

WORSHIP RESOURCES

- New Year's Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489
- Jan 15 – Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1633
- Jan 22 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday
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- Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday
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- April 1 – Palm Sunday
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- April 5 – Maundy Thursday
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- April 6 – Good Friday
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- April 8 – Easter
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A Study on Revelation



Do you, like many, find Revelation hard to understand? Or wonder about its meaning for today? Has your congregation engaged this final book of the Bible or withdrawn from reading it? Are you disturbed by fanatical end-time prophecies? Wanting to evaluate this book's apocalyptic meaning from an Anabaptist perspective? Need to revisit "God's Future?"

Loren Johns, AMBS professor, and Bible instructor at our 2011 Assembly, has written *Remembering God's Future*, the 2012 Season of Prayer materials. 5 sessions suitable for worship, small group study or personal devotion.

Free download

Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1383

Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



My Worship 'n Colour Book: Part 1

by Elsie Rempel and Megan Kamei, Mennonite Church Canada, 2011.

The first in a series of children's activity booklets for worship time, from a Mennonite perspective - a way to assist our congregations and their families as they model and promote worshipful behaviour in children.


Lent at Home: Sign Up and Follow Jesus


by Elsie Rempel; illustrated by Megan Kamei, Mennonite Church Canada, 2011.


A family devotional for Lent.

Download both for free.

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

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Context, with Lorna Dueck. - A weekly, half-hour, independently-produced TV program that presents "life beyond the headlines," exploring news and current affairs stories from a Christian world view.



The Class of Nonviolence. - An eight session class that uses classics in peace and justice literature to teach peacemaking.



War No More. - A 4 minute video that outlines the costs of war.



Follow Jesus on Twitter. - A 5 minute video on what the gospel story would have been like on social media :)



Do you have any sites to recommend?

From Mennonite Church Canada

Live for Peace.org toques - Only \$5



Order online here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1232 - and promote peace!

Check out our growing Canadian Anabaptist blog roll.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1674

Do you have blogs to recommend?



The Common Good Podcast. - A monthly profile of the kinds of economic practices that move us toward a model that is in compliance with Earth's abundance.



Life after Losing a Spouse: Discovering God's Invitation in the Midst of Grief. - An e-book.

From our Schools



Sunday @ CMU radio

A 15-minute weekly radio program and podcast that features biblical meditations from current and emeritus professors, music from CMU ensembles and choirs and interviews with faculty, staff, students and alumni.



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Being a Faithful Church documents

– including 2 new items: "Scripture Discernment and Feedback Tool" and "Summary Report of Delegate Feedback from Assembly 2011". For all BFC documents, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1630



100 Shades of Green banner

Mennonite Creation Care Network, 2011.

Borrow the (4x5 foot) banner as a symbolic reminder of our need to be good stewards of God's world, and as an invitation for your congregation to register your commitment to creation care.

New Resources

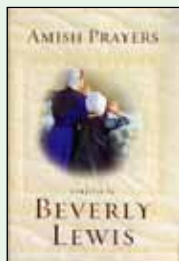
We average 3 new resources daily.



A Meal with Jesus: Discovering Grace, Community, and Mission around the Table

by Tim Chester, Crossway, 2011.

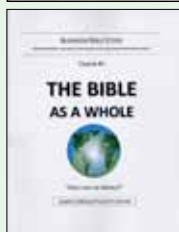
Brings to light God's purposes in the seemingly ordinary act of sharing a meal—how this everyday experience is really an opportunity for grace, community, and mission.



Amish Prayers

Baker Publishing Group, 2011.

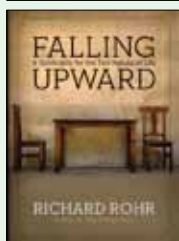
This exclusive, authentic translation from the original German - with an introduction by bestselling author Beverly Lewis - pairs each prayer with a Scripture passage and offers insights into the rich spiritual foundations of the Plain people.



Blenheim Bible Study

by John W. Miller, 2011.

The 5 courses of this program seek to introduce the Bible in the light of when and why it came to be. This unique interpretive approach helps put us in touch with the thoughts and intentions of those who created it.



Falling Upward:

A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life

by Richard Rohr, Jossey Bass, 2011.

What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as "falling upward." Explains why the second half of life can and should be full of spiritual richness.



Friending: Real Relationships in a Virtual World

by Lynne M. Baab, InterVarsity Press, 2011.

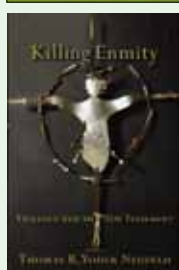
Using Colossians 3 and 1 Corinthians 13 as touchpoints, Lynne shows us how we can celebrate and strengthen our relational ties while continuing to practice the timeless discipline of friending in our time.



Grace for the Journey: Practices and Possibilities for In-Between Times

by Beverly and George Thompson, Alban Institute, 2011.

Drawing on biblical examples and contemporary experience, the authors invite the community of faith to see transitional times as an opportunity to develop deeper spiritual awareness of God's call on its communal life.



Killing Enmity: Violence and The New Testament

by Tom Yoder Neufeld, Baker Publishing Group, 2011.

Taking his cue from the ironic wording in Ephesians 2:16, which credits Christ with "killing the enmity" in his own body through his death on the cross, Yoder Neufeld asks whether and how the violent death of the nonviolent Jesus points to the ultimate overcoming of all wrongs, and all violence, by the good and saving God in whom he trusted.



Missional Small Groups: Becoming a Community that Makes a Difference in the World

by M. Scott Boren, Baker Publishing Group, 2010.

