuing the Conversation

ed, Mary Raber; Peter F. Penner, Neufeld-Verlag, 2011.

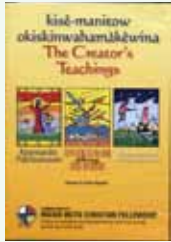
Issues of European missiology and recent church history have been neglected in recent years. This volume brings together essays by European scholars – all friends and colleagues who have been encouraged and inspired by Walter Sawatsky.



The Good and Beautiful Community: Following the Spirit, Extending Grace, Demonstrating Love

by James Bryan Smith, InterVarsity Press, 2010.

In this third book of his series, we are shown how to bring spiritual formation and community engagement together, and receive spiritual practices that root new, true narratives about God and the world in our souls.



Kisê-manitow Okiskinwahamâkêwina: (The Creator's Teachings) CD-Rom

by Ovide Bighetty, Birdsong Communications, 2008.

Three sets of paintings (Christmas, Easter, Ten Commandments) by aboriginal artist, Ovide Bighetty, that celebrate the gifts of the Creator.



The Story of God: A Narrative Theology Lessons for Faith Communities DVD

by Michael Lodahl, Beacon Hill Press, 2008.

An introduction to narrative theology that weaves together the events and themes of the Bible to tell God's remarkable story and present a complete picture of God's enduring love for us.



Create Space for Peace: Forty Years of Peacemaking, Gene Stoltzfus 1940-2010

ed, Dorothy Friesen; Marilen Abesamis, TriMark Press, 2010.

Gene's numerous letters, speeches, and blogged articles are here gathered for the first time, together with poignant remembrances by people impacted by his work in Christian Peacemaker Teams, and his life.



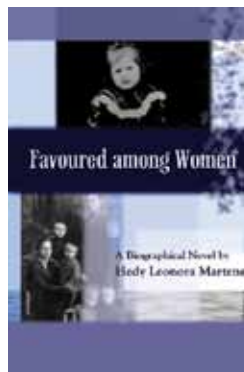
The Illustrated Jesus Through The Centuries

by Jaroslav Pelikan, Yale University Press, 1997.

The lively commentary that accompanies the rich illustrations provides fresh information on the art, architecture, individuals, and events Jesus has inspired over the ages.



Contest co-sponsored by CMU Bookstore and Mennonite Church Canada.



Congratulations to Kristina Toews of Abbotsford, BC who won last month's contest and a copy of the book Let Justice Roll Down: A Worship Resource for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

This month's prize

Favoured Among Women: A Biographical Novel

by Hedy Leonora Martens, CMU Press, 2010.

This month's question

Name your three favourite websites – and why.

Email your response to:

resources@mennonitechurch.ca, with "April Contest" in subject line.

To be eligible:

Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident.

Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.