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We offer resources for...

Nov 6	Peace Sunday
Nov 27	First Advent
Dec 25	Christmas
Jan 1/06	New Year's Day
Jan 22	World Fellowship Sunday

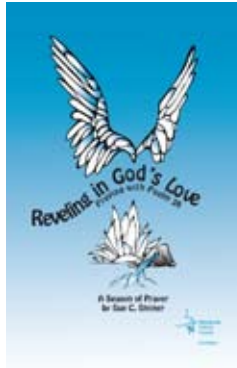
Resource Update

- Highlights faith and church ministry resources that Mennonite Church Canada makes available by loan, sale or electronic download.
 - is distributed 10 times a year by Mennonite Church Canada in its congregational *Equipping* package.
 - For a free personal email subscription to the **Resource Update** contact resources@mennonitechurch.ca
 - Submissions of a special worship service, litany or celebration are always welcome. Share with us and other congregations!
 - Links in the electronic version of this publication are LIVE - just click to enter our website.
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Season of Prayer for 2006

Reveling in God's Love: Praying with Psalm 36,

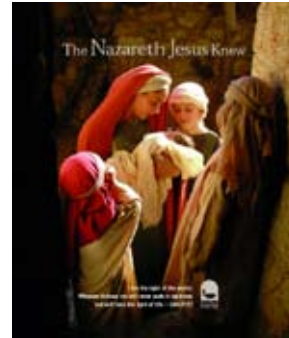
by Sue C. Steiner.



A prayer and study guide that provides a variety of options for congregational, small group and Sunday school settings, as well as in the home and family. There are helpful background essays, numerous questions for reflection and discussion and a number of carefully prepared prayer services.

A sample copy is enclosed in this issue of *Equipping*. Additional copies are available to download free at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7321> or contact the Resource Centre to purchase the printed version (\$5/copy).

New for Christmas



The Nazareth Jesus Knew

Here's a rare glimpse into the first-century cultural setting in which Jesus lived. **The Nazareth Jesus Knew** re-

creates details of everyday life in Jesus' hometown, giving a deeper and fresher meaning to selected New Testament teachings.

This unique perspective on the Jesus story comes to us from Nazareth Village, a Mennonite Church Canada supported project in Israel. With this almanac-style book, rich with photos, stories and facts, Joel Kaufman, Mike Hostetler, and others have captured a guided living history tour of first-century Nazareth.

Preview from the Resource Centre or www.nazarethvillage.com. Purchase copies (\$35.00 hard cover; \$19.95 soft cover) from the Nazareth Village website, or from the Canadian Mennonite University Bookstore: 1-877-891-4570 or www.cmu.ca.

Childrens' Corner

Resources for the church library, home, Sunday School class or Sunday morning storyteller.



Come Worship With Me: A Journey through the Church Year by Ruth Boling and Tracey Dahle Carrier, Geneva Press, 2001.

In this colourful and beautifully illustrated children's book, the seasons of the church year come alive as friendly church mice invite children of all ages to "Come worship with me." They trace the journey of the church year from Advent through Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost and beyond. In a special closing section, clear and easy-to-understand explanations are given for many Christian symbols. Especially appropriate now as we look ahead to Advent and the start of the church year.

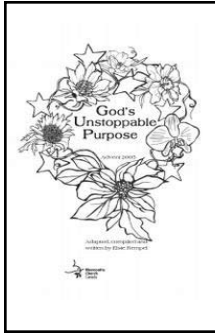
Route to...

- Librarian
- Pastor(s)
- Worship Planners
- Education Coordinator
- Church Secretary

Please also circulate the attached memos.

Advent/Christmas Resources

God's Unstoppable Purpose.



Link your family devotions to congregational worship with this at-home Advent-Epiphany resource. Download a free copy at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7144.

A sample copy is enclosed.

A Pathway to Jesus: 2005 Intergenerational Christmas Pageant.

Link your Christmas pageant with your Sunday school lessons! Download a free copy at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/ResourceView/5/7261.

For more Christmas resources, check www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/Browse/732.

Website Window

Anabaptist Online Resources

Resource/Ministry Sampler CD

An MC Canada Website Navigational Tool

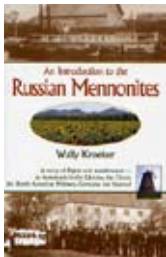


The Sampler CD, enclosed in this Equipping packet, is a brief introduction/tutorial to the ever evolving Resource Centre Online Catalogue. Use the CD to orient yourself

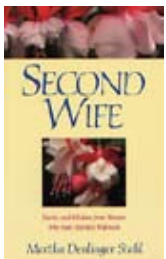
to a variety of worship and spiritual life resources that are designed to support the life of your church and promote Christian growth.

New Resources

For a complete list of new acquisitions, check www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/NewResources



Introduction to the Russian Mennonites, by Wally Kroeker, Good Books, 2005. An easily accessible retelling of the many stories of flights and resettlements - to homelands in the Ukraine, the Chaco, the North American Midwest, Germany and beyond. Includes dozens of historic and contemporary photographs.



Second Wife: Stories and Wisdom from Women who have Married Widowers by Martha Denlinger Stahl, Good Books, 2005. Herself a second wife, Martha Stahl talks straight about the unique preparation required for those women who are marrying widowers.



Getting it Right the First Time: Creating a Healthy Marriage, by Barry and Emily McCarthy, 2004. Creating an intimate, fulfilling, and stable marriage is by no means easy or guaranteed - it requires thought, communication, planning, and true commitment. An honest and open conversation-starter for newlyweds.



Ten Service Plans for Contemporary Worship by Ron Rienstra, CRC Publications, 2002. Good contemporary worship, suggests the author, follows the wisdom of ancient patterns, yet gives these patterns a fresh voice. It adapts older material, gratefully

accepting and gently transforming tradition. And it welcomes new material from a variety of sources, placing things fittingly into the basic flow of worship. Provides ten skeletal worship outlines with notes.

From Our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network

Available from the Resource Centre for a free preview loan. To purchase, call MPN at 1-800-245-7894.

MennoFolk 2: A Sampler of Mennonite and Amish Folklore,

edited by Ervin Beck. Herald Press, 2005. Follows Beck's popular and critically welcomed MennoFolk (also at the Resource Centre). This second book offers 17 new studies of folklore that represent a wide range of Mennonite and Amish age groups, geographic locations, religious subgroups, and folklore genres.

