

## CALENDAR

### Summer:

Assembly Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/238](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/238)

Camp Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/267)

Vacation Bible School – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/82](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/82)

Summer worship – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/259)

### Fall:

Sept 2 – Labour Day – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/257)

Sept 9 – Sunday School Promotion – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256)

Sept 23 – Publishing Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/339](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/339)

Oct 7 – World Communion Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/362](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/362)

Oct 28 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/340](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/340)

Nov 4 – Peace Sunday – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/344](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/344)

Nov 11 – Mission Sunday [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/342](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/342)

Dec 2 – First Advent – [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)

## Route to...

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

## Unpacking the Anabaptist Toolbox

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Subscribe to this monthly e-newsletter - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347).

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## Children's Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.

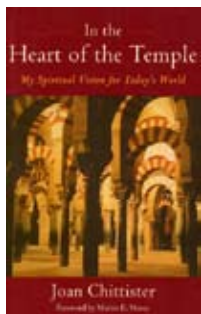


**Playing War.** One hot summer day Luke and his friends decide to play their favourite game of war, using sticks for guns and pine cones for bombs and grenades. When a new child in the neighbourhood hesitates to join in and then tells them he has been in a real war in the country where he used to live, the other children start to see their game in a new light. Lea Lyon's fluid, expressive watercolours capture the action and the emotion of this story, where friendship and kindness prevail.

By Kathy Beckwith; illustrated by Lea Lyon, Tilbury House, 2005.

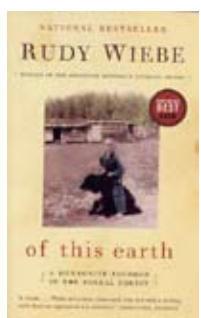
➔ **For additional children's books, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168).**

# Summer Reading



***In the Heart of the Temple: My Spiritual Vision for Today's World.*** Joan Chittister has been one of America's key visionary spiritual voices for more than thirty years. This book brings together for the first time her most powerful, influential, and celebrated writings. Passionate and provocative, this

collection combines the spiritual practices of the Rule of St. Benedict with the contemporary struggle for social justice, feminism and ecology. By Joan Chittister, BlueBridge, 2004.



***Of This Earth: A Mennonite Boyhood in the Boreal Forest.*** In *Of This Earth*, Rudy Wiebe gives vivid life again to the vanished world of Speedwell, Saskatchewan, an isolated, poplar-forested, mostly Mennonite community – and Rudy's first home. Too young to do heavy work, Rudy witnessed a way of life that was soon to disappear. And we experience with him the hard labour

of clearing the stony, silty bushland; the digging out of precious wells one bucket of dirt at a time; sorrow at the death of a beloved sister; the disorienting searches for grazing cattle in the vast wilderness sloughs and the sweet discovery of the power of reading. By Rudy Wiebe, Vintage Canada, 2006.

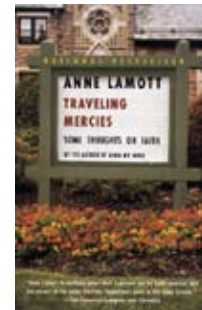


***Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived in Faith.*** Whether coping with her brother's battle against cancer, serving communion wine, or questioning the afterlife ("One world at a time"), Gallagher draws us into a world of journeys and mysteries. By braiding together the symbols of the Christian calendar, the events of a year in the life of one church, and her own spiritual journey, Gallagher

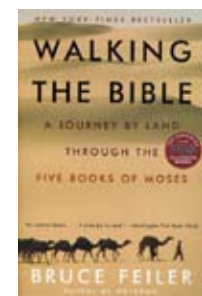
calls into focus "the world of the almost unknown" as she writes of faith and its meaning, of uncertainty and suffering, grace and commitment in this harrowingly honest memoir. By Nora Gallagher, Vintage Books, 1998.

***Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith.*** With an exuberant mix of passion, insight, and humour, Anne Lamott takes us on a journey through her often troubled past to illuminate her devout but quirky walk of faith. In

a narrative spiced with stories and scripture, with diatribes, laughter, and tears, Lamott tells how, against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. She shows us the myriad ways in which this sustains and guides her, shining the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life and exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope. By Anne Lamott, Anchor Books, 1999.

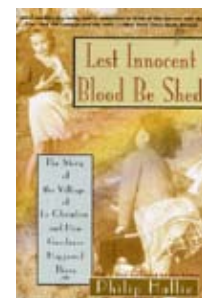


***Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land through the Five Books of Moses.*** Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, *Walking the Bible* describes one man's epic odyssey – by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel – through the greatest stories ever told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mt. Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler's inspiring journey will forever change your view of some of history's most storied events. By Bruce Feiler, HarperCollins, 2001.



***Lest Innocent Blood Be Shed: The Story of the Village of Le Chambon and how Goodness Happened There.*** During the most terrible years of World War II, when inhumanity and political insanity held most of the world in their grip and the Nazi domination of Europe seemed irrevocable and unchallenged, a miraculous event took place in a small Protestant town in southern France called Le Chambon.

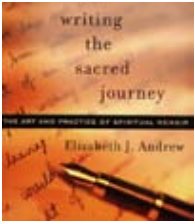
There, quietly, peacefully, and in full view of the Vichy government and a nearby division of the Nazi SS, Le Chambon's villagers and their clergy organized to save thousands of Jewish children and adults from certain death. By Philip Hallie, HarperCollins, 1994.



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We stock all books included in this Resource Update including those books written and published by Mennonites.

