

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP RESOURCES

New Year's Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489
 Jan 12 – Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2155
 Jan 19 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2156
 March 5 – Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491
 April 13 – Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160
 April 17 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161
 April 18 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162
 April 20 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163

CHRIS & SELAH LENT AT HOME 2014

Looking for a Lent Study for your Family?

A family, at-home resource for the weeks of Lent. Includes worship ideas, pondering questions, prayers, activities - all suitable for the home. Follows the texts and themes of the worship materials in "Leader" magazine.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2225



By the Numbers

83

Anabaptist Blogs

View the blogroll here –
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1991

Do you have others to recommend?

All New - Chris & Selah Videos

Kid-friendly videos that teach children how to share and help others around the world.



Chris & Selah Visit the Philippines

ed. [Moses Falco](#) and [Elsie Rempel](#), Mennonite Church Canada, 2013.

Chris and Selah share Healing Colouring Books with kids in the Philippines who have experienced trauma from natural disasters.

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1944



Chris & Selah Learn about Aquaponics

ed. [Moses Falco](#) and [Elsie Rempel](#), Mennonite Church Canada, 2013.

Chris and Selah meet Emmanuel and Hippolyto Tshimanga who teach them about an eco-friendly farming project to help Mennonite churches in the Global South.

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Catalogue Tip

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

- Audio
- Books
- Curriculum – Books
- Curriculum – Videos
- Online Documents
- Videos
- Websites



Children's Corner

For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

Naamah and the Ark at Night

by [Susan Campbell Bartoletti](#) and [Holly Meade](#), Candlewick Press, 2011.

As Noah's wife sings the animals to sleep, an age-old story is told afresh in a soothing poetic form brought to life with beautiful collage illustrations.



Resource Update Online

A list of individual links to each resource in this Update is available at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2197

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



Siegfried Bartel was a Prussian Mennonite who served as a captain in the German army during World War II.

Love Your Enemy: A Grandfather's Legacy of Peace by [Siegfried Bartel](#), MCCC, 2013.

The story of Siegfried Bartel, a German army captain in World War II, and his conversion to an outspoken advocate for Jesus' way of peace and nonviolence.



Peace and Jesus: The Peaceworks Video Series by [Stephen Jarnick](#), Peaceworks.

26 episodes on "Jesus and peace." Includes discussion questions for each 16-30 minute video.



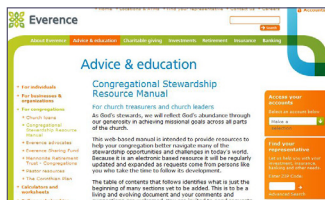
The Unheard Story of David and Goliath by [Malcolm Gladwell](#), TED Talks, 2013.

An introduction to his new book that questions the classic interpretation of an "underdog tale."

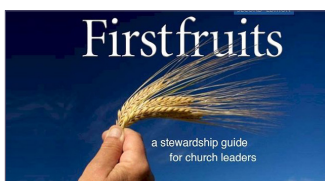


Paul Plett: YouTube Channel by [Paul Plett](#).

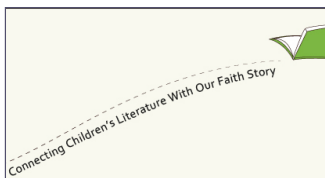
Watch all of Paul Plett's films and documentaries - many suitable for youth, young adult and adult education times at church.



Congregational Stewardship Resource Manual: For Church Treasurers and Church Leaders Elevance.



Firstfruits: A Stewardship Guide for Church Leaders by [Robert C. Heerspink](#), Barnabas Foundation.



StoryPath: Connecting Children's Literature with our Faith Story Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Too many web links to list this month!

Check here for additional site recommendations
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2226

Do you have any sites to recommend?

From Mennonite Church Canada

Recent online videos from Mennonite Church Canada in addition to the Chris and Selah videos on page one:



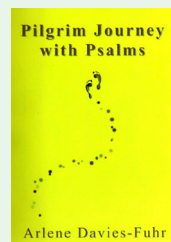
Nation to Nation: Honouring the Royal Proclamation of 1763 by [Steve Heinrichs](#) and [Brad Langendoen](#), 2013.



Three Generations of Ministry in Africa by [Rudy Dirks](#), 2013.

From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



Pilgrim Journey with Psalms

by [Arlene Davies-Fuhr](#), First Mennonite Church, Edmonton.

This workbook invites you on a contemplative, creative, playful journey with the Psalms. The author has followed this process herself, and what emerged were prayer poems to accompany each biblical psalm. Suitable for individual or group spiritual practice.