Practical suggestions for your small group to become intentionally involved with its community and bring Jesus' message and healing to a hurting world.



N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides

by N.T. Wright, InterVarsity Press, 2009.

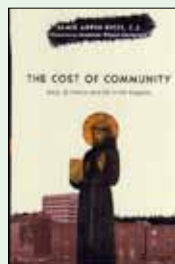
A series of guides on the Gospels – each with thoughtful questions, prayer suggestions and useful background and cultural information.



Psalmist's Cry: Scripts For Embracing Lament

by Walter Brueggemann and Steve Frost, The House Studio, 2010.

Explores the Psalms as guides for how to express feelings honestly, in ways normally not permitted or expected within Christian community.

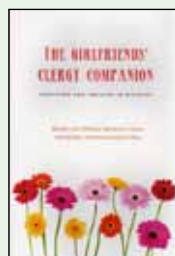


The Cost of Community:

Jesus, St. Francis and Life in the Kingdom

by Jamie Arpin-Ricci, InterVarsity Press, 2011.

Jamie Arpin-Ricci's "field report" of his urban monastic community's response to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – and how they ordered their lives around it – in Winnipeg.



The Girlfriends' Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry

by Melissa Lynn DeRosia, et al., Alban Institute, 2011.

The nitty-gritty of ministry for young female clergy—how to maintain a sense of personal style, what it's really like to be a solo pastor, how to date, what to do when they're ready to quit.

Non-English Titles



Die Offenbarung des Johannes

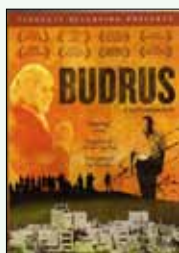
by John H. Neufeld, 2010.

Im September und Oktober 2010 brachte Prediger John H. Neufeld eine Serie von 9 Bibelarbeiten zum Thema der Offenbarung des Johannes. Viele Zuhörerinnen und Zuhörer fanden das Thema sehr interessant und es freut uns diese Bibelarbeiten in diesem kleinen Büchlein weitergeben zu dürfen.

For additional German resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1656

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.



Budrus DVD

Justvision, 2011.

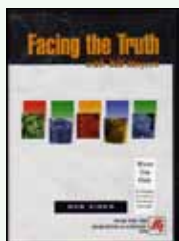
Documentary film about a Palestinian community organizer, Ayed Morrar, who unites local Fatah and Hamas members along with Israeli supporters in an unarmed movement to save his village of Budrus from destruction by Israel's Separation Barrier.



On Our Way: Conversations about Christian Practices for Living a Whole Life DVD

edited by Dorothy C. Bass and Susan R. Briehl, The Work of the People, 2011.

Thirteen video conversations about practices belonging to a way of life that is abundant in love, justice, and mercy.



Facing the Truth: With Bill Moyers DVD

Films Media Group, 2009.

This compelling program describes the efforts of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to investigate human rights violations, to heal the country, and to help its process of reinvention.



Rabbit-Proof Fence: Based on a True story DVD

Miramax, 2009.

At a time when it was Australian government policy to train aboriginal children as domestic workers and integrate them into white society, young Molly Craig decides to lead her little sister and cousin in a daring escape from their internment camp.

From our Press

New from Menno Media



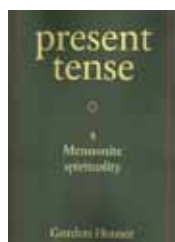
Waging Peace: Muslim and Christian Alternatives DVD

Third Way Media, 2011.

A documentary that explores the threads of peacemaking in both Muslim and Christian traditions, and includes stories of how people in these faith groups are working to overcome mistrust, hatred and violence by working to understand each other.



From our Partners



Present Tense: A Mennonite Spirituality

by Gordon Houser, 2011.

A personal and incisive look at what lies at the heart of Mennonite (and Christian) living. Learn how practice makes perfect, how patience brings peace, how prayer and politics are present in play.



Meditations on the Beatitudes: Lessons from the Margins

by Donald R. Clymer, 2011.

The author draws on poignant stories from his years of experience in Latin America to bring alive each beatitude and invite readers to glean fresh insights regarding the Beatitudes' meaning.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



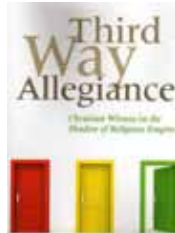
Why the Military is Not My Option

by Eric Unger, Glenlea Mennonite Church, 2011.

Eric's personal declaration of peace written in time for Remembrance Day, 2011.



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



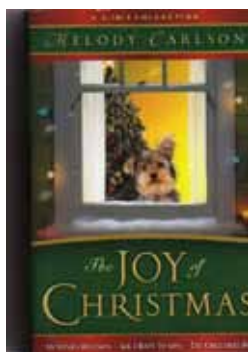
Third Way Allegiance: Christian Witness in the Shadow of Religious Empire

by Tripp York, 2011.

In this collection of essays, Tripp York makes the case that both nations and the church require total allegiance and that Christians should choose Christ over state.

the 48hr contest

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



This month's prize

The Joy of Christmas (3 novels in 1) by Melody Carlson

Congratulations to Melissa Miller, Springstein, MB, who won a copy of the book *Mennonite Girls Can Cook*.

This month's question

What book is presently on your night table/e-reader? And, tell us if you'd recommend it to our constituency. If so, why?

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.

Email your response to:

resources@mennonitechurch.ca, with "Jan 2012 Contest" in subject line.

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