

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Nov 2 – Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2086)  
 Nov 9 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2087)  
 Advent/Christmas  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)  
 Jan 18 – Stewardship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2155](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2155)  
 Jan 18 – Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2156](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2156)  
 Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491)

## By the Numbers

**313**

Podcasts, CDs and Audio files

Listen to a wide selection of Anabaptist conversations and music!

## Resource Update Online

View these resources online at [mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2433](http://mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2433) or link to a specific item by clicking on its image or tiny URL.

## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church administrator

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

## Are you ready for Christmas?

### Looking for resources for Advent and Christmas?

The Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre has worship resources for Advent and Christmas. Stories, DVDs for your children, dramas or pageants, Advent studies and much more. 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](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)



## Advent At-Home

Our annual Advent At-Home Devotional by [Elsie Rempel](#)



Download here:

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2395](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2395)

## Children's Corner

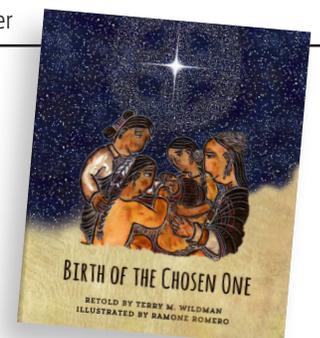
For library, home or Sunday morning storyteller

### Birth of the Chosen One

by [Terry Wildman](#) and [Ramone Romero](#), Great Thunder Publishing, 2013.

Listen to the Christmas story again for the first time. The first book of the First Nations Version Project – a retelling of the biblical story from an Indigenous context.

Youth and adults would also enjoy the related *Church Matters* podcast with storyteller, [Soren Mennohawk](#) who offers an alternative telling of the Christmas story. Listen here - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2252](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2252).



## Website Window

Links worth noting

Serving you with curated links to videos and websites.  
Here are some recent additions:



**Introducing Shine Curriculum**  
by [Carrie Martens](#), MCEC, 2014.

Carrie Martens, pastor of faith formation at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church (Kitchener, Ontario), gives an introduction to the new Shine curriculum from MennoMedia.



**A Place for Faith: Sports, Faith and Leadership**  
Online Video by [Ruth Boehm](#); [Greg Yantzi](#), MCEC, 2014.

Can sports link with faith? How can we support our youth in the sporting communities?



**Safe Sanctuaries Training Video: With Marlene Bogard**  
Online Video, First Mennonite Church Newton, 2013.

A workshop on safe-church policies.



**Ministry Still Matters**  
Online Video, 2014.

Do you have a calling to ministry?



**Creative Prayer: Contemplative Prayer Stations for Worship**  
ed. Faith McCloud.

Create time and space for people to experience God - at their own pace and level.



**Circle of Grace, Dove's Nest**  
An online curriculum to help identify and maintain healthy boundaries, recognize when violations occur and take action when boundaries are threatened.



**Church Matters Podcast Episode 92: Pastors and Sexual Abuse: A Broken Trust Guest**  
Ed Kauffman, Mennonite Church Canada, 2014.

Kauffman shares his experience of helping congregations following instances of clergy sexual misconduct.

Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Churches

Original materials from our congregations



**Christmas Boxes: A Children's Story**  
by [Donita Wiebe-Neufeld](#) illust. [Darian Wiebe-Neufeld](#), First Mennonite Church Edmonton.

"Christmas morning, she thought, is just weird. How could something take so long to arrive and then be over so fast? There was so much waiting and shopping and rehearsing and then, Bang! All was done except the clean up. How could she be so full of excitement for so long and then suddenly feel so empty? ..." A children's story, with original illustrations ready for projection.



Share your church's original material at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

## From Mennonite Church Canada



**Being a Faithful Church 6**

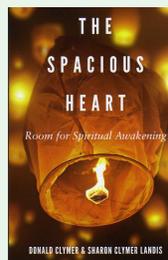
The next stage in the process is now available. The task force is asking for your feedback by Feb 28, 2015.

Download here - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2438](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2438).

There has been a bit of a groundswell of resources recently that dovetail well with our ongoing *Being a Faithful Church* process. Check out the compilation of sexuality resources by AMBS, [Loren Johns'](#) video, [Glenn Brubacher's](#) "thought experiment" and covenant, [Susanna Guenther Loewen's](#) essay, and a "congregational discernment study" by Central Plains District conference in MC USA. Find these and others at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2435](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2435).

## From our Press

MennoMedia

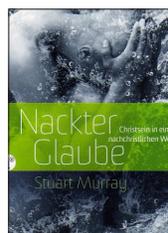


**The Spacious Heart: Room for Spiritual Awakening**

by [Donald R. Clymer](#) and [Sharon Clymer Landis](#), Herald Press, 2014.

