

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP CALENDAR


New Year's Day  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489)  
Jan 17 – Stewardship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165)  
Jan 24 – World Fellowship Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166)  
Feb 7 – Church Education Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1168](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1168)  
Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491)  
March 28 – Palm Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160)  
April 1 – Maundy Thursday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161)  
April 2 – Good Friday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162)  
April 4 – Easter  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163)


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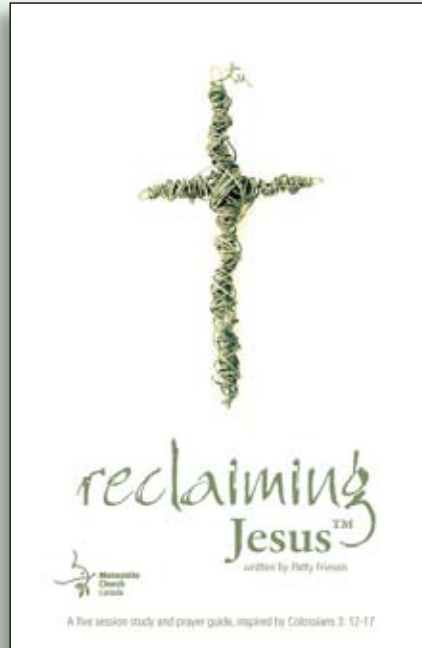
## MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

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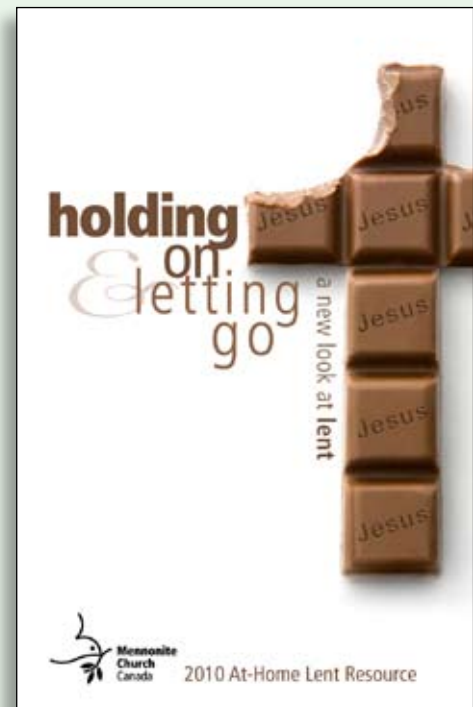
## 2010 Season of Prayer Guide: Reclaiming Jesus

By Patty Friesen

Use the 5 sessions as:

- Worship themes
- Week of prayer study
- Adult Sunday school

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## 2010 At-Home Lent Guide

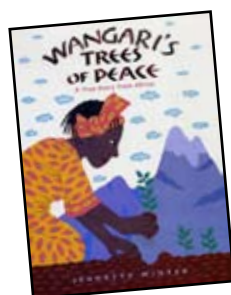
By Elsie Rempel

Use this devotional guide at home to connect with congregational worship themes. Also includes Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Easter resources.

A sample copy is included in this month's *Equipping* package. Download a free copy at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1208](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1208)

## Children's Corner

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



### ***Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story from Africa***

by Jeanette Winter, Harcourt, 2008.

As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to plant nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans ... This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman's passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.

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

## Website Window

Links worth noting

Our catalogue links you to many websites  
– here are some recent additions:

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



– Launched in mid-November, this new website is in response to the *Peace in the Public Square* resolution at Assembly 2009 in Saskatoon - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1185](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1185). Join the campaign and engage the conversation.

### Symposium on War and Peace

sponsored by MC Canada and the Christian Reformed Church. On October 17, 2009, we met with the CRC denomination to discuss each other's perspectives on peace, pacifism, and just war. Read the papers presented by Herman Keiser, retired military chaplain and Pentagon advisor (CRC) and Helmut Harder (MC Canada)

### Sample Litanies for Occasions in the Church




from the Western District Mennonite Church in Kansas. Litanies for pastoral transition, installation, ordination, and more.

### Lifelong Faith



Practices, articles, activities and resources for all stages of faith development.

 Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

### Walk a Mile in my Dad's Boots

by Ruth Jantzi, Erb Street Mennonite, 2009.

From attic to Heritage Centre to Canadian War Museum. Ruth's story of a recently discovered pair of work boots (worn by her father Elmon Lichti in the 1940s as a Conscientious Objector) that will make its way to a Peace Exhibit in Ottawa. Its discovery - and accompanying interest - has helped share the story of conscientious objection during World War II. This is Ruth's presentation from this past Peace Sunday.

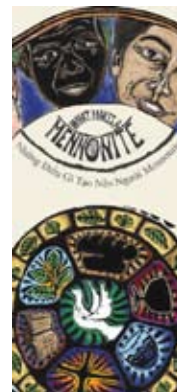
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## From Mennonite Church Canada

### What Makes a Mennonite – Vietnamese translation

Hot off the press! Our popular 8-panel brochure is now available in Vietnamese! Ideal for people new to the Mennonite Church or visiting a Mennonite congregation for the first time. Dispels some common myths about Mennonites, explains core beliefs in accessible language, and provides an overview of Mennonite history.

- Watch for Karen and Laotian translations coming soon.
- Also currently available in English and Chinese.
- Purchase these in any quantity.



### 2010 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The World Council of Church's annual worship and study materials are now available for the week of January 18-25. An ecumenical celebration! Download [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1222](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1222) or borrow from the Resource Centre - [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1225](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1225).

Also see: 2010 Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday – January 24. A worship celebration of our Anabaptist history and world-wide communion. Download at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1166).

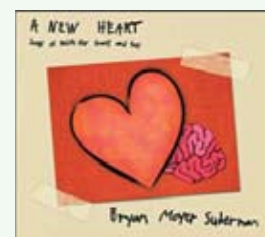
and stewardship Sunday (Jan 17) [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1165)

## From our Partners

### Small Tall Music



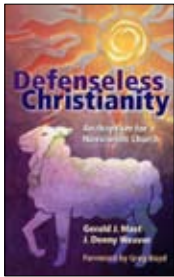
**New CD – A New Heart**, 2009. In "A New Heart," Bryan Moyer Suderman again combines biblical wisdom with original songs that are evocative and simple - without being simplistic. This is Bryan's most ambitious release to date - both musically and theologically - singing from Genesis to the Gospels, Esther to Ephesians with a top-flight crew of backing musicians in styles ranging from folk and bluegrass to zydeco, bossa nova and New Orleans jazz.



**Free Downloads** – Need that something "extra" for your worship service? Check Bryan's audio files with lyric sheets, activity ideas and musical notation available online.

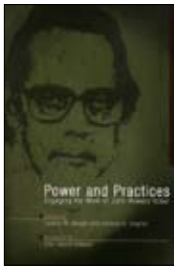
**Membership** links you with a network of people who support the creation, testing, and sharing of new "songs of faith for small and tall." Members receive electronic deliveries of these songs 3 times/year.

## From our Press



**Defenseless Christianity: Anabaptism for a Nonviolent Church**  
by Gerald Mast and J. Denny Weaver,  
Herald Press, 2009.

Although some first-generation Anabaptists were not pacifist, the authors contend that an Anabaptism defined as defenseless Christianity should be seen as a nonviolent Christian movement with a world-reconciling theology. They describe an Anabaptism shaped within the story and life of Jesus Christ.



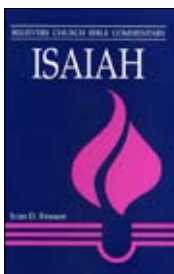
**Power and Practices: Engaging the Work of John Howard Yoder**  
by Jeremy Bergen, Anthony Siegrist, ed.,  
Herald Press, 2009.

A new generation engages the theology of John Howard Yoder. These essays wrestle with questions of power and its implications for social practices including policing, nonviolence, sexism, governmentality, dialogue, political critique, theological construction, and the work of "inheriting" a theological tradition.



**A Silk Road Pilgrimage: Discovering the Church of the East**  
by Richard and Jewel Showalter,  
Herald Press, 2009.

The silk road is a loose network of ancient trade routes from China to Bulgaria. In 2007, the Showalters traveled this ancient highway and visited with people from the Church of the East, an expression of Christianity little known to the West. In this book they share glimpses of their journey across Asia.



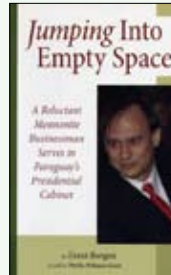
**Isaiah: Believers' Church Bible Commentary**  
by Ivan Friesen, Herald Press, 2009.

Friesen explores how the interpretation of the book of Isaiah is lived out today in faith communities where the Bible is the bedrock of life. Such an interpretation combines the concerns of pastoral care with the distress and uncertainty of prophetic action.

## New Resources

We average 3 new resources daily.

Check [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480) for a complete listing



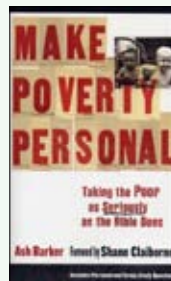
**Jumping into Empty Space: A Reluctant Mennonite Businessman Serves in Paraguay's Presidential Cabinet**  
by Ernst Bergen, Good Books, 2008.  
Subject: [Church and State](#)

Visit the backstage of the highest levels of government, and also inside the heart of an impatient, but conscientious, business entrepreneur.



**Learning from the Stranger: Christian Faith and Cultural Diversity**  
by David I. Smith, Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009.  
Subject: [Christianity and Culture](#)

Built around biblical passages, this book offers an excellent guide to living and learning in our culturally interconnected world.



**Make Poverty Personal: Taking the Poor as Seriously as the Bible Does**  
by Ash Barker, Baker Publishing Group, 2009.  
Subject: [Small Group Studies](#)

Barker reflects on biblical passages related to God's concern for the poor. These studies are interlaced with personal reflections - firsthand accounts from fifteen years of ministry among the poor.



**Making the Good News Good Again: Recovering the Wonder of the Gospel**  
by Judson Edwards, Smyth and Helwys, 2009.  
Subject: [Church Renewal](#)

Wonder is the fuel that keeps Christians going, the element that makes our faith contagious and alive - and it is the greatest need in our churches today. This book will help readers hear with new ears the sweet, undistilled melody of the gospel.



**Nightwatch: Alone on the Prairie with the Hutterites**  
by Robert Rhodes, Good Books, 2009.  
Subject: [Hutterites](#)

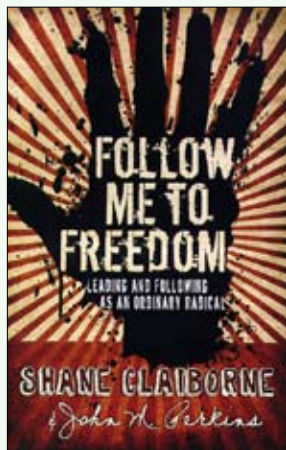
What would compel a daily newspaper journalist, raised in an affluent family in the southern USA, to abandon his career and embark on a spiritual odyssey that would take him, his wife, and young daughter to live among the