Available here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2213

Arlene is available to lead a weekend workshop on the material, and has copies available to purchase.



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

From our Partners

Several of the Mennonite periodicals available for loan:



Courier

Published quarterly by Mennonite World Conference

Vision

Published bi-annually by Canadian Mennonite University and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

A Common Place

Published bi-monthly by Mennonite Central Committee.

Timbrel

Published bi-monthly by Mennonite Women USA.

Leader

Published quarterly by MennoMedia.

Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25

Mennonite Church Canada encourages all our congregations to take part in this expression and celebration of the unity of Christ's body by taking part in ecumenical prayer week events in your local community or hosting prayer services in your congregation. The worship resources, entitled "Has Christ Been Divided?", were produced by a Canadian writing team. Information and worship resources can be found at:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2215



Faith Forward Conference
Nashville, TN, USA
May 19-22, 2014

Ten persons from across Mennonite Church Canada attended the first conference in Washington DC in 2012 – and collaborated with other children's and youth ministry leaders. David Csinos, et al, is hosting it again, and we strongly endorse this gathering – a place of resourcing and inspiration. Speakers include: Andrew Root, Sandy Sasso, Brian McLaren, Mark Yaconelli, Phyllis Tickle, Ivy Beckwith, Amy Dolan, and others.

Significant discounts if you register early.

Check out - <http://faith-forward.net/>

From our Press

New from MennoMedia



Shine: Living in God's Light

Our dynamic new Sunday school curriculum for age 3 to grade 8. See <http://shinecurriculum.com/> for an introduction, including a sneak-peek at the new accompanying story Bible *Shine On*.



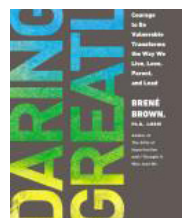
Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World

by [Shirley Hershey Showalter](#), MennoMedia, 2013.

Three locations shaped Shirley - a family farm, a country school, and Lititz Mennonite Church. She later became a college president and then a foundation executive, but the rosy-cheeked, barefoot farm girl never quite disappeared.

New Resources

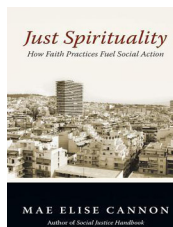
We average over 4 new resources daily.



Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead

by [Brené Brown](#), Penguin Group, 2012.

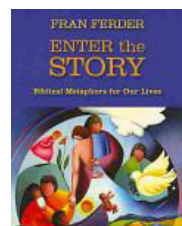
Brown offers a powerful new vision that encourages us to embrace vulnerability and imperfection in order to live wholeheartedly and courageously.



Just Spirituality: How Faith Practices Fuel Social Action

by [Mae Elise Cannon](#), InterVarsity Press, 2013.

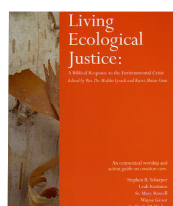
Cannon explores the direct connection between Christians' personal relationship with God and outward actions of kindness, mercy, compassion and advocacy. She looks at how notable Christian leaders were able to face societal challenges because of the rich depths of their spiritual practices.



Enter the Story: Biblical Metaphors for Our Lives

by [Fran Ferder](#), Orbis Books, 2010.

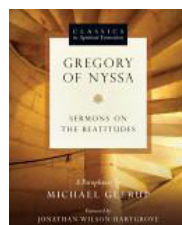
Shows that the central stories in the Bible are alive in us. These old stories are new stories. Unfinished stories. They are our stories. And when we understand them, they can transform our lives.



Living Ecological Justice: A Biblical Response to the Environmental Crisis

ed. [Mishka Lysack](#); [Karri Munn-Venn](#), Citizens for Public Justice, 2013.

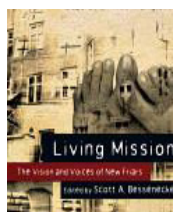
A faith-based learning tool for Canadian Christians trying to live out their mandate to care and advocate for creation. Includes a chapter by Willard Metzger, Executive Director of Mennonite Church Canada.



Gregory of Nyssa: Sermons on the Beatitudes

by [Michael Glerup](#), InterVarsity Press, 2012.

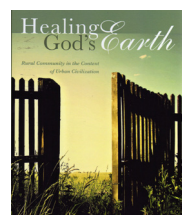
A contemporary rendering of ancient spiritual wisdom for today's readers.



Living Mission: The Vision and Voices of New Friars

by [Scott A. Bessenecker](#), InterVarsity Press, 2010.

