

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP RESOURCES

Oct 7 – World Communion Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1802
Oct 28 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1804
Nov 4 – Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1778
Nov 11 – Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1805
Dec 2 – First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343

Not sure how to use our new website?

View our short introductory online video tutorials - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1818

Or contact us –
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Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1819

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

What are you studying in your adult small group?

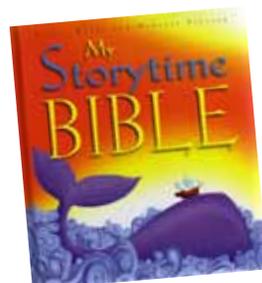
We have more study resources available than ever! Hundreds of DVDs and books (with Guides) on many biblical or thematic topics www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1817



Don't forget the early-bird special on Elsie Rempel's new book (only \$11.00 before Sept 30).

Also a great small group study! www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1798

Children's Corner For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



My Storytime Bible

by [Renita Boyle](#) and [Melanie Florian](#), Pauline Books & Media, 2011.

The true story of God's amazing love comes alive with the help of playful words, delightful pictures, and questions that invite children to relate the Bible to their own experiences. A collection of 68 stories.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



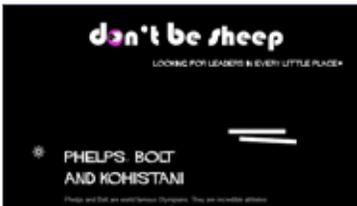
Remind Me Who I Am:
Official Music Video by [Jason Gray](#).
Take a listen - we all need to be reminded of who we are in Christ - "Beloved."



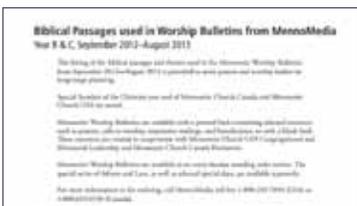
Ponderings of an Unemployed Pastor:
Blog by [Carrie Martens](#) While seeking for work that matches her pastoral calling, Carrie blogs ...



Our Stories Untold
by [Rachel Halder](#), A blog that focuses on the "taboo topic" of sexualized violence within the Mennonite church.



Don't Be Sheep: Looking for Leaders in Every Little Place
Blog by an international group of six Anabaptist authors - written for leaders, to encourage and educate them no matter what their context or culture might be.



Revised Common Lectionary Texts: 2012-13
The Sunday texts as used in the Mennonite Bulletin Series.



The Barkmans
by [Christina Barkman](#). Follow Christina's blog from the Philippines where she and her husband Darnell work as church planters with Mennonite Church Canada.



The Singing Soul
by Tamara Franz. Tamara offers Soul Coaching and Spiritual Guidance Mentoring. Her website and blog offer support to those who seek to sing the Soul-song their Creator has given them to sing into the world.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Partners

3 new poetry collections from Cascadia Publishing House:



What's in the Blood?
By Cheryl Denise



How Trees Must Feel
by Chris Longenecker



The Apple Speaks
by Becca J. R. Lachman



From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations

St. Jacobs Mennonite Church in Ontario is sharing their summer's worship series on "Food and Faith" with the Resource Centre – including the outline of their service of communion which concluded the 8-week series. Check it out - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1820

What did your congregation do this past summer? Feel free to share your ideas with us – we'll circulate them! resources@mennonitechurch.ca.



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

From our Press

New from MennoMedia



Seven Things Children Need: 3rd Edition
by John M. Drescher, Herald Press, 2012.

In this classic Herald Press title, Drescher continues to emphasize how parents can meet their children's seven most basic needs: significance, security, acceptance, love, praise, discipline, and God. Also available in [Spanish](#)



Winds of the Spirit: A Profile of Anabaptist Churches in the Global South
by [Conrad Kanagy](#); [Richard Showalter](#); [Tilahun Beyene](#), Herald Press, 2012.

In this groundbreaking study, the authors make an unsettling claim: Anabaptist churches of the Global South have more in common with the church of the first three centuries than they do with contemporary churches in Europe and North America that claim the Anabaptist name.

The study (from 18000 church members in 10 countries) does more than crunch statistics; it probes the sources and nature of the renewal and growth. And it pushes readers to ask what these trends can teach the churches of the North in their own quest for faithfulness and vitality.

