

## WORSHIP CALENDAR

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

Sept 13 - Sunday School Promotion  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/256)

Sept 13 - Publishing Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/339](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/339)

Sept 20 - International Day of Peace  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059)

Oct 4 - World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1084](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1084)

Oct 25 - Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1130](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1130)

Nov 8 - Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1075](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1075)

Nov 15 - Peace Sunday (MCC)  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1061)


Nov 29 - First Advent  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)


## DID YOU KNOW?


### Resource Centre Facts


**Loaned books shipped free** anywhere in Canada!

### MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

 **Circulate** widely – to librarian, pastor, worship planners, education coordinator, and church secretary

 **Invite** friends/committee members to subscribe: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/347)

 **View** this issue electronically at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1114](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1114) and connect with our online catalogue


 **Submit** your own original worship service or congregational event for inclusion here and on the web

# Act for Peace this Fall

- **Observe Peace Sunday**  
check out the new MCC worship material at <http://canada.mcc.org/peacesunday> and other resources at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059)
- **Declare your conscientious objection to military taxation**  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/946](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/946)  
(Tax season may be over, but it's never a bad time to speak for peace.)
- **Re-think Remembrance Day**  
and conduct a public prayer walk on November 11 – check out the new MCC resource [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1117](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1117)  
In preparation, read Jack Suderman's paper *Faith and the Public Square: The Church's Witness to Peace* - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1109](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1109), and order the *What Makes a Mennonite?* brochure to distribute during your Prayer Walk - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/832](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/832).

These suggestions are in concert with the resolution passed at the 2009 Assembly in Saskatoon that seeks more overt activity in pursuing "peace in the public square." They are also in keeping with Janet Plenert's initial challenge to our constituency to commit 1000 Acts of Peace (see her article in the Mar 2, 2009 *Canadian Mennonite*) [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1108](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1108).



 With this goal in mind, please send us an email ([office@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:office@mennonitechurch.ca)) or call 1-866-888-6785 to let us know about your Act of Peace.

## Children's Corner

Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller



### In God's Hands

by Lawrence Kushner, Gary Schmidt and Matthew J. Baek  
Jewish Lights Publishing, 2005.

David and Jacob live in the same ordinary town, but it's almost as if they're from different worlds. David is so poor he can barely feed his family. Jacob is so consumed with staying rich he thinks about nothing but money. But the two men have one thing in common: they both believe that miracles are magical things that can only happen somewhere else, to someone else. But when Jacob wakes up one day all this changes in amazing ways you'd never expect ...

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

## From our Partners

### Mennoite Foundation of Canada



MFC teaches Christian stewardship to members of churches in Anabaptist conferences across Canada, including Mennonite Church Canada.

One significant method of teaching is through their e-newsletter, *Generous Living*. Check back issues and subscribe here - [www.mennofoundation.ca/resources/generous-living](http://www.mennofoundation.ca/resources/generous-living)

For other MFC resources, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/274](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/274).

## Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to hundreds of websites – including these recent additions:



#### LoisHelen Designs

Calligraphy by Lois Siemens

[www.loishelendesigns.ca](http://www.loishelendesigns.ca)



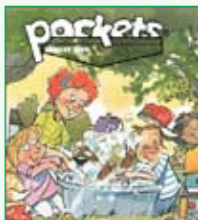
#### ARC: Associates Resourcing the Church

[www.arcministries.ca](http://www.arcministries.ca)



#### Anabaptist Wiki

[www.anabaptistwiki.org](http://www.anabaptistwiki.org)



#### Pockets

Devotional Magazine for Children

[www.upperroom.org/pockets](http://www.upperroom.org/pockets)



#### Simply in Season

cookbook blog

[www.simplyinseason.blogspot.com](http://www.simplyinseason.blogspot.com)



Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From Mennonite Church Canada

Our catalogue links you to hundreds of **free downloads**, including these recent additions.

