

RESOURCE UPDATE A service of Mennonite Church Canada — Highlighting Resources for Sunday school, Family Ministry & Worship...

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CALENDAR

Fall:

Nov 4 – Peace Sunday – <u>www.</u> <u>mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/456</u>

Nov 11 – Mission Sunday <u>www.</u> <u>mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/443</u>

Advent/Christmas – <u>www.men-</u> nonitechurch.ca/tiny/78

Jan 1/08 - New Year's Day - <u>www.mennonitechurch.</u> <u>ca/tiny/489</u>

Jan 20 – Stewardship Sunday - <u>www.mennonitechurch.</u> <u>ca/tiny/493</u>

Jan 27 – World Fellowship Sunday - <u>www.mennonitechurch.</u> <u>ca/tiny/490</u>

Feb 3 – Church Education Sunday - <u>www.mennonitechurch.</u> <u>ca/tiny/492</u>

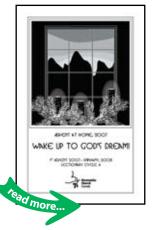
Feb 6 - Ash Wednesday – <u>www.</u> <u>mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491</u>

Route to...

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

2007 Advent Guide

Use this MC Canada guide to connect with congregational worship themes at home.



Winter 2007/08 Talk-About

Use this Gather 'Round triangle to connect with the Sunday School focus at home.



KidsPak

Drawin' Together for Peace. By Elsie Rempel

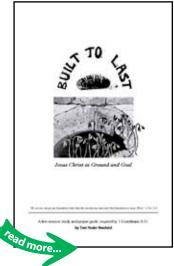
One of 12 interactive KidsPak projects that make a difference in the lives of children at home, across the street and around the world. See <u>www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/366</u>.

2008 Season of Prayer Guide

Built to Last: Jesus Christ as Ground and Goal. By Tom Yoder Neufeld

Use the 5 sessions as:

- Worship themes
- Week of prayer or Deeper Life week studies (eg. Passion Week)
- Small group study (midweek study, Sunday School, morning prayer breakfasts)



Single copies of each

MC Canada resource are

included in this month's

Equipping package.

Or, download each free

resource by clicking on the

cover image.

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



Lectionary Story Bible: Year A by Ralph Milton; illustrated by Margaret Kyle, Wood Lake Publishing, 2007.

Includes many stories from both the Hebrew and New Testament scriptures. At least one, but usually two stories from the lections are included for each Sunday of the church year, making it a complete lectionary resource for Christian educators, camp leaders, worship leaders, and families who want to share their faith at home. A good complimentary resource to our own online children's stories at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/269.

For additional children's books, see <u>www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168</u>.



In on the Action?

September's Top Rentals



Remembering Russia: 1928-1938 DVD, by Otto Klassen, 2007. Documents the spiritual

battles and sufferings of Mennonites in Soviet Russia from the introduction of the first Five-Year Plan in October 1928 to the end of The Great Terror in 1938.

On Frequent Journeys: Worship Resources on Uprooted Peoples, by Rebekah Chevalier, 1997. A collection of worship resources from around the world interspersed with stories of uprooted people.



Words for Worship, by Arlene Mark, Herald Press, 1995. An anthology of worship readings and pravers.

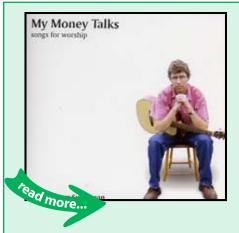


Destination Bethlehem: Dramas and Pageants for Advent/Christmas, CSS Publishing 2004. Anthology of advent and Christmas worship materials.



Reinventing Aging, by Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Herald Press, 2003. A study guide that examines the way we see and respond to aging in our families and churches.

The Radical Reign: Parables of Jesus by Gary Wilde, Faith and Life Resources, 1999. Youth curriculum that shows how the parables reveal God's reign as radically different from the world we live in, and what that means for the Christian life.



My Money Talks: Songs for Worship CD by Bryan Moyer Suderman, SmallTall Music, 2007.

Jesus had a lot to say about money, but the songs we sing in worship rarely do. New original songs

that incorporate a variety of musical genres and mirror the different worship styles in our congregations. Easily accessible for both home and church settings and will appeal to both the "tall" and "small." Look for an accompanying songbook with music notation and piano arrangements in early 2008.

"What a gift to God's people! ...a much needed resource for our worship and a springboard for real discussion about stewardship."

- J. Nelson Kraybill, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Click on the cover image or visit www.smalltallmusic.com



Re-energize: Time for a Carbon Sabbath

"Our thirst for oil is killing people and the planet and it doesn't have to be that way!"

