

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491

April 1 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160

April 5 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161

April 6 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162

April 8 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163


May 6 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1691


May 27 – Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164


Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1699

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

Do you have the whole Lenten/Easter package?

Connect home devotionals and personal prayers with your congregational worship this coming Lenten season:



Leader worship resources
in Winter 2011-2012 issue.
Purchase your copy from
MennoMedia
(1-800-631-6535)

Mennonite Church Canada
At-Home family devotionals
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1694.
A free downloadable resource that
includes simple worship ideas,
prayers and activities based
on the lectionary texts and
Leader worship themes.



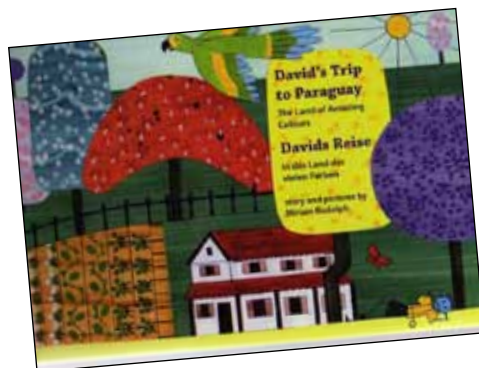
Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada
Lenten Guided Prayer resource.

Register (by January 29) to receive Lenten prayer sheets
based on the Gospel and Psalm readings – for individual
and group experiences. Cost is \$40/congregation.
For more information about the resource and the
registration process, download free sample materials at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1693



Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



David's Trip to Paraguay

by Miriam Rudolph, CMU Press, 2011.

A gorgeous book inspired by the extraordinary journey made by the author's grandfather from Canada to Paraguay in the late 1920s. David, a farm boy from Southern Manitoba, is excited when his family, in search of a new home, decides to leave wintry and white Canada behind to start a long journey by train, ship, and oxcart to South America. Dual-text in English and German.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Advocating for a Poverty-Free Ontario - a blog by MCCO staff person, Greg deGroot-Maggetti



25 Books Every Christian Should Read - compiled by friends from Renovare.



Creation Care Crossroads - a blog by MCCO staff person, Darren Kropf



Do you have any sites to recommend?



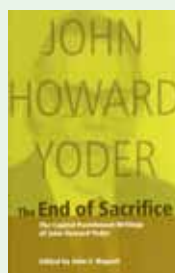
Spiritual Resources - from the organization, "Churches for Middle East Peace"



Worship and Mission After Christendom - series of lectures by Alan and Eleanor Kreider presented at Tyndale Seminary.

From our Press

New from Menno Media



**The End of Sacrifice:
The Capital Punishment
Writings of John Howard
Yoder**

by John Howard Yoder, Herald Press, 2011.

Since the death of Jesus brought a decisive end to all sacrifices for sin, Yoder argues, Christians should proclaim its abolition and death penalty advocates should no longer claim biblical validation.



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Psalms: With the Word

Faith and Life Resources, 2011.

The first in this new Bible Study series, this volume on Psalms has ten sessions for either group or individual use.



**Widening the Circle:
Experiments in Christian Discipleship**

ed., Joanna Shenk, Herald Press, 2011.

Hear the story of some North Americans from outside the Mennonite mainstream who have sought to live out their radical faith, but in the process have bumped up against the institutional church that has housed the radical vision for generations.

Non-English Titles



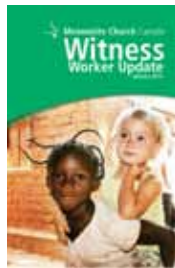
Our popular brochure, *What Makes a Mennonite* has now been translated into Hmong! Purchase, in any quantity, for \$0.20/each.

For additional Hmong resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1698

From Mennonite Church Canada



Need extra 2012 Wall Calendars or Mennonite Church Canada posters (distributed in recent *Equipping* issues)? Contact the Resource Centre – we'll send them free of charge.



2012 Witness Worker Update. Previously made available as biennial *World of Witness* books, this slimmer volume of our current international witness workers is now available by request. A copy was distributed in a recent *Equipping* issue, but additional copies (either by email or hard-copy) can be ordered from the Resource Centre.

New Resources

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Smoke Signals!

DVD, Miramax, 1999.

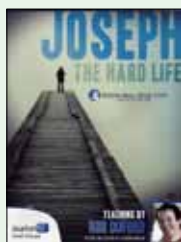
The movie gives us a humorous, yet serious glimpse into the contemporary Native American world, and is created by an almost exclusively Native American cast.



Irena Sendler: In the Name of Their Mothers

DVD, PBS, 2011.

The true story of a group of young Polish women who outfoxed the Nazis during World War II to save the lives of thousands of Jewish children.



Joseph: The Hard Life

DVD by Rob Duford, Bluefish TV, 2008.

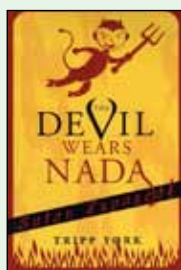
A modern portrayal of the Old Testament Joseph story. This four-part video based Bible study takes a look at how the choices Joseph made helped him overcome every obstacle life threw at him.



Revelation: Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching

by M. Eugene Boring, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

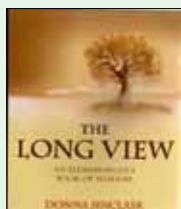
A commentary highly recommended by Loren Johns from AMBS, and speaker at our 2011 Assembly.



The Devil Wears Nada: Satan Exposed

by Tripp York, Cascade Books, 2011.