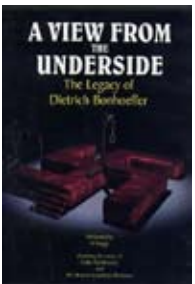
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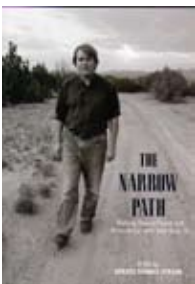
**Writing the Sacred Journey: The Art and Practice of Spiritual Memoir.** Spiritual memoir is a genre in which one's life is written with particular attention paid to its mysteries. It uses the material of the past and present to ask, What is the source of my existence? What makes me tick? What gives me breath, hope, or inspiration? This book will teach you how to write memoir with heart and flair; it will help you get started, move through drafts, and gain skills in the craft. By Elizabeth J. Andrew, Skinner House Books, 2005.

➔ **For other biographical books, see**  
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## Biographical DVDs



**A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer** DVD. A dramatic monologue of one of the great heroes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The audience is brought into the prison cell where Bonhoeffer awaits execution and listens to his struggles with evil, injustice, and God.

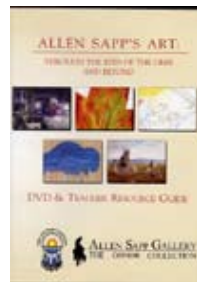


**The Narrow Path: Walking Toward Peace and Nonviolence with John Dear** DVD. John Dear, a celebrated Catholic peace activist, reflects on the radical message of the Gospel and Jesus' instruction to love our enemies. Following in the footsteps of the great apostles of nonviolence - Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton,

Oscar Romero and Daniel and Philip Berrigan - John Dear, who has been arrested and imprisoned over 75 times, tirelessly preaches and lives the message of the nonviolent Jesus.



**Nurturing Spirit Through Song: The Legacy of Mary K. Oyer** DVD and book. Recognized internationally as a scholar, educator, hymnologist and church musician, Mary K. Oyer is in demand as a song leader and presenter for church and scholarly conferences. Explore the many aspects of Mary's legacy through this teaching resource for professional church musicians, congregational song leaders and students interested in learning the art of leading congregational singing.



**Allen Sapp's Art: Through the Eyes of the Cree and Beyond** DVD. The DVD and teacher resource guide celebrate Allen Sapp's artistic portrayals of the richness of the Plains Cree worldview. It's told through the interweaving of on-location storytelling and its artistic interpretation.

CATALOGUE TOOL TIPS

**We are negotiating our pastor's salary for the next year and want to reference the annual Mennonite Church Canada guidelines.**

- Type "pastor salary guidelines" or "pastor salary" into the keyword field.
- Or, using a subject search, click [Mennonite Church Canada Resources], then [Finance/ Human Resources], then [Payroll and Benefits], then [Pastor's Salary Guidelines].

➔ **For other frequently asked questions, check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169)**

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## Ready for Sunday School?



### **Gather 'Round Handbook**

This valuable handbook helped many Sunday School superintendents introduce the new Sunday School curriculum last year. In the busyness of launching *Gather 'Round*, some of its rich resources may have gone unnoticed.

Ferdinand Funk, a Manitoba pastor, who is helping lay leaders in his congregation examine and evaluate

their children's ministry, wrote the following about the *Handbook*: "I actually spent a good part of this morning reading the *Gather 'Round Handbook*, and I came to the conclusion that this is good stuff!! I'll also use themes for our sermons this summer."

A rich resource for anyone who is committed to effectively including children and youth in the life of the congregation, including:

- Articles on theological foundations, educational principles
- Analysis of the stages of faith formation and multiple intelligences
- Practical tips for working with specific age groups, calling volunteers, discipline in the classroom.

➔ **To borrow or purchase, see**  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/338](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/338)

**Sunday School Promotion Sunday Service.** Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/336](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/336) for new litanies, prayers, sermon prompts and children's story options for the beginning of the Sunday School year. The Year C lectionary texts for September 9 are followed.

**Children's Bibles.** For a sampling of children's Bibles appropriate for different age levels in your Sunday School, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/337](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/337)

**Gather 'Round website.** For sample sessions, tips, ordering information, and more, see [www.gatherround.org](http://www.gatherround.org).

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**The Mennonite Handbook.** Seriously accurate and seriously funny, here is an essential field guide for all things Mennonite. Combining reliable, historical and theological information, alongside some fun facts, this resource provides very practical tips on being a churchgoing follower of Jesus Christ. Step-by-step instructions on:

- How to Get to Know Your Pastor
- How to Sing a Four-Part Hymn
- How to Listen to a Sermon
- What to Bring to a Church Potluck
- How to Survive a Church Split
- How to Console Someone
- How to Memorize a Bible Verse

Edited by Sarah Kehrberg, Herald Press, 2007.



**The Joy Factor.** Well-known speaker, magician, and author Jep Hostetler offers his unique approach on the importance of humour in health and faith. His compelling challenge to reassess our humour index helps us to accept what is, celebrate what we can, and find joy once again. By Jep Hostetler, Herald Press, 2007.



**God's People Now: Face to Face with Mennonite Church Canada.** In December 2005, Robert Suderman was appointed General Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada. Over the next few months, he visited each church of his denomination, more than two hundred congregations, on what he called a "listening tour." In his book, Suderman presents what he heard. Relying heavily on direct, unedited quotes from more than 300 hours of face-to-face meetings with the grassroots of Mennonite Church Canada, Suderman offers a glimpse of the denomination's needs, wants, and concerns. By Robert J. Suderman, Herald Press, 2007.