Why do people, including Christians, feel empty, estranged and cynical? Many of us have tired of the pat answers that the church and religion have provided about our questions about faith and meaning in life. We know there's more—and we stand on the cusp of spiritual awakening, longing to reshape our connection with God. Anyone wanting to become more loving, in touch with feelings, friends and family will find hope and direction in this easy-to-read book on the spiritual journey.

## Non-English Resources



**Nackter Glaube: Christsein in einer nachchristlichen Welt**  
by [Stuart Murray](#), trans. [Michael Josupeit](#), Neufeld Verlag, 2014.

Wie kann kirche hier und heute glaubwürdig gelebt werden? Stuart Murray fordert auf eine aufwühlende und zugleich inspirierende Weise dazu heraus, Jesus ganzheitlich nachzufolgen. (German Translation of "The Naked Anabaptist")

For other German-language resources, see: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2284](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/2284)

# CommonWord countdown



## 78 DAYS

until our January 6 opening!

The CMU Bookstore and Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre are amalgamating in 2015 and together will feature the largest curated Anabaptist collection in Canada – for loan, sale and download. Additional services include extended hours, *Ten Thousand Villages* products and regular live streamed events.

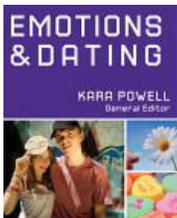
## New Resources

We average over 4 new resources daily.



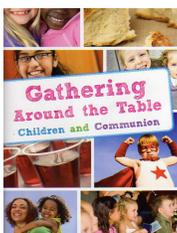
**Constantine Revisited: Leihart, Yoder, and the Constantinian Debate**  
ed. [John D. Roth](#), Wipf and Stock, 2013.

This collection of eleven essays continues a long and venerable debate in the history of the Christian church regarding the legacy of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great.



**Emotions and Dating: Junior High Group Study**  
by [Kara Powell](#), 2014.

Help your junior-highers examine their emotions - especially in the arena of dating - and seek God's strength and wisdom as they build relationships. 12 sessions of kid-friendly activities and exercises.



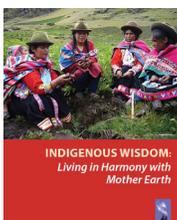
**Gathering Around the Table: Children and Communion**  
Baptist Union of Great Britain, 2010.

This six-session study guide seeks to explore how children might be welcomed to this central celebration of our faith with integrity, taking seriously the nature of the meal.



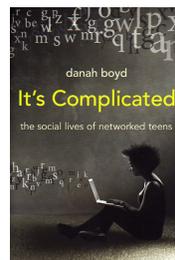
**Heaven is for Real: Based on the incredible True Story**  
DVD, Columbia Pictures, 2014.

Recounts the true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience (visiting heaven) with the world.



**Indigenous Wisdom: Living in Harmony with Mother Earth**  
by [John Dillon](#), Kairos, 2014.

Reducing our oversized ecological footprint is an urgent necessity. We in Canada have much to learn from the wisdom of Andean Indigenous peoples whose traditions can teach us how to live in harmony with Mother Earth.



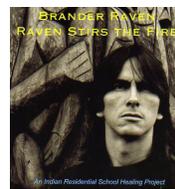
**It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens**  
by [Danah Boyd](#), Yale University Press, 2014.

Interrogates some of the major myths regarding teens' use of social media and explores topics of identity, privacy, safety, danger and bullying. Ultimately, Boyd argues that society fails young people when paternalism and protectionism hinder teenagers' ability to become informed, thoughtful and engaged citizens through their online interactions.



**Oriented to Faith: Transforming the Conflict Over Gay Relationships**  
by [Tim Otto](#), Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014.

Tim Otto tells the story of his struggle with being gay and what that taught him about the gospel. With gentle wisdom and compassionate insight, the author invites us to consider how we might work with God through these tensions so that all can be transformed by God's good news in Christ.



**Raven Stirs The Fire: An Indian Residential School Healing Project**  
CD by [Brander McDonald](#), Strongriven Productions, 2013.

A collection of 12 songs in honour of all the survivors/ heroes of Indian Residential Schools.



**Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now**  
by [Walter Brueggemann](#), Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

Brueggemann writes that the Sabbath is not simply about keeping rules but rather about becoming a whole person and restoring a whole society. Keeping the Sabbath allows us to break this restless cycle of wanting more and focus on what is truly important: God, other people, all life.

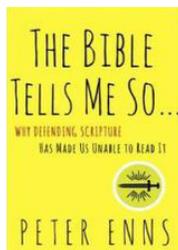


**Secrets of a Hutterite Kitchen**  
by [Mary-Ann Kirkby](#), Penguin Group, 2014.

A candid snapshot of present-day Hutterite life, unraveling the inner workings of this closed society and unveiling the rituals, traditions and food of their culture through the lens of the community kitchen.