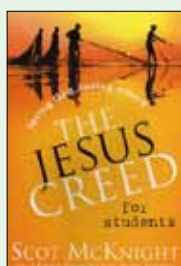
In this devilishly entertaining book, Tripp York takes it upon himself to find the Prince of Darkness. Provoked by a wager made in one of his religion classes, York explores whether in proving the existence of Satan, we might in turn prove the existence of God.



The Long View: An Elderwoman's Book of Wisdom

by Donna Sinclair, Wood Lake Publishing, 2011.

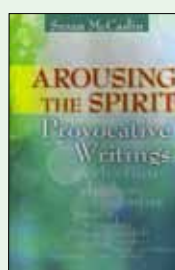
This collection of 365 daily reflections offers elderwomen (and younger women who wish to listen in) an opportunity to nourish the wisdom and deep knowing that comes from life experience.



The Jesus Creed: For Students

by Scot McKnight, Paraclete Press, 2011.

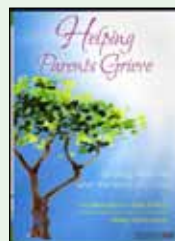
The gravity point of a life before God is that we are to love God and love others with everything we have, the "double love commandment." McKnight, explores the love commandment with high school and university students.



Arousing the Spirit: Provocative Writings

by Susan McCaslin, Wood Lake Publishing, 2011.

Reflects the central passions of the author's life: mysticism and its place in everyday life; peacemaking and justice;...the relation of spirituality and sexuality; and the significance of Jesus of Nazareth.



Helping Parents Grieve:

Finding New Life after the Death of a Child

DVD by Khris Ford, Paula D'Arcy, Paraclete Press, 2011.

For any parent who has experienced the death of a child - and for those who aim to help someone who is grieving.



Drops like Stars: Rob Bell Tour Film

DVD by Rob Bell, Zondervan, 2011.

An exploration of the complex relationship between suffering and creativity, driven by the belief that there is art in the agony.



Mighty Be Our Powers: A Memoir.

How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation At War

by: [Leymah Gbowee](#), Beast Books, 2011.

The gripping chronicle of a journey from hopelessness to empowerment written by the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize recipient.



The End of Evangelicalism?

Discerning a New Faithfulness for Mission

by David E. Fitch, Cascade Books, 2011.

Why are evangelicals perceived as arrogant, exclusivist, duplicitous, and dispassionate by the wider culture? Fitch argues that evangelicalism appears to have lost the core of its politic: Jesus Christ.



Preaching God's Transforming Justice: A Lectionary Commentary, Year B

ed, Ronald J. Allen, Dale P. Andrews, Dawn Ottoni-Wilhelm, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

This unique commentary, the first of three in a new series, helps the preacher identify and reflect on the social implications of the Revised Common Lectionary readings. Also introduces twenty-two Holy Days for Justice.

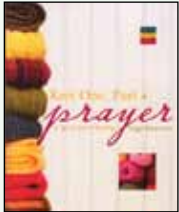
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**Friendship at the Margins:
Discovering Mutuality in Service and Mission**
by Christopher L. Heuertz, Christine D. Pohl, InterVarsity Press, 2010.

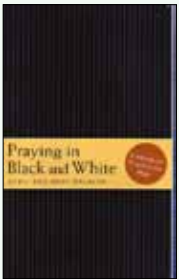
When we befriend those on the margins of society by practicing hospitality and welcome, we create communities where righteousness and justice can be lived out.



**Knit One, Purl a Prayer:
A Spirituality of Knitting**

by Peggy Rosenthal, Paraclete Press, 2011.

Addresses topics such as knitting as a popular pastime, what knitting does for our minds, bodies, and spirits, and how knitting helps people reduce stress, overcome loss, form friendships, and connect with a community.



**Praying in Black and White:
A Hands-on Practice for Men**

by Sybil MacBeth, Andy MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2011.

This book honours the unique wiring of men and offers a simple, concrete approach to prayer. With a pen and a piece of paper, men are free to bring their skepticism, task-orientation, self-sufficiency, and independence into a new connection with God.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

Body and Soul: Sunday School Lessons and Sermons

Jubilee Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB.

Based on the MennoMedia resource *Body and Soul: Human Sexuality and the People of God*, here is one congregation's 4 Sunday School adult sessions and 3 sermons.



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From our Partners



**On the Zwieback Trail:
A Russian Mennonite
Alphabet of Stories,
Recipes and Historic Events**

By Lisa Weaver, Julie Kauffman, Judith Rempel Smucker, 2011

Anyone with Verenike strengthening their muscles and Borscht flowing in their veins knows that Z could only stand for Zwieback. Join a voyage of discovery down the alphabet trail to celebrate the history, culture, and service of this branch of Anabaptist believers. From the early 1500s to the present, it's all there for young and old to enjoy.



**Desert Spirituality and Cultural Resistance:
From Ancient Monks to Mountain Refugees**

by Belden C. Lane, 2011.

Lane contemplates the radical lives of the fourth century Desert Fathers and Mothers, as well as the courageous example of sixteenth-century Anabaptists. He speaks of the ways in which wilderness can relate to the practice of a counter-cultural spirituality today.



the **48**hr contest

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This month's question

Name 2 reasons you subscribe to the Resource Update.

This month's prize

*On the Zwieback Trail: A Russian Mennonite
Alphabet of Stories, Recipes and Historic Events.*

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca
with "Feb 2012 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.

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Pete Hoepfner, Regina, SK
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