

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Oct 6 – World Communion Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2084

Oct 27 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2085

Nov 3 – Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086

Nov 10 – Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087

Dec 1 – First Advent
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343

By the Numbers

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Downloads of Lynette Wiebe's (Charleswood Mennonite, Winnipeg, MB) Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

Has your church used it?

Catalogue Tip



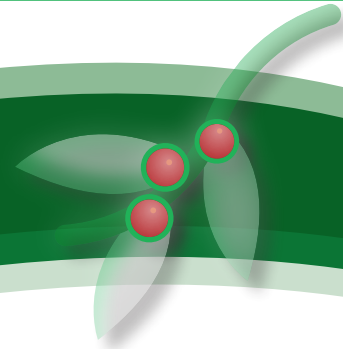
Recently acquired resources can be found easily by either clicking "New" on our left sidebar, or by conducting an "Advanced Search" and narrowing the scope to "New Resources."

Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2129

Open Source Christmas!

New Christmas pageants and worship resources from our churches:



An Order of Good News

by Carol Penner, The First Mennonite, Vineland, ON

Waiting for the Unexpected

by Marla Langelotz, Sargent Ave. Mennonite, Winnipeg, MB

Mary Remembers

by Ferne Burkhardt and Merri Kraemer Slagell, Mannheim Mennonite, Mannheim, ON

Born to ... You

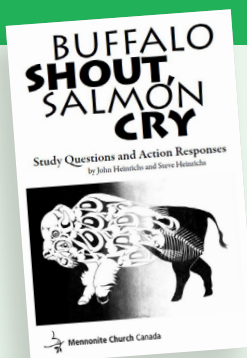
by Doug Klassen, Foothills Mennonite, Calgary, AB

We welcome more!

Are you writing an original Advent study, devotional, Christmas story, carol service, drama or pageant this year? Send us an electronic copy. We'd love to add your offering to our growing list of Christmas resources found here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78

Study Guide now available for *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry!*



Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry (edited by Steve Heinrichs, Herald Press, 2013) showcases a variety of voices – both traditional and Christian, Native and non-Native – and alternative histories, radical theologies and subversive memories – all needed in the work toward reconciliation.

"*Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry*, where these quotes are found, is by far the most timely, provocative and insightful book I've read this summer." - Tom Harpur, *Toronto Sun*

Purchase or borrow the book - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2097
Download the free study guide - www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2131

Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Be Good to Eddie Lee

by [Virginia Fleming](#) and [Floyd Cooper](#), Paperstar, 1993.

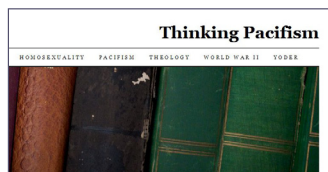
Christy and JimBud think Eddie Lee, a boy with Down's syndrome, is a nuisance, but when he follows them into the woods one afternoon, his understanding of nature leads them to the most amazing discoveries of the day.



Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Thinking Pacifism

by [Ted Grimsrud](#)

A conversation about peace, Christian theology, and social transformation



Mennonite Monologues

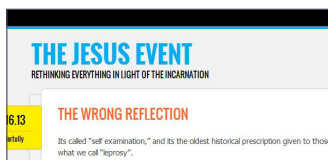
Women in Leadership Project

Essays, poems, art, songs, photographs, and other creative expressions by Mennonite girls and women.



As Above, So Below

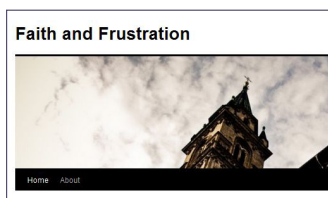
by [Paul Walker](#)



The Jesus Event

by [Tyler M. Tully](#)

A Conversation about faith, justice, and praxis.



Faith and Frustration: A Journey through the Christian Life

by [Jordan Shaw](#)

I write about my life in the Downtown East Side of Vancouver and about my faith.



Perspective Criticism: The Power of Point of View

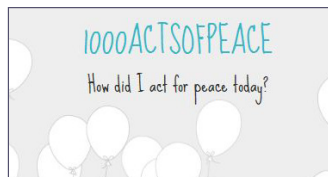
by [Gary Yamasaki](#)

An introduction to point-of-view analysis.



Living Deliberately: A Year's Experience

by [Cindy Brandt](#)



1000 Acts of Peace: How Did I Act for Peace Today?

Mennonite Central Committee Alberta.

Explore the stories here and be inspired to act for peace in your life, community, and around the world!

View our entire blogroll here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2130

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From Mennonite Church Canada

Several recent online videos on Indigenous/Settler relationships:



Residential/Day School Survivors Talk to Mennonites about Schools

by [Ray Mason](#); [Garry McLean](#), 2013.

Ray Mason, who leads Spirit Wind, and Garry McLean speak about their experiences as First Nations people who experienced residential and day schools.



Treaties and the Church:

With [Ovide Mercredi](#), 2013

Are there parallels between the covenants God makes with humanity, and treaties Canada's government has made with First Nations people? Guest Ovide Mercredi explains how his people understand treaties, and reflects on how he understands a faithfully kept treaty.



