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## CALENDAR

Oct 5—World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/721](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/721)

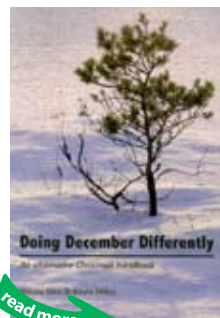
Oct 26—Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/722](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/722)

Nov 2—Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/746](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/746)

Nov 9—Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/724](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/724)

Advent/Christmas  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78)

## Ready for Christmas?



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### Doing December Differently

➔ For other “Alternative” Christmas resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/451](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/451)

### The First Christmas DVD

➔ For other Children’s Christmas resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/452](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/452)



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### DoveTale DVD

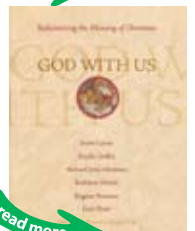
➔ For other Christmas curriculum, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/454](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/454)



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### God With Us

➔ For other Christmas devotional reading, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/738](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/738)



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### Let Your Face Shine

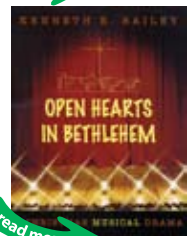
➔ For other family Christmas resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/455](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/455)



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### Open Hearts in Bethlehem

➔ For other Christmas pageants, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/453](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/453)



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### Hay and Stardust

➔ For other Christmas worship resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)



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## Route to...

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

Subscribe to *Resource Update*:  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

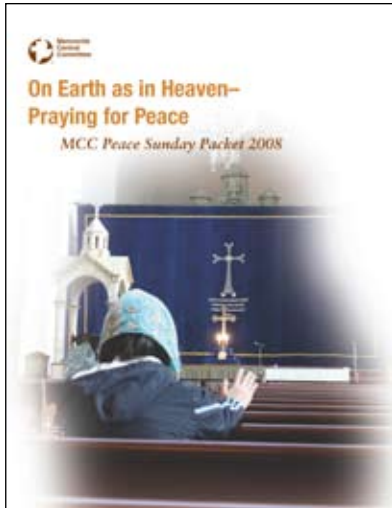
## Children’s Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.



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**The Light of the World: The Life of Jesus for Children** by Katherine Paterson; illustrated by Francois Roca, Scholastic, 2008. A simple rendering of Jesus’ birth, life, death and resurrection that brings artistry and compassion to a beloved story once again made new.

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



**On Earth as in Heaven**  
by Christine Longhurst, John B. Epp, Elsie Rempel.  
Mennonite Central Committee, 2008. This year's Peace Sunday Packet from MCC invites us to consider another way in which we can work together for peace: through corporate intercessory prayer.

➔ **Borrow or download a copy for this year's Peace Sunday worship service on November 2:**  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/746](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/746).



## In on the Action? Summer's Top Requests

- ➔ [read more...](#) **[Adventures in Missing the Point](#)** by Brian McLaren and Tony Campolo.
- ➔ [read more...](#) **[Praying in Colour: Drawing a New Path to God](#)** by Sybil MacBeth.
- ➔ [read more...](#) **[Living on Purpose: Finding God's Best for Your Life](#)** by Tom and Christine Sine.
- ➔ [read more...](#) **[I am Hutterite](#)** by Mary-Ann Kirkby.
- ➔ [read more...](#) **[Praying All Ways: A Multiple Intelligences Approach to Prayer](#)** by Caroljean Willie.
- ➔ [read more...](#) **[Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy](#)** by Donald Kraybill, et al.

## New Resources

There are 3 new resources/day. Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480) for a complete listing.



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**Blessed Connections: Relationship that Sustain Vital Ministry** by [Judith A. Schwanz](#), Alban Institute, 2008. No pastor sets out to fail, but statistics say 15 to 20 percent of pastors leave pastoral ministry within the first five years. One seminary administrator said that every person he had heard of leaving the ministry had done so because of a relationship failure. We cannot escape relationships in ministry,

yet few seminaries offer courses in how to build healthy relationships. In *Blessed Connections*, the author focuses on the person of the minister and the relational system of the minister's life.

