

WORSHIP RESOURCES

- Nov 11 – Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1778
- Nov 18 – Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1805
- Dec 2 – First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343
- Longest Night
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1422
- New Year's Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489
- Jan 20 – Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1846
- Jan 27 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1847
- Feb 13 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491

Catalogue Tip



Recently we launched our new online catalogue. Here's a navigational tip:

Manage your search lists by using the "Show" drop-down list. You can conveniently narrow your results by:

- "Books,"
- "Curriculum – Books,"
- "Curriculum – DVDs,"
- "Downloads,"
- "DVDs," or
- "Websites."

For additional help, view our short introductory online video tutorials

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1818

Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1845



Are you ready for Christmas?

Looking for an Advent study or an alternative to "Christmas" consumerism? Perhaps a worship resource for Christmas Eve, a story or DVD for your children, a drama or pageant? Many Advent/Christmas resources, including dozens of free downloadable items from our congregations, can be found online or borrowed from the Centre:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78



Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller



Chris and Selah on an International adventure!

Chris and Selah, who normally live in the Resource Centre and in the Advent and Lent At-home booklets, recently joined Gordon Janzen, Director of Europe, Asia & Middle East Ministry, on a trip to Witness workers in England, Germany, and Ukraine. But they'll be back, and for congregational loan, in time for Advent. So-o-o, if you'd like their help in telling children's stories this Advent – Epiphany season, send in your reservation at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1848. Chris and Selah may even tell you what they learned on their first overseas trip!

Here they are pictured with Boris and Anya, the pastors of the Zaporozhye Evangelical Mennonite Church, Ukraine.

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Marrying Well Seminars
Marriage preparation weekends in Winnipeg that give new couples an opportunity to dialogue about issues that are central to marriage.



First Steps Spirituality Centre
A site focused on healing and growth in children and teens, but since souls don't age, it can be a treasure to children of any age!



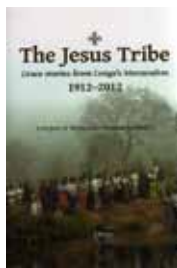
The Pilgrim Group
in Winnipeg, has met as a support group for LGBTQ people, their families and friends since 2004. Here they've compiled a list of sexuality resources.



Taking Faith Home
bulletin inserts. Spark conversation and unite generations with these weekly bulletin inserts for families, based on the lectionary calendar.

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

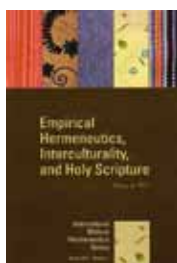
From our Partners



The Jesus Tribe: Grace Stories from Congo's Mennonites 1912-2012
ed. Rod Hollinger-Janzen, et al., 2012.



These stories reach from the earliest days to the present, illustrating courage, struggle, and faith amid enormous cultural pressures, and reflecting African interpretations of Anabaptist beliefs in nonviolence and forgiveness.



Empirical Hermeneutics, Interculturality, and Holy Scripture
by Hans De Wit, 2012.

Does reading Bible stories jointly by groups from often radically different cultural and sociopolitical contexts contribute to transformation and changed perspectives? An innovative approach to biblical interpretation that can contribute to justice and liberation.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations

Who is Going to Bethlehem?

A Christmas Eve program by Melissa Miller, pastor at Springstein Mennonite Church, Manitoba - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1851

What did your congregation do for Christmas last year? What are you doing this Advent? 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

Non-English Resources



Cambiando De Lente: Un Nuevo Enfoque Para El Crimen Y La Justicia
by Howard Zehr, Herald Press, 2012.

Este libro tiene que ver con principios e ideas. Busca—tal vez presuntamente—identificar y evaluar algunas de las conclusiones básicas que hacemos sobre el crimen, la justicia y de cómo vivimos en sociedad. Intenta esquematizar brevemente cómo llegamos a sacar estas conclusiones y sugiere algunas alternativas.

For other Spanish titles, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1849.

From our Press

New from MennoMedia



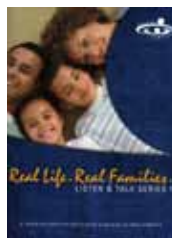
The Power of All: Building a Multivoiced Church
by Sian Murray Williams and Stuart Murray Williams, Herald Press, 2012.