Mennonites and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)

[Steve Heinrichs](#); [Brad Langendoen](#)

An introduction to the TRC process – as seen through the eyes of Mennonite participants who attended the events in Montreal.

From our Partners

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Fall 2013 Webinars:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1940

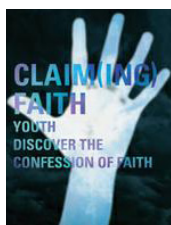
Fall 2013 Short Online Courses:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1939

2014 Pastors' Week – January 27-30

From our Press

New from MennoMedia



Claiming Faith: Youth Discover the Confession of Faith

ed. [Mary Ann Weber](#), 2013.

Invites youth and their leaders to explore, discover, and claim faith through an Anabaptist-Mennonite lens.



Dig In: Leader's Guide

ed. [Karen Jantzi](#) by [Leonard Beechy](#), 2013.

A new tool for groups to gather around Scripture – hearing it in fresh ways, reflecting on the different ways it affects our lives, and inviting the Spirit to make it practical for today.

Cheaper by the Dozen - A Great Tool to Get Into the Fall Rhythm

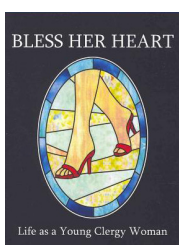
Receive 12 books on loan for an extended period (6 weeks) – free! Use this service to preview new or thematic materials. Ideal for church librarians or planning committees! For more details, see:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2132



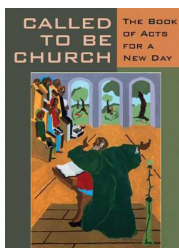
New Resources

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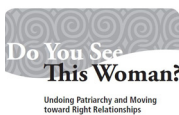
Bless Her Heart: Life as a Young Clergy Woman
by [Ashley-Anne Masters](#); [Stacy Smith](#), Chalice Press, 2011.

Presenting real-life, first-person scenarios from young, female pastors in a variety of denominations, church sizes and ministries, this book is intended for young women in ministry, as well as those considering a ministerial calling.



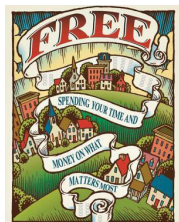
Called to Be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day
by [Anthony B. Robinson](#); [Robert W. Wall](#), Eerdmans, 2006.

Featuring both exegetical study and contemporary exposition, this “commentary” explores twelve familiar stories from Acts – and dives into many of the most vexing issues faced by the church then and again today — issues of sexuality, money, exclusion, conflict in the church, pluralism, and the role of the Holy Spirit.



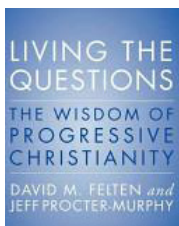
Do You See this Woman?: Undoing Patriarchy and Moving Toward Right Relationships
ed. [Hilary Jerome Scarsella](#), Mennonite Church USA, 2013.

A set of 5 worship services and daily devotionals for small groups and congregations that acknowledge the influence of patriarchy in our lives and the importance of nurturing right relationships among people of all genders in the church.



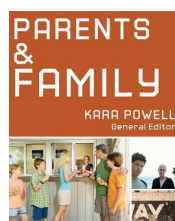
Free
by [Mark Scandrette](#), InterVarsity Press, 2013.

Packed with helpful exercises for getting a handle on your money story, and designed for healing and generative money conversations with friends, Free gives you a path to financial freedom and spiritual flourishing that awakens your heart and energizes your soul. Includes study guide.



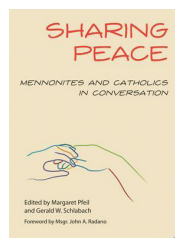
Living the Questions: The Wisdom of Progressive Christianity
by [David Felten](#); [Jeff Procter-Murphy](#), Harper Collins, 2012.

Bible scholars and top church teachers provide a primer to a church movement that encourages every Christian to “live the questions” not “force the answers.”



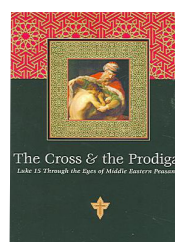
Parents and Family: Junior High Group Study
by [Kara Powell](#), Gospel Light, 2010.

A 12-session curriculum for youth leaders to help the young teens in their group deal with their feelings and relate positively to their parents and siblings.



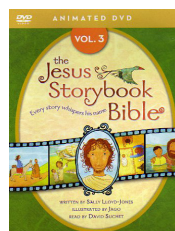
Sharing Peace: Mennonites and Catholics in Conversation
by [Gerald W. Schlback](#); [Margaret R. Pfeil](#), Liturgical Press, 2013.

Brings together leading Mennonite and Catholic theologians and ecclesial leaders to reflect on the recent, first-ever international dialogue between the Mennonite World Conference and the Vatican. The search for a shared reading of history, theology of the church and its sacraments or ordinances, and understandings of Christ’s call to be peacemakers are its most prominent themes.



