

WORSHIP RESOURCES

May 1 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1436

June 12 – Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164

Baptism
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968

Graduation
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/969

Camp Sunday
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Summer worship
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Assembly Sunday
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Embedded Videos




The screenshot shows the website interface with a navigation menu at the top (Resources, Reports, Users, Special Pages, Newsletter, Options, Help). The main content area features a video player titled "Bringing Down a Dictator Trailer" with a play button overlay. To the right of the video is a DVD cover for "Bringing Down a Dictator" and a "Borrow" button. Text on the page describes the film's subject matter and provides a link to a free study guide.


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/1390
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

the **48hr** contest

Refer to page 4

Check our website for many online videos.

- Watch a trailer – preview a DVD we have for loan
- Link to other unique video options for Sunday School, worship, or family

Just one more way we're putting Anabaptist and related resources at your fingertips!

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



The Bone Talker

by Shelley A. Leedah; illust. by Bill Slavin, Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1999

Grandmother Bones has slowed down; she no longer is lively. Everyone in the village is concerned and trying to help. It isn't until a small child comes that the cloud of melancholy is lifted and Grandma finds her rhythm again.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



www.trinitywallstreet.org/faith/institute/2007/
God's Unfinished Future: Why it Matters Now. - A series of lectures by Jurgen Moltmann, Barbara Rossing, Peter Gomes and James Carroll that claim that the vision behind such popular apocalyptic works such as the *Left Behind* series is a massive and dangerous distortion of the biblical picture of God's purpose.



www.wimp.com/amsomebody/
I am Somebody - In this short video clip, a 4 year-old boldly declares: "I may be poor, small, young, black, brown, white...but I am somebody, I am God's child."



www.hutteriteheritage.com/
Hutterite Heritage. - A window into the richness of Hutterite life and a culture of community, sharing and sustainability.



<http://vimeo.com/16217717>
Revelation and Christian Hope: Political Implications of the Revelation of John. - A video lecture by Bishop N.T. Wright.



www.brianmclaren.net/archives/get-involved/
Bible Overview: Audio Podcast Series. - Fifty-one 20-minute .mp3 podcasts by Brian McLaren that give an overarching plot-line of the Bible.



www.thelittlechristian.org/littlechristian/index.cfm
The Little Christian - A monthly 24-page picture book intended for children six and younger that contains prayers, songs, activities, rituals and more to help children become aware of God's presence in and around them.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=1B5vj6QouDc&feature=player_embedded#at=188
Who Are the Mennonites? - Can you tell if someone is a Mennonite just by looking? This 3.5 minute video invites you to explore Mennonite history, beliefs and practices.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5bfxGNMY9c&feature=player_embedded
40: Jesus in the Desert - A moving video cartoon of Jesus' 40 days of temptation in the desert.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=oopKhwbF2XU&feature=player_embedded#at=31
What Qualities Do You Think a Pastor Needs? - A short video filmed at the 2009 Mennonite Church USA convention where participants were asked about pastoral ministry, its qualities and calling.

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Partners



How do I purchase your loaned resources?

One great way is to contact our partner, the CMU Bookstore (1-877-231-4570). They carry many of the same unique titles that we do – but for sale. And if they don't have it, they'll work hard at getting it, ship it anywhere in Canada and their prices are quite competitive with Amazon!

Purchase more resources from our online catalogue – CMU Bookstore has begun posting their retail items on our "one-stop" site – www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre A great combination – borrow and/or purchase!

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Questions of Mennonite Faith: A Pastor Responds, by Maurice Martin, 2010. How would you respond to an inquisitive inquirer with questions about faith, death, the future, sexuality, the Bible, peace, inter-faith dialogue? Here are one pastor's simple but comprehensive answers.

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

New Resources

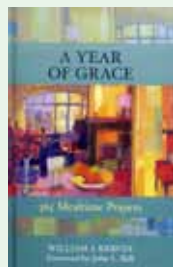
We average 3 new resources daily.



Lent For Everyone: Matthew, Year A

by Nicholas Thomas Wright, Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2011.

Each daily lectionary passage for Lent/Easter is followed by a reflection and prayer that will help readers to ponder the relevance of Matthew's Gospel for their own lives.



Being Changed in the Sharing: The Power of Story and Restorative Justice

by Lisa Smith; Meredith Egan, Mennonite Central Committee, 2010.

Restorative processes, by their nature, encourage the sharing of stories; stories of trauma, stories of empowerment, stories of deeply felt emotion and community. This book explores the intersection of storytelling and restorative justice.



The Little Book of Dialogue for Difficult Subjects: A Practical, Hands-On Guide

by Lisa Schirch; David Campt, Good Books, 2007.

The authors demonstrate dialogue's possibilities in this manual: "Dialogue allows people in conflict to listen to each other, affirm their common ground, and explore their differences in a safe environment."



Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words

by Brian D. McLaren, Harper Collins, 2011.

Staying true to Jesus' core message while engaging faithfully with our postmodern world, McLaren presents a proven spiritual program for engaging in and sustaining a meaningful relationship with God.



Rhythms of Grace: Meditations on the Dance of Faith, its Difficulties and Delights

by Donald G. Friesen, Edge Hill Home Enterprises, 2011.

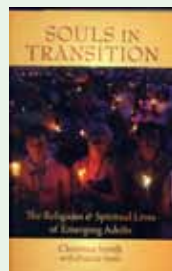
A collection of sermons moulded in the nation's capital where he has pastored for over three decades. These meditations convey an ecumenical spirit as well as a sense of humour.