Whenever renewal occurs, everyone in the church is drawn into involvement in the church's mission. But within a generation or two, vitality wanes and ministry is left to religious specialists. Here, the authors confront this thought-provoking dilemma by asking: how can a New Testament model help empower and renew the church in today's post-Christian society?



Laughter is Sacred Space: The not-so-typical Journey of a Mennonite Actor
by Ted Swartz, Herald Press, 2012.

This uniquely honest backstage tour of an artist's life and mind combines side-splitting reminiscences, heart-rending accounts of loss, and touching stories of restored faith and love.



Real Life Real Families
by Melodie Davis, et al., Faith and Life Resources, 2012.

This faith-based curriculum will help parents learn from the real-life experiences of others, and encourage them in addressing family needs or problems in healthy ways. Each of the 12 sessions features audio interviews with people who have either faced the issue themselves or are experts on the issue.

New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.

New Resources!

In addition to the 3 new resources/day that we regularly add to our catalogue, we have also added over 400 new to us DVDs and books inherited from the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Resource Centre.



Cracking Open White Identity Towards Transformation: Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network Examines White Identity, Power and Privilege

Canadian Council of Churches, 2012.

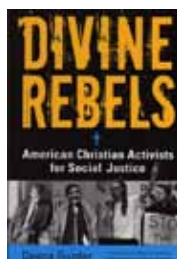
Curriculum that zeroes in on white privilege as an essential aspect of anti-racism work.



Divine Presence Amid Violence: Contextualizing the Book of Joshua

by Walter Brueggemann, Wipf and Stock, 2009.

Brueggemann addresses an exceedingly difficult passage in scripture: Joshua 11. The reason for taking up this text is to deal with the often asked and troublesome question: What shall we do with all the violence and bloody war that is done in the Old Testament in the name of Yahweh?



Divine Rebels: American Christian Activists for Social Justice

by Deena Guzder, Lawrence Hill Books, 2011.

Chronicles the extraordinary efforts of American Christian activists who agitate for a world free of racism, patriarchy, bigotry, retribution, ecocide, torture, poverty, and militarism.



Earth Into Property: Colonization, Decolonization, and Capitalism

by Anthony J. Hall, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2010.

Explores the relationship between the dispossession of indigenous peoples and the making of global capitalism.



Hemorrhaging Faith: Why and When Canadian Young Adults are Leaving, Staying and Returning to the Church

by James Penner, et al., Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 2011.

A ground-breaking Canadian study of 2,049 young people between the ages of 18 and 34 that examines why young people in Canada leave the church and suggests ways to reverse the trend.



The Action Bible

by Sergio Cariello and Doug Mauss, David C. Cook, 2010.

The Bible as a graphic novel. Includes over 200 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easy to follow the bible's historical flow - and reinforcing the buildup to its thrilling climax.



The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism

by Jared S. Burkholder and David C. Cramer, Wipf and Stock, 2012.

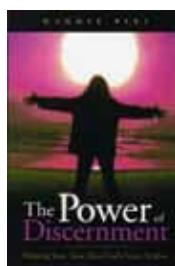
Each of the essays provides fresh insight on at least one characteristic that both evangelicals and Anabaptists share—an impulse to engage society through the pursuit of active Christian witness.



The Faith of Leap: Embracing a Theology of Risk, Adventure and Courage

by Michael Frost and Alan Hirsch, Baker Publishing Group, 2011.

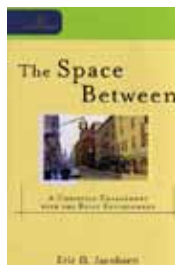
So much of our lives is caught up in the development and maintenance of control. The authors challenge us to leave the idol of security behind and courageously live the adventure that is inherent in our God and in our calling.



The Power of Discernment: Helping Your Teen Hear God's Voice Within

by Maggie Pike, Saint Mary's Press, 2011.

Empowers teens to discern the spiritual presence and action of God in their lives, showing them how to make healthy choices as they deal with peer pressure, friends, sexuality, change, and family well-being.