*A Pastoral Care Resource for Pastors Ministering to LGBT Individuals and their Families*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1098](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1098)

*2010 Pastor Salary Guidelines*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1099](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1099)

*A Theological Framework for the Involvement of the Church in Emergency Preparedness*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1100](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1100)

*MC Canada Pandemic Absence Policy*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/691](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/691)

*Inspired by the Word* (series of 5 articles)

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1101](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1101)

*MC Canada Letter to Muslims*

*of "A Common Word Between Us and You"*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1102](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1102)

*U@? Communicating with Teens and Young People*

(survey co-sponsored by MC Canada)

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1055](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1055)

*Church Matters* podcasts (15 minute episodes)

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/290](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/290)

*MC Canada Videos* (5-15 minute videos)

[www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca](http://www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca)

*Many Gifts: Calling and Growing Congregational Leaders*

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1103](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1103)

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

**Christmas Pageant 2008:**

**Springstein Mennonite Church**

by Steve Plenert, Springstein Mennonite Church, Springstein, MB.

What is Christmas really? Trips, family, music, food, gifts?

This simple pageant explores all five and then suggests what really is missing.

Download at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1126](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1126)



Share your church's original material

We're looking for more original Advent and Christmas resources as we approach the season.

Submit yours at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

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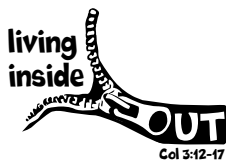
[www.cmu.ca](http://www.cmu.ca)



## Welcome Miriam!

Miriam Tshimanga begins work as Administrative Assistant at the Resource Centre on September 1. She brings a keen interest in church resources, administrative skills from a variety of past employment settings, and a deep love for the church. If her voice sounds familiar on the phone, you likely talked with her at our reception desk where she has worked the last couple of years. Miriam is replacing Anita Neufeld who began as Manager of the CMU Bookstore in July.

## Summer of Assemblies



Need to catch up on this summer's past Assemblies or refresh your memory? Here are links to related resources:



### Adult Assembly

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1058](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1058)

### Youth Assembly

Assembly resources

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1112](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1112)

Shane Claiborne resources

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1106](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1106)

Michele Hershberger resources

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1107](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1107)

Hesston College's Learning the Bible in Live-Giving Ways weekend course Michele mentioned (Oct 30-Nov 1)

[www.hesston.edu/AVDS](http://www.hesston.edu/AVDS)

Youth Ministry resources

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/84](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/84)

### Mennonite World Conference

MWC resources

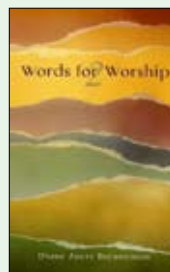
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/40](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/40)

Mennonites in Paraguay

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1111](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1111)

## From our Press

Use the links below to borrow or purchase these items:



### ***Words for Worship 2***

ed: Diane Zaerr Brenneman

Many from our constituency – submitted prayers, litanies, and other worship resources for this new anthology. Diane Zaerr Brenneman has compiled a dynamic source of worship materials including morning and evening prayers, laments, blessings, and dedications. Sample services include the Longest Night, Christmas Eve, and All Saints' Day.

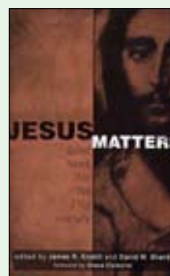


### ***Practices:***

### ***Mennonite Worship and Witness***

by John D. Roth

The author examines the traditions of Anabaptist-Mennonite worship and reflects on how distinctive Mennonite practices such as baptism, communion, foot washing, and common meals extend beyond the church as a witness to the world.



### ***Jesus Matters:***

### ***Good News for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

ed. by James R. Krabill and David W. Shenk

Each author in this collection teams with one or more young adults to consider the various ways we encounter and experience Jesus. Topics include Jesus and creation, Jesus and the cross, Jesus and salvation, Jesus and the Bible, and Jesus and the future.