➔ **For other "pastoral identity" resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/373](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/373).**



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**If the World Were a Village: A Story about the World's People** DVD, 2005. A child and adult-friendly overview of our world's demographics, by creating a village of 100 people who reflect the globe's diversity. Based on the picture book of the same name, [If the World Were a Village](#).

➔ **For other "global awareness" resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/741](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/741)**



## DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

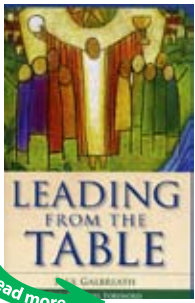
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**Leading from the Table** by [Paul Galbreath](#), Alban Institute, 2008. The communion table stands as an intersection between Word and Sacrament, between memory and hope, between pastor and congregation, between receiving and serving, and between community and individual. Leading from the table is a way of thinking, speaking, acting, and living that grows out of learning to recognize and embody these connections in our lives as a congregation and as individuals.

➔ For other “communion” resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/586](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/586).

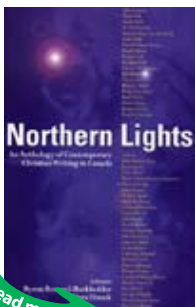


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**Knitting into the Mystery: A Guide to the Shawl-Knitting Ministry** by [Susan S. Jorgensen](#); [Susan S. Izard](#), Morehouse Publishing, 2003. Knitters are part of a tradition that’s both plainly practical and deeply spiritual. This tradition is flowering today through knitting ministries, a

worldwide ecumenical movement of women’s groups, gathering to pray and knit for those in need and those celebrating life’s joys. This book offers directions for knitting the shawls and for starting a church or community knitting ministry. It also provides a selection of prayers, written from many faith traditions, to offer with each completed shawl.

➔ For other resources on “forms of prayer,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/640](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/640).



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**Northern Lights: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Writing in Canada**, ed: [Byron Rempel-Burkholder](#); [Dora Dueck](#). John Wiley and Sons, 2008. Faith and spirituality are important to a growing number of Canadians in their day-to-day lives. With an ever-increasing interest in religious expression, there is a need for spiritual literature that pertains specifically to our Canadian heritage.

This unique anthology (personal meditations, memoirs, fiction and poetry) sets out to explore the national landscape in compelling, accessible and transformative ways.

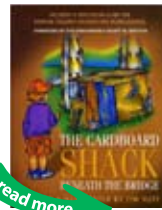
➔ For other “biographies/memoirs,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/346](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/346)



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**Creation Care: Keepers of the Earth** by [Luke Gascho](#), Mennonite Mutual Aid, 2008. A 12-session study book on creation care that looks at the environment in a new way. Instead of a technical treatise on global warming, the author begins with a reminder to reawaken our sense of wonder at God’s creation. Because of the holistic nature of stewardship, it also discusses how one’s talents, time, finances, and relationships relate to the care of creation.

➔ For other “creation care” resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79).



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**The Cardboard Shack Beneath the Bridge** by [Tim Huff](#), Castle Quay Books, 2007. One of the greatest tragedies of our time is homelessness. In an age of prosperity and plenty, hundreds of thousands of people continue to find themselves homeless in North America. This picture book lays the groundwork

for parents and teachers to talk with children about homelessness.

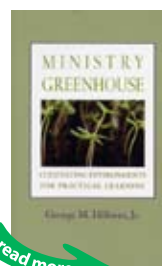
➔ For other resources on “poverty,” see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/744](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/744).



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**Inside the Organic Church: Learning from 12 Emerging Congregations** by [Bob Whitesel](#), Abingdon Press, 2006. A new generation of churches is emerging, calling new disciples to the way of Jesus by proclaiming the Good News and seeking the transformation of culture. This book takes us inside congregations that draw upon ancient traditions and modern technologies to create a spiritual community.

➔ For other “emergent church” resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/742](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/742).



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**Ministry Greenhouse: Cultivating Environments for Practical Learning** by [George M. Hillman](#). Alban Institute, 2008. The goal of Ministry Greenhouse is to help seminary and Bible college students, their supervisors, and the lay leaders who work with them create the best environment for leadership development through a beneficial internship.

➔ For other “pastoral supervision” resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/743](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/743).

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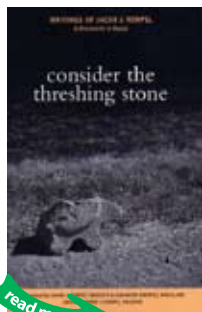
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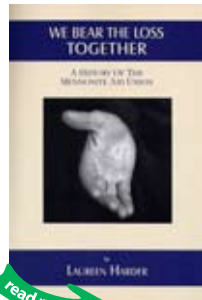
## From our Partners

New from Pandora



**Consider the Threshing Stone: Writings of Jacob J. Rempel**, Pandora Press, 2008. English translation of Jacob Rempel's autobiography, including his time as chairperson of the Molotschna Emigration Committee (1923-24).

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**We Bear the Loss Together: A History of the Mennonite Aid Union, 1866-2007** by Laureen Harder, Pandora Press, 2007. Formed in 1866, the Mennonite Aid Union of Ontario was the first Mennonite mutual aid organization in North America. Rejecting both the stock and mutual models for insurance companies, MAU insisted on

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holding no surplus and collecting no premiums in its early years. Its resolve to bear its members' burdens together without regulation or resort to the courts led it at times into conflict with government, insurance companies, financial institutions, the Mennonite church, and its own membership. However, its unusual method of operation also garnered it respect from both individuals and institutions.

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



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**From Everlasting to Everlasting**, by Doug Klassen, Foothills Mennonite Church, 2005. A Christmas pageant that invites congregational members to tell their own story and find themselves on stage at the nativity. Also see

the other two Christmas pageants this congregation recently submitted: *A Genealogy of Grace* - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/739](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/739) and *I Wonder as I Wander* - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/740](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/740)

[→](#) **For other original materials, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479)**

**Is there an original Christmas drama, carol service, candlelight program or advent series that your congregation used last year? Send us an electronic copy. Our electronic Christmas resources are highly sought after – and we'd love to offer your creations!**



## From our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network



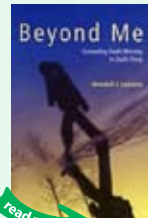
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Use the links below to borrow or purchase these items:



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**Faith Markers: Marking Each Child's Faith Journey**, Faith and Life Resources, 2008. This kit will help engage your whole congregation in celebrations of faith growth as you acknowledge significant faith events in the lives of children and youth. Use the worship resources to mark significant stages of faith.



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**Beyond Me: Grounding Youth Ministry in God's Story** by [Wendell J. Loewen](#), Faith and Life Resources, 2008. Loewen urges us to ground youth ministry in God's reign, which contrasts with the consumerism and alienation of today's adolescent story. At the heart of this "contrast culture" are a relationship with a God who is lovingly involved in our world; a community where youth and adults connect meaningfully and follow Christ together; a discipleship that includes compassionate service; and a conviction that God's future has invaded the present.

### Preview a Periodical



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**Purpose.** Check out its new design! Filled with inspirational articles, illustrations, and verse, this monthly periodical offers a practical guide for daily Christian life. Includes regular columns on food, peace, humour, and resources for faithful living.

## Website Window

Links worth noting

**Interactive Preaching.** A website developed by Graham Old, who convenes the Anabaptist study group in Northampton, England. The website "is all about promoting the practice and values of dialogical, experimental, communal and practical preaching."

**Your Coffee Dollar.** An excellent tool to help you visualize where your money actually goes when you buy coffee.

**Meno Acontecer.** Su magazine electrónico Menonita en español desde EE UU. Una publicación conjunta de The Mennonite y la Agencia de Educación Menonita (MEA), oficina de Educación Pastoral y de Liderazgo Hispano.

**Mennonite and Brethren Marriage Encounter.** An invitation to spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse and your relationship with each other, working toward God's ideal for marriage.