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Closed:

Due to annual assembly and staff holidays, the Resource Centre will be closed July 7 - August 3. Online requests will not be processed during this time, but we will be happy to serve you in August! Thanks.

Circulate your worship materials here!

Congregations are always looking for current, tested resources from our member congregations. Email, fax or post us your copy of a special service, litany or celebration, and we'll pass it on.

Resource Update

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Highlighting Resources for Christian Education and Worship...

Canadian Women in Mission

The Resource Centre is now carrying the latest Women in Mission Bible study guide, *Secure in God's*



House: Shelter in the Bible. In addition we also have copies of *Canadian Women in Mission 1895-1952-2002* which tells the story of this outstanding women's organization. Contact the Resource Centre to borrow or purchase either of these publications.

Books for Children

Did you know that the Resource Centre has a children's library? We have dozens of books for children from preschool to Junior High which could be used in a variety of ways. Check out our children's books when planning children's worship, Sunday school, kid's clubs, camp, children's book clubs, or when you're just looking for something good for your kids to read this summer.



Summer Worship Resources



Leader Magazine - Summer 2004

The summer edition of *Leader* is now available to preview or purchase at the Resource Centre. This edition looks at preparation for baptism, attracting and nurturing youth in our congregations, and presents worship ideas for "Ordinary Time".

God Gives Good Gifts

—A new summer family worship resource! Still looking for a summer worship theme? Wishing to connect Sunday morning with families at home? Sandi Hannigan has compiled and generously shared an "At-Home" resource for families following the worship theme, "God Gives Good Gifts." This packet offers prayers, hymns, pondering questions, symbols and activities for the family at home or on the road. It is a companion to the earlier (1998) *Jubilee* worship resource of the same title (available for loan at the Resource Centre). When summer often pulls us apart in different directions, this is a creative way for families and individuals to celebrate Sabbath wherever they are. Call the Resource Centre for a copy, or download at our website www.mennonitechurch.ca/resources/family.



COMING SOON...

New Resources for September

Faith Lessons

It's the next best thing to being there! With the Holy Land as a dramatic backdrop, teacher and scholar Vander Laan takes you on a lively interactive journey to ancient archaeological sites; and along the way weaves fascinating historical and cultural information with keen insights into Scripture's significance for today's believers. Each volume includes two videos, leader's guide, and participant's guide. —*from cover*

Raising Great Kids

Six tasks you want your child to learn: 1) Forming relationships, 2) Developing self-control, 3) Living in an imperfect world, 4) Developing gifts and talents, 5) Building a conscience, 6) Connecting to God. The six short, memorable sessions in *Raising Great Kids for Parents of Preschoolers* offer you and your group huge returns for a minimum of time and preparation. You'll enjoy pointed video vignettes and practical insights from Drs Henry Cloud and John Townsend. And you'll put what you learn into practice right away with practical applications that turn key concepts into a natural way of parenting. This pack includes 1 Leader's Guide, 1 Participant's Guide, 1 90-minute video, and 1 softcover copy of *Raising Great Kids*. —*from cover*

What's Up with the Church Down the Street?

This course helps teens (and adults) understand the beliefs and practices of other Christian denominations they come into contact with (from a Christian Reformed Church perspective). —*from cover*

Which Way to God?

A Christian Look at World Religions, by Thea Leunk

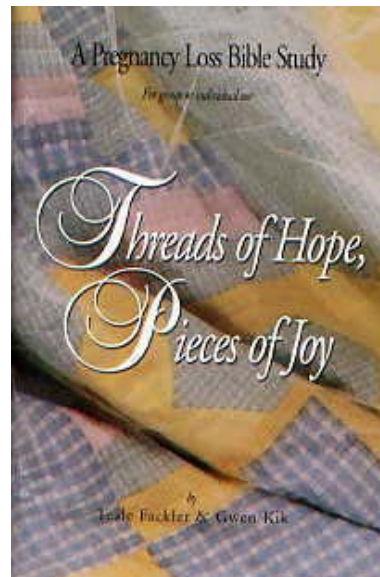
This course explores the basic beliefs and practices of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism from a Christian perspective.

High schoolers (and adults) learn what it means to be Christian in the context of these religions, and they become more confident in their own faith. Includes a leader's guide, four student newspapers, and a video featuring young people from the four major world religions. The class will also complete a chart that compares the beliefs of world religions to Christianity. —*from cover*

New Lending Resources

Threads of Hope, Pieces of Joy:

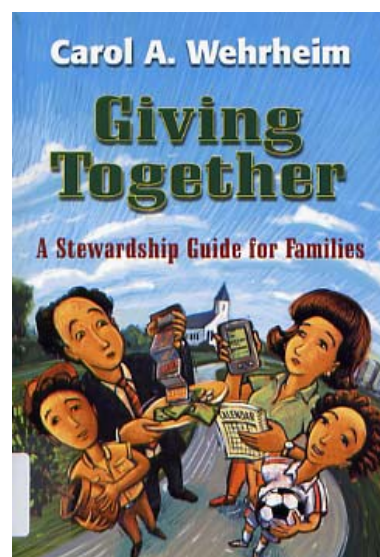
A Pregnancy Loss Bible Study,
by Teale Fackler & Gwen Kik



Threads of Hope, Pieces of Joy, has been designed to sensitively minister to the needs of individuals or groups who have experienced a pregnancy loss through miscarriage, stillbirth or any form of early infant death. This study was birthed as the authors themselves sought comfort in the midst of their own pregnancy losses. —*from cover*

Giving Together:

A Stewardship Guide for Families,
by Carol A. Wehrheim



In her follow-up to *Getting It Together*, Carol Wehrheim presents a concise, accessible resource to help families better understand the importance of stewardship: in the family, in the congregation, in the community, and in the world. Reminding us that stewardship is about much more than money, Wehrheim clearly illustrates a more holistic understanding of the concept

to include careful consideration of the choices we make that show the role Christian discipleship plays in our lives...ideal for group or family study. —*from cover*