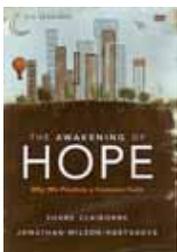
New Resources

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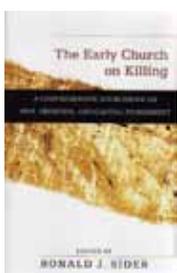
**A Faith Not Worth Fighting For: Addressing Commonly Asked Questions about Christian Nonviolence**

ed, Tripp York, Justin Bronson Barringer, Wipf and Stock, 2012.

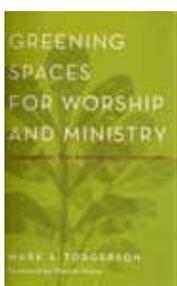
Assuming that the command to love one's enemies is at the heart of the Gospel, these writers carefully, faithfully—and provocatively—attempt to explain why the nonviolent path of Jesus is an integral aspect of Christian discipleship. By addressing misconceptions about Christian pacifism, as well as real-life violent situations, this book will surely challenge the reader's basic understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

**The Awakening Of Hope: Why We Practice a Common Faith**DVD by [Shane Claiborne](#), [Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove](#), Zondervan, 2012.

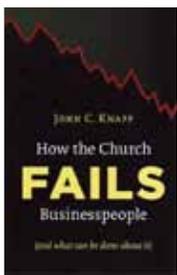
Why do Christians eat together? Why do Christians live together? Why do they fast? Why do they share Jesus' message with others? *Awakening of Hope*, a six-session, video-based study by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove and Shane Claiborne, answers these questions and more, exploring the most common Christian beliefs that spur on their acts of faith and service to others.

**The Early Church on Killing: A Comprehensive Sourcebook on War, Abortion, and Capital Punishment**ed. [Ronald J. Sider](#), Baker Publishing, 2012.

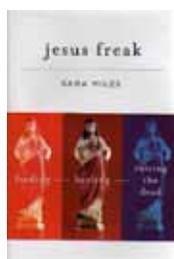
Offers a thorough, comprehensive treatment on topics of perennial concern--war, abortion, and capital punishment--providing English translations for all extant data directly relevant to the treatment of these issues by the early church until Constantine.

**Greening Spaces For Worship And Ministry: Congregations, their Buildings, and Creation Care**by [Mark A. Torgerson](#), Alban Institute, 2012.

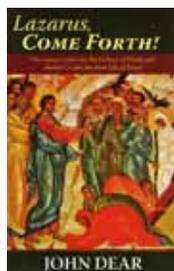
A comprehensive guide providing a rationale, strategies, and resources for fulfilling environmental stewardship through the land and buildings of Christian congregations.

**How the Church Fails Businesspeople: (And What Can Be Done About It)**by [John C. Knapp](#), Eerdmans, 2012.

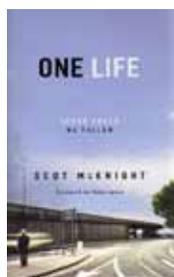
Knapp argues that the church's ambiguous teachings about vocation, money, and business have long contributed to Christians' uncertainty about discipleship in the workplace.

**Jesus Freak: Feeding - Healing - Raising the Dead**by [Sara Miles](#), Jossey-Bass, 2010.

Sara Miles tells what happened when she decided to follow the flesh and blood Jesus by doing something real. For everyone afraid to feed hungry strangers, love the unlovable, or go to dark places to bless and heal, she offers hope. She holds out the promise of a God who gave a bunch of housewives and fishermen authority to forgive sins and raise the dead, and who continues to call us to action. And she tells, in vivid, heartbreakingly honest stories, how the ordinary people around her are transformed by taking up God's work in the world.

**Lazarus, Come Forth!: How Jesus Confronts the Culture of Death and Invites Us into the New Life of Peace**by [John Dear](#), Orbis Books, 2011.

According to Dear, the Gospel urges us to carry on Jesus' liberating work: to remove the "gravestone" that traps us in violence, to call each other out of our tombs, to unbind one another and set each other free to live in peace.

**One Life: Jesus Calls We Follow**by [Scot McKnight](#), Zondervan, 2010.

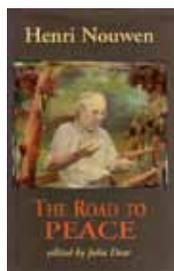
What does it look like to follow Jesus? McKnight invites us to discover what Jesus meant when he announced the arrival of God's kingdom, and why his message had such a profound impact on his listeners.

**Participate!: Helping Young People Explore Discipleship and Vocation**by [Meg Prowling](#), [Penny Fuller](#), [Mike Seaton](#), Bible Reading Fellowship, 2012.