KAIROS: Canadian **Ecumenical Justice** Initiatives has launched a new campaign called "Reenergize." It is intended to educate and engage **Canadian Christians** in addressing climate change. Their website

(www.re-energize.org) includes some real options for you and your church to consider as you re-think your own dependence on fossil fuels. Also find a "Carbon Sabbath" Bible study, planning notes for a "100 Mile" church picnic or harvest dinner, and an outline for a 12-hour Power Down Day or "energy fast."

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New Resources

For a complete list of new accquisitions, check <u>www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480</u>



Recovering Jesus: The Witness of the New Testament, by Tom Yoder Neufeld, 2007. An accessible and thorough introduction to the life of Jesus from a well-respected Mennonite biblical scholar.

The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's

Life, by Joan Chittister. Reclaims the ancient story of Ruth as a model for contemporary women seeking a fully spiritual life. Explores a series of twelve defining moments in every woman's life – moments of loss, change,



transformation, aging, independence, respect, recognition, insight, empowerment, self-definition, invisibility, and fulfillment.

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the story of how Aotearoa, New Zealand became nuclear free and anti-war. It is an inspiration for all people, young and old, and for peacemakers everywhere.

Breath of Peace DVD, 2005. This film tells

Caring for Ourselves while Caring for our Elders by Maren

Tirabassi, Maria Tirabassi, Leanne McCall Tigert, Pilgrim Press, 2007. The 25 brief chapters in this work share the encouraging stories of family members who are caring for elders. Scripture is used to frame the stories – representing a diverse group of caregivers – as well as



short psychological commentaries, discussion questions, assignments, and prayers.

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

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From our Partners

New from Pandora Press



Christ in Our Midst: Incarnation, Church and Discipleship in the Theology of Pilgrim Marpeck by Neal Blough. This book invites us to see Marpeck in his own social and intellectual context, but also to see ourselves in the complexity of the world in which we live. Above all it raises the question whether

the strong blend of humanity and deity of Christ seen in Marpeck's theology may be a beacon for us in our lives - a welcome gift for people ready to give serious thought to the shape of discipleship today.



Martyrdom in an Ecumenical Perspective: A Mennonite-Catholic Conversation edited by Peter Erb. One of the most painful memories in need of healing concerns the legacy of martyrdom – a reality in both Anabaptist and Catholic traditions. Presentations made at conferences

on this theme demonstrate the willingness of both Catholics and Mennonites to confront even the most difficult issues of the past in a spirit of openness, humility and understanding.



Peter Riedemann: Shaper of the Hutterite Tradition by Werner Packull. In this book Packull makes masterful use of existing records to present a definitive biographical account of Riedemann's eventful life as a long-term prisoner of conscience, Anabaptist, and Hutterian community leader.

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



An Introduction to Leading Worship, downloadable file, 2006. By Charleswood Mennonite Church worship committee, Winnipeg, MB. A brochure to help leaders (greeters, ushers, sound technicians, musicians,

scripture readers, storytellers, preacher, worship leader) in worship to recognize their interrelated responsibilities.

For other original materials, see <u>www.</u> <u>mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479</u>

Submissions of a special congregational event, worship service, or practice are always welcome!

From our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network

Available from the Resource Centre for a free preview loan. To purchase, order online (www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre/home) or call MPN at 1-800-631-6535.



Neglected Voices: Peace in the Old Testament by David Leiter, Herald Press, 2007. The Bible has a reputation among some believers for being about violence in the Old Testament and about peace in the New Testament. By identifying key typologies for peace, Leiter deconstructs this simplified notion and shows the Old

Testament's relevance to today's struggles for peace.



Bully Bill by Joy Birky, Herald Press, 2007. Bully Bill is like all bullies in the world: he thinks that because he can fight, he can get his own way. But when he encounters another boy, Happy Hal, who makes friends by helping others, Bill

becomes curious about how this happens. When Hal introduces Jesus and the Golden Rule to Bill, things begin to change for the better.



Fun Bible Skits 3: Ready-to-go Scripts and Activities for Kids and Congregations by David Morrow, Faith and Life Resources, 2007. These Old and New Testament stories, with activities, offer flexible options for midweek clubs, retreats, camp, Sunday school, worship or other settings.



Close to Home, Faith and Life Resources, 2007. A pastoral care pamphlet series addressing difficult issues (addictions, compulsive behaviours, mental disorders, experiences of abuse) from an Anabaptist perspective. For your church foyer, pastoral visitation, gifts to loved ones, small group discussion-starters.

Correction: In the October 2007 *Resource Update* (www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/494) we listed multiple ways of ordering MPN titles – we encourage you to save this for future reference. Unfortunately we misdirected people on how to order *Gather'Round*. To buy curriculum, please either call Kathy Shantz at MPN (1-800-631-6535) or fill out an online order form at www.faithandliferesources.org

Note: All MPN prices are now on par with the lower US price! An approximate 20% discount.

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