The Space Between: A Christian Engagement with the Built Environment

by Eric O. Jacobsen, Baker Publishing Group, 2012.

Employing tools from the field of theology and culture, Jacobsen demonstrates how looking at the Built Environment through a theological lens provides a unique perspective on questions of beauty, justice, and human flourishing.

New Resources

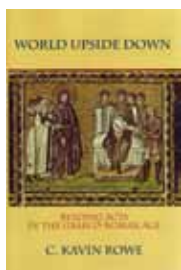
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Who Let The Dads Out?: Inspiring Ideas for Churches to Engage with Dads and their Pre-school Children

by Mark Chester, Bible Reading Fellowship, 2012.

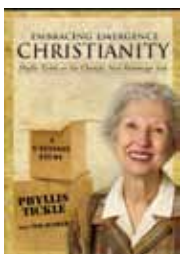
Parent and toddler work can strengthen families and transform relationships, yet sometimes men have limited access to the parent and toddler world. This is a practical guide for establishing a "Dad's Out" program.



World Upside Down: Reading Acts In The Graeco-Roman Age

by C. Kavin Rowe, Oxford University Press, 2010.

For almost 300 years, the dominant trend in New Testament interpretation has been to read the Acts of the Apostles as a document that argues for the political possibility of harmonious co-existence between 'Rome' and the early Christian movement. Kavin Rowe argues that the time is long overdue for a sophisticated, critically constructive reappraisal.



Embracing Emergence Christianity: Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale

6-session DVD series, by Phyllis Tickle and Tim Scorer, Morehouse Education Resources, 2011.

Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years. The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now.



On the Line

DVD, Gravywolf Films, 2011.

An eco-adventure documentary like no other. Follow Frank Wolf and Todd McGowan on a 2,400 km journey by foot, bike, raft and kayak as they seek to uncover the truth about a proposed 5.5 billion dollar Canadian oil pipeline.



Romans: The Greatest Letter Ever Written

6-session DVD series, by N. T. Wright, Regent College.

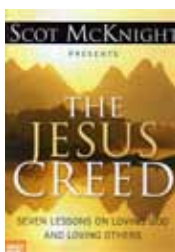
In this series, N.T. Wright provides an overview of Paul's Letter to the Romans, and presents how themes in the book can shed light on our present-day contexts.



The Gospels: Four Stories, One Jesus

6-session DVD series, by N. T. Wright, Regent College.

An introduction to the gospels, their authorship, provenance, possible sources, occasions, and stories.



The Jesus Creed: Seven Lessons on Loving God and Loving Others

7-session DVD series, by Scot McKnight, Paraclete Press, 2008.

Explore with Scot how the great Shema of the Old Testament was transformed by our Lord into the focal point for spiritual maturity.

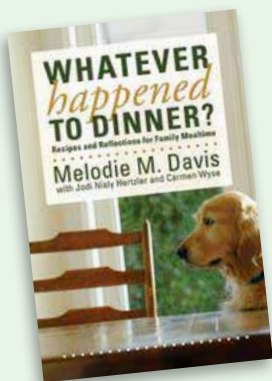


Flood of Mercy: 2012-13 Advent-Epiphany At-Home Devotional.

Our popular annual family resource that includes worship ideas, prayers and activities suitable for home. Free download here - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1810

the 48hr contest

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



This month's question

Name a favourite family devotional resource – either past or present, and why.

This month's prize *Whatever Happened to Dinner? Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtimes* by Melodie M. Davis

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca with "Nov/Dec 2012 Contest" in subject line.

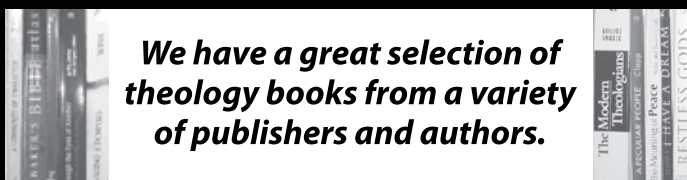
To be eligible: Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.

Congratulations to

Sharon Jansen-Phillips, Saskatoon, SK who won a copy of the book The Russlander by Sandra Birdsell.



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