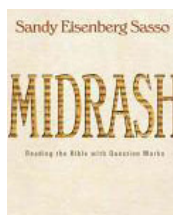
God's kingdom is first and foremost incarnational which leads necessarily to gospel witness that is devotional, communal, missional and marginal.



Healing God's Earth: Rural Community in the Context of Urban Civilization

by [S. Roy Kaufman](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Both Israel and Jesus were engaged in the formation of rural communities of faith, living as alternatives to the dominant cultures of their contemporary urban civilizations.



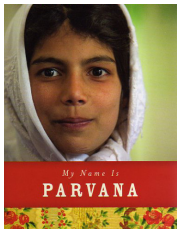
Midrash: Reading the Bible with Question Marks

by [Sandy Eisenberg Sasso](#), Paraclete Press, 2013.

Rabbi Sasso explores how Midrash originated, how it is still used today, and offers new translations and interpretations of more than twenty essential Midrash texts.

New Resources

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My Name Is Parvana

by [Deborah Ellis](#), Groundwood Books, 2012.

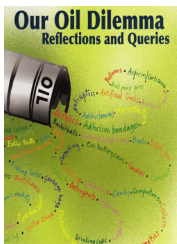
A tween novel about a teenage girl Parvana who lives in an Afghanistan village where her mother has finally managed to open a school for girls.



The Beginning and the End: Rereading Genesis's Stories and Revelation's Visions

by [Michael W. Pahl](#), Wipf and Stock, 2011.

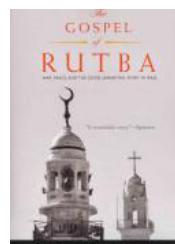
A reading of the first and last books of the Bible that sketches out a story of God, humanity, and all creation—a grand narrative which calls us to live in a particular way, shaped in light of our origins and our destiny.



Our Oil Dilemma: Reflections and Queries

Kairos Canada, 2013.

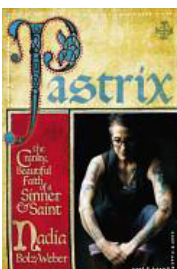
A collection of energy-related stories of challenge and change from around the world, with questions for individual or group reflection.



The Gospel of Rutba: War, Peace, and the Good Samaritan Story in Iraq

by [Greg Barrett](#), Orbis Books, 2013.

In 2003, three U.S. Christian peacemakers weathered the first horrifying days of Shock and Awe in Baghdad only to be nearly killed in a car accident as they were rescued by Iraqi Muslims who took them to a clinic in the bombed-out town of Rutba.



Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint

by [Nadia Bolz-Weber](#), Jericho Books, 2013.

Heavily tattooed, Nadia, a former stand-up comic, didn't consider herself to be religious leader material - until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a smoky downtown comedy club. Now a Lutheran pastor, she is a face of the Emerging Church — redefining what church is, with deep reverence for tradition.



What's in the Bible?: 12 - Letters From Paul!

by [Phil Vischer](#), Jellyfish One, 2013.

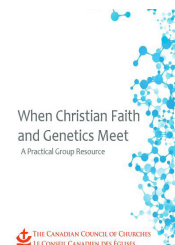
Buck Denver and friends take a whirlwind tour through the 13 letters the Apostle Paul wrote to churches.



Storytelling Budgets: A Fresh Way to Look at Financing the Work of the Church

by [Susan Moser](#), Barnabas Foundation, 2006.

A storytelling (or narrative) budget is a presentation of your church's ministries, and the cost of each ministry, illustrated and authenticated by stories of the people whose lives have been touched and transformed by your ministries and generosity.



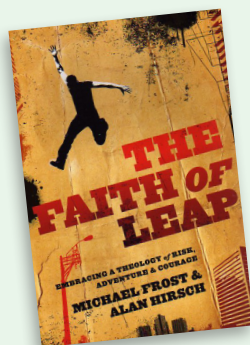
When Christian Faith and Genetics Meet: A Practical Group Resource

by [James Rusthoven](#), Canadian Council of Churches, 2012.

A 5-session curriculum to help the church critically assess the opportunities and risks of biotechnology.

the **48**hr contest

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



This month's question

How have you or your congregation embraced risk, adventure and courage?

This month's prize

The Faith of Leap: Embracing a Theology of Risk, Adventure and Courage by [Michael Frost](#) and [Alan Hirsch](#)

Email your response to: resources@mennonitechurch.ca

with "January 2014 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

Congratulations to [Burkhart Schmidt](#), Ontario who won a copy of *Acorns and Archangels: Worship Resources for Ordinary Time* by Ruth Burgess.

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