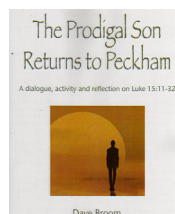
The Cross & the Prodigal Revised and Expanded: Luke 15 Through the Eyes of Middle Eastern Peasants
by [Kenneth E. Bailey](#), InterVarsity Press, 2005.

Drawing on his extensive knowledge of both the New Testament and Middle Eastern culture, Bailey presents an interpretation of this parable from a Middle Eastern perspective and, in doing so, powerfully demonstrates its essentially Christian message.



The Jesus Storybook Bible Vol.3 and 4: Every Story Whispers His Name
DVDs, Zondervan, 2013.

The Jesus Storybook Bible written by Sally Lloyd is now available as short animated story videos. Volume three contains the first eleven stories from the New Testament. Volume four contains the final twelve stories from the New Testament.

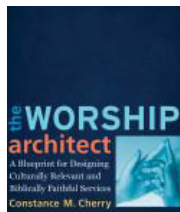


The Prodigal Son Returns To Peckham: A Dialogue, Activity and Reflection on Luke 15:11-32
by [Dave Broom](#), Wild Goose, 2013.

A light-hearted dialogue and entertaining reflection on this common Jesus parable.

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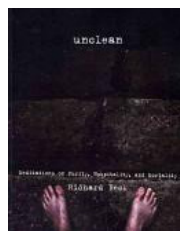
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The Worship Architect: A Blueprint for Designing Culturally Relevant and Biblically Faithful Services

by [Constance M. Cherry](#), Baker Publishing, 2010.

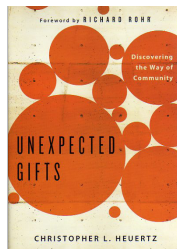
Sets forth basic principles concerning worship design and demonstrates how these principles are conducive to virtually any style of worship practiced today in a myriad of Christian communities.



Unclean: Meditations on Purity, Hospitality, and Mortality

by [Richard Beck](#), Cascade, 2011.

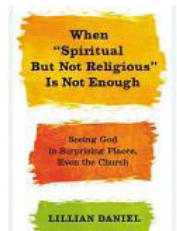
Missional faith communities are well aware that the tensions and conflicts between holiness and mercy are not easily resolved. Here, Beck describes the pernicious (and largely unnoticed) effects of the psychology of purity upon the life and mission of the church.



Unexpected Gifts: Discovering the Way of Community

by [Christopher L. Heuertz](#), Simon and Schuster, 2013.

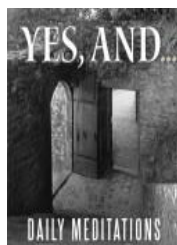
Names eleven inevitable challenges that all friendships, relationships, and communities experience if they stay together long enough. Rather than allowing these challenges to become excuses to leave, they may actually be invitations to stay. And if we stay, these challenges can become unexpected gifts.



When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough: Seeing God in Surprising Places, Even the Church

by [Lillian Daniel](#), Hachette Books, 2013.

Humorous and sincere, this is a book about people finding God in the most unexpected places: prisons, airports, yoga classes, committee meetings, and, strangest of all, right there in church.



Yes/And... Daily Meditations

by [Richard Rohr](#), Franciscan Media, 2013.

Daily prayer resource for those who are looking for an alternate way to live out their faith—a way centered in the open-minded search for spiritual relevance of a transforming nature.

the 48hr contest

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We had a great response to last month's question – thank you to everyone who shared their perspective on Indigenous/Settler relations. The reflections were thoughtful and profound! Here's a small sample:

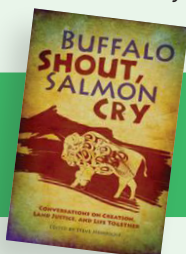
The greatest cultural divide between Indigenous and Settler cultures:

- "Myth of superiority"
- "Affluence, arrogance, greed, apathy and sense of entitlement"
- "Self-perception, world view – each group has different answers - and different questions"
- "Understanding of land and ownership – the treatment of the earth"
- "Lack of interaction with 'ordinary people' from either group"
- "Common mistrust and resentment"
- "Steady focus on divisions, not commonalities"
- "Misinformation"
- "Language barriers"

What would you say divides Settler and Indigenous peoples in Canada?

Enter the conversation by reading *Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry*

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Congratulations to

Michele Rizoli, Toronto, ON who won a copy of this book, edited by Steve Heinrichs.

This month's question

What resource about peacemaking has recently inspired you?

This month's prize

Fingerprints of Fire, Footprints of Peace
by Noel Moules.

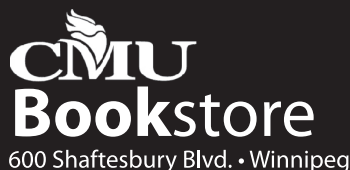


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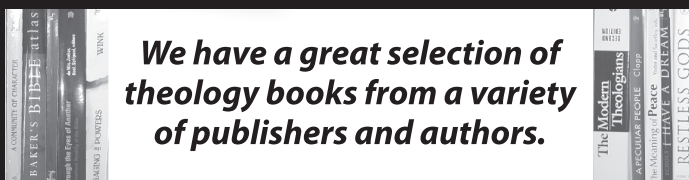
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