### ***Beyond our Fears: Guide for Leaders***

When a flu pandemic or national disaster visits your community, will your congregation be ready? This guide is a tool to help the church prepare for times of crisis. Use this resource for: adult or youth studies (4 sessions) or to plan worship.

## DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

We have *all* of Mennonite Publishing Network titles for loan? **Shipping is free** – both ways – anywhere in Canada.

Before purchasing, consider browsing – a great way to bring the "bookstore" to your home! Select one title, or select 12 with our *Cheaper by the Dozen* ([www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1113](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1113)) program



**Steps Along the Red Road Following Christ the Creator**

illust.: Ovide Bigetty  
Subject: [Visual Art](#)

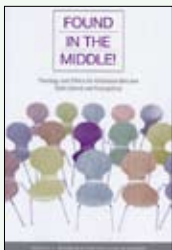
A series of 12 posters by aboriginal artist, Ovide Bigetty offering a fresh take on the ten commandments from the Bible.



**Forgotten Among the Lilies (Learning to Love Beyond Our Fears)**

by Ronald Rolheiser  
Subject: [Spiritual Life](#)

With compassion and honesty laced with humour, the author teaches that by God's grace it is possible to experience freedom instead of anxiety, solitude instead of loneliness, and a generosity of spirit that returns to the giver far more than it costs.



**Found in the Middle: Theology and Ethics for Christians Who Are Both Liberal and Evangelical**

by Wesley J. Wildman; Stephen Chapin Garner  
Subject: [Evangelicalism](#)

Many Christians feel that the labels of "liberal" and "evangelical" both describe their faith and limit their expression of it. By working to reclaim the traditional, historical meanings of these terms, and showing how they complement rather than oppose each other, the authors stake a claim for the moderate Christian voice in today's polarized society.



**Kingdom Culture: Growing the Missional Church**

by Phil M. Wagler  
Subject: [Missional Church](#)

Springing from the life of Kingsfield, a multiplying movement of churches in southwestern Ontario, Kingdom Culture seeks to bring "missional" to street level. Phil Wagler, Mennonite pastor and Canadian Mennonite columnist identifies transformational practices of churches in mission in a post-Christian context.



**Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership**

by Dan Hotchkiss  
Subject: [Church Governance](#)

Offers congregational leaders a roadmap and tools for changing the way boards and clergy work together to lead congregations. The right governance model is the one that best enables a congregation to fulfill its mission—to achieve both the outward results and the inward quality of life to which it is called.



**Flickering Pixels: How Technology Shapes Your Faith**

by Shane Hipps  
Subject: [Church and Technology](#)

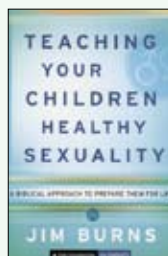
The author demonstrates how changing the method of communication always changes the message – and shapes our faith in unexpected ways.



**Thinking Out Loud: Collected Scripts from Radio 4's 'Thoughts For the Day'**

by John L. Bell  
Subject: [Church and Politics](#)

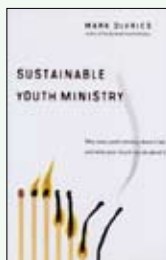
Sometimes affirming, sometimes controversial but always contemporary, these short reflections written for a BBC radio program represent the prickly interface between faith and politics from the perspective of a Christian believer.



**Teaching your Children Healthy Sexuality: A Biblical Approach to Prepare Them for Life**

by Jim Burns  
Subject: [Sexuality](#)

A parenting book that helps parents talk openly about sexuality with their children – at all stages of a child's life.



**Sustainable Youth Ministry: Why Most Youth Ministry Doesn't Last and What Your Church Can do About it**

by: Mark DeVries  
Subject: [Youth Ministry](#)

The author pinpoints problems that cause division and burnout in youth ministry - and then provides the practical tools and structures church leaders need to lay a strong foundation so that youth ministry isn't built on a person or the latest, greatest student ministry trend.