## New Resources

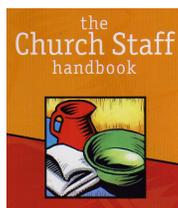
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### **The Bible Tells Me So: Why Defending Scripture has made Us Unable to Read It**

by [Peter Enns](#), HarperCollins, 2014.

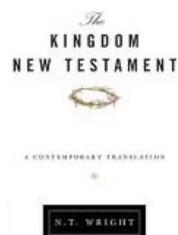
Christians have had it drilled into them that their job is to defend the Bible against any challenge. But is this really God's plan? What if God wants us to debate and wrestle with what we read in scripture? Here you will find a revolutionary guide that will liberate Christians so they can truly engage with God's Word.



### **The Church Staff Handbook**

by [Laura Keeley](#), [Henry Kranenburg](#), [Leonard Vander Zee](#), Faith Alive Christian Resources, 2014.

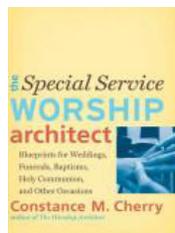
This handbook will help church staff and those who hire and supervise them build a better and more focused ministry together.



### **The Kingdom New Testament: A Contemporary Translation**

by [N.T. Wright](#), HarperCollins, 2012.

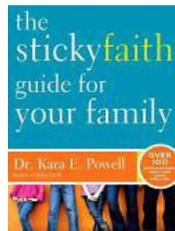
A powerful new translation of the New Testament that achieves a close match to the Scripture's original Greek, invokes more appropriately gender-neutral terminology, and provides a natural readable tone to the text, while also magnifying the vibrancy and urgency of the original works.



### **The Special Service Worship Architect: Blueprints for Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms, Holy Communion, and Other Occasions**

by [Constance M. Cherry](#), Baker Publishing, 2013.

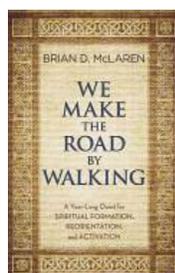
Not only explains what leaders do in order to preside at special services and how to do it, but also why they make certain choices. Each chapter includes discussion questions, practical exercises and a basic glossary.



### **The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family: Over 100 Practical and Tested Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Kids**

by [Kara E. Powell](#), Zondervan, 2014.

This book arises from the innovative, research-based and extensively field-tested project known as Sticky Faith, designed to equip parents with insights and ideas for nurturing long-term faith in children and young people.



### **We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation**

by [Brian D. McLaren](#), Jericho Books, 2014.

The fifty-two (plus a few) weekly readings can each be read aloud in 10-12 minutes and offer a simple curriculum of insightful reflections and transformative practices. Organized around the traditional church year, these readings give an overview of the whole Bible.



Are you writing an original Advent study, devotional, Christmas story, worship 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](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78).



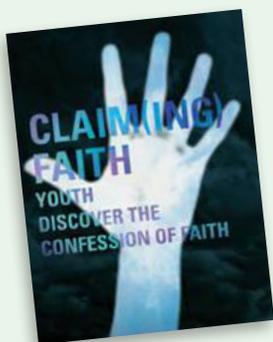
### **What's in the Bible?:**

#### **Vol. 13 - God's Kingdom Comes!**

DVD by [Phil Vischer](#), Jellyfish One, 2014.

Denver and friends take us through more letters in the Bible - Hebrews, James and the rest of the General Epistles and the Revelation to John. The final DVD in the *What's in the Bible* set.

# the 48hr contest



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



### **This month's question**

Name 2 reasons why you subscribe to the *Resource Update*.

### **This month's prize**

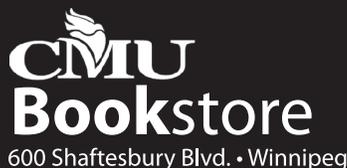
*Claiming Faith: Youth Discover the Confession of Faith* ed. [Mary Ann Weber](#).

**Email your response to:** [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

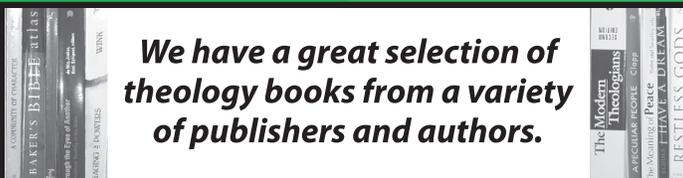
with "November/December 2014 Contest" in subject line.

**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 Janet Buhler, Langham, SK who won a copy of *Bonnet Strings* by Saloma Miller Furlong.



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