A seven-week program designed to enable children aged 9-14 gain an understanding and the skills needed to live out their Christian lives within the local church and wider community.

**Radical Hospitality: Benedict's Way of Love**by [Lonni Collins Pratt](#), [Daniel Homan](#), Paraclete Press, 2002.

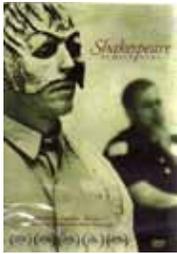
Today's culture is increasingly hostile and suspicious toward anyone who appears to be different – especially when tragedy strikes. Our instinct is to bolt our doors and protect the ones we love. But deep within the heart of Benedictine spirituality lies a remedy to hatred, fear and suspicion: hospitality. This book invites us to welcome the stranger, not only into our homes, but into our hearts.

**The Road To Peace**by [Henri J. M. Nouwen](#), ed. [John Dear](#), Orbis Books, 2009.

Throughout his life Henri Nouwen stressed the connection between intimacy with Christ and solidarity with a wounded world. Here Nouwen reflects on his participation in the march on Selma in 1965, and the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his time at L'Arche. Also includes reflections on the legacies of Oscar Romero and Thomas Merton.

New Resources

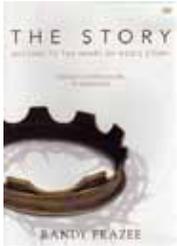
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Shakespeare Behind Bars

DVD, Philomath Films, 2006.

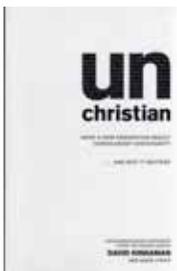
Inmates in a US jail perform Shakespeare's play, *The Tempest*. The prisoners cast themselves in roles reflecting their life experiences, including the crimes for which they were convicted. As they struggle to understand the characters they are playing, they uncover startling and moving truths about themselves – and the possibility of forgiveness and transformation.



The Story: Getting To the Heart of God's Story

DVD series by [Randy Frazee](#), Zondervan, 2011.

Explore an overview of the Bible. Thirty-one short lessons on how the story of Scripture can intersect with the story of your life. Also available in a teen edition.



UnChristian: What A New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity... and Why It Matters

by [David Kinnaman](#), [Gabe Lyons](#), Baker Publishing Group, 2007.

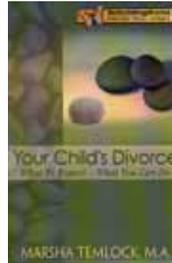
Christians are supposed to represent Christ to the world. But according to a recent study, something has gone terribly wrong. Using descriptions like "hypocritical," "insensitive," and "judgmental," young Americans share an impression of Christians that's nothing short of ... unchristian. Find out why these negative perceptions exist, learn how to reverse them in a Christ-like manner, and discover practical examples of how Christians can positively contribute to culture.



What Matters Now in Children's Ministry: Early Childhood Edition

ed. [Amy Dolan](#), [Jill Crew](#), Createspace, 2011.

Twenty-one early childhood professionals provide short answers to the question, "What matters now in children's ministry?" Their thoughts will inspire faith and passion in your own spirit and ministry.



Your Child's Divorce: What to Expect - What You Can Do

by [Marsha Temlock](#), Impact Publishers, 2006.

A supportive word for parents of divorcing adult children that will support them through the difficult days of the divorce process and its aftermath.

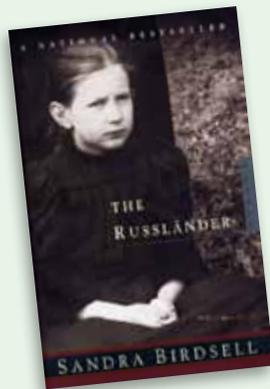
Ted Swartz Assembly videos



"Road to Emmaus" and "2 Kings" – both specially commissioned for the Vancouver Assembly – are available for loan - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1821

the 48hr contest

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



This month's question

Name your favourite blogger and why.

This month's prize *The Russlander* by Sandra Birdsell

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

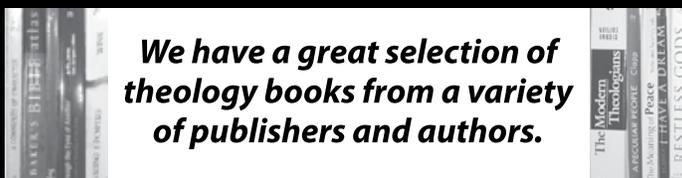
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