In the Land of the Living: Prayers Personal and Public

by Kenneth L. Sehested, Publications Unltd, 2009.

With images drawn from the Bible and imaginatively applied to a contemporary context, this book's prayerful poetry illustrates how faith is always personal but never merely private and affirms that redemption is for the world, not from the world.



Souls in Transition: The Religious & Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults

by Christian Smith; Patricia Snell, Oxford University Press, 2009.

An exploration of the religious and spiritual lives of emerging adults (ages 18-24) in the US today.



A Fair Country: Telling Truths About Canada

by John Ralston Saul, Penguin Group, 2009.

In this startlingly original vision of Canada, the author argues that Canada is a Métis Nation, shaped by an aboriginal penchant for egalitarianism and for negotiation over violence.

From our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network



Setting the Agenda: Meditations for the Organization's Soul

by Edgar Stoesz and Rick Stiffney, 2011.

Offers practical advice on how to govern a non-profit organization from a spiritual vantage point.



Teaching that Transforms: Why Anabaptist-Mennonite Education Matters

by John D. Roth, 2011.

Roth frames key questions regarding the future of Christian education and makes the case for Christian schools, offering clear directions while inviting dialogue and alternative perspectives.



LIVING MORE WITH LESS T-SHIRT CONTEST

About the Contest

- Are you interested in creating T-shirt designs?
- Do you want to see your design at the Mennonite Church conventions this summer?
- Do you care about living simply and caring for creation?

We are looking for quirky slogans, words or images that will inspire others to live more with less. Enter your ideas as part of a T-shirt contest sponsored by MPN/Third Way.

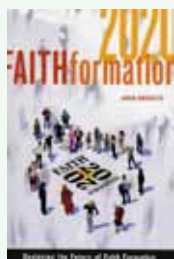
The winning entry will be made into a T-shirt for the Mennonite Church conventions this summer in Pittsburgh and Waterloo. Click here for the rules. All submissions must be received by May 1, 2011.

For more information go to www.mpn.net/t-shirt/

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.

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



2020 Faith Formation: Designing the Future of Faith Formation

by John Roberto, LifelongFaith Associates, 2010.

This is a book about hope. Hope in the future of faith formation. Hope in the next generation. Hope in churches that are resilient and adaptive in the face of great challenges and opportunities. Hope and trust in God who will do marvelous and wondrous things in our churches and world through us.



Children's Ministry That Fits: Beyond One-Size-fits-All Approaches to Nurturing Children's Spirituality

by David M. Csinos, Wipf and Stock, 2011.

Affirms children's encounter with God and explores four spiritual styles of that spirituality and faith (word, emotion, symbol, action).



Mission-Shaped and Rural: Growing Churches in the Countryside

by Sally Gaze, Church House Publishing, 2006.

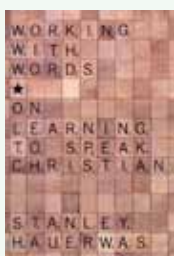
Using a compelling mix of theological reflection, sociological analysis, real-life case studies and personal experience this book explores ways forward for mission in a rural context in both traditional and fresh expressions of church.



Bringing Down a Dictator, DVD

York Zimmerman, 2011.

In the year 2000, Slobodan Milosevic fought to hold power in Yugoslavia. In contrast, this DVD shows the courage of hundreds of thousands of Serbs that led to non-violent change.



Working with Words: On Learning to Speak Christian

by Stanley Hauerwas, Cascade Books, 2011.

A collection of essays, lectures, and sermons that are focused on the central challenge, risk, and difficulty of working with words about God.



Sustaining Heart in the Heartland: Exploring Rural Spirituality

ed by Miriam Brown, Paulist Press, 2005.

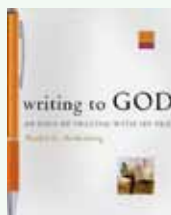
A unique exploration of rural spirituality that describes how faith is lived out in the sparsely populated rural areas, and what it means to be a people of faith in the face of daunting challenges facing the rural way of life today.



What Will Happen to Me?: Children with Parents in Prison

by Howard Zehr; Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Good Books, 2011.

This book brings together photographic portraits of 30 children whose parents are incarcerated, along with these children's thoughts and reflections of what it's like to have a parent in prison. A restorative approach to justice is advocated.



Writing to God: 40 Days of Praying With My Pen

by Rachel G. Hackenberg, Paraclete Press, 2011.

Designed for use during any 40-day period, including Lent, this book relieves readers of self-consciously trying to pray "the right way," rather inviting them to pray wherever the pen leads!



What is the Emerging Church, DVD

by Richard Rohr, Center for Action and Contemplation, 2008.

In this webcast, Rohr offers four main categories of the "Emerging Church" that indicate something new and hopeful is happening in many denominations.



Emerging Christianity: How We Get There Determines Where We Arrive, DVD

by Richard Rohr; Brian McLaren; Cynthia Bourgeault; Suzanne Stabile; Shane Claiborne; Ted Swartz, Center for Action and Contemplation, 2010.

Join with five masterful Christian teachers to explore how through prayer and reflection Jesus' teaching can be real in today's challenging world.



Congratulations to Madeleine Enns of Winnipeg, MB who won last month's contest and a copy of the book Favoured Among Women: A Biographical Novel.

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



This month's prize

Seasoned with Peace: Spring

edited by Susan Mark Landis, Lisa J. Amstutz, Cindy Snider, and Judith Baer Kulp, Mennonite Press, 2011.

This month's question

Name your favourite Christian author – and why.

Email your response to:

resources@mennonitechurch.ca, with "May 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.