



Faith & Life Resources

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Gather 'Round Training February 2006: A launch and training event for area conference resource advocate network representatives and for the new Gather 'Round Sunday school curriculum will be held **February 10-12, 2006** at Gilmary Retreat Center near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Each area conference will be invited to send representatives to this event. Those trained in February will facilitate training in their own area conferences. Plan now to set aside time in your own congregation to train teachers and parents to use Gather 'Round materials. Use begins Fall 2006. Find details about Gather 'Round at www.gatherround.org.

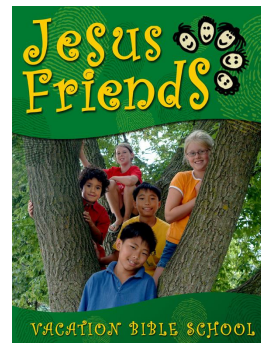
Order Advent bulletins by October 5: Advent 2005 bulletins feature themes and scriptures coordinating with the seasonal worship resources contained in Leader magazine. To order this special series of six bulletins, call 1-800-245-7894 by October 5.



New youth Advent study: Sacred Search: Encountering God During Advent helps youth to know God, themselves, and others in deeper ways during the Advent and Christmas season.

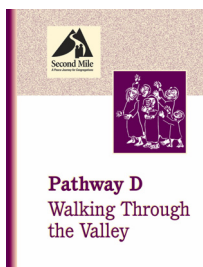
Fun Bible Skits available soon: Fun Bible Skits: Ready-to-go Scripts & Activities for Kids and Congregations will bring Bible stories to life for all ages. Twenty-four reproducible scripts, accompanied by tips for discussion and activities, will provide flexible options for children's clubs, midweek, retreats, camp, Sunday school, worship or other church settings. Alert others to this new resource.

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Vacation Bible School 2006: Jesus Friends, a flexible new five-day curriculum from Mennonite Publishing Network, will teach children how to reach out "across the street and around the world." Daily themes emphasize important ways to become "Jesus Friends": Jesus friends know God; Jesus friends share; Jesus friends care; Jesus friends invite; Jesus friends go.

Find more information at www.mph.org/vbs.



Take a peace journey: Walking Through the Valley, from the four-part Second Mile series, is for all adults, or congregational study.

Sing the Journey CD coming: A CD to help acquaint congregational leaders and members with *Sing the Journey: Hymnal Supplement I* will be available in coming months. Watch for information.

LEADER magazine: Not just for pastors! Order multiple copies to nurture all leaders--educators, worship leaders, musicians, committee and council chairs--through practical information and ideas. Upcoming themes: youth; missional hospitality; transformation: inner change; worship diversity; transformation: power and structures. Find more at www.leaderonline.org.

Find more information about many of these resources in the accompanying Faith & Life Resources catalog/order form, or at www.mph.org. To order, call 1-800-245-7894.



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Publishing Sunday worship resources are included with this month's Equipping materials, for use on September 25, or a nearby Sunday:

Mennonite Church Canada has a rich tradition of publishing practical resources from an Anabaptist perspective. Please plan to recognize our denomination's commitment to publishing on Sunday, September 25, 2005, or at another time more convenient for your church.

Look for the pdf provided, and copy and insert it in your bulletin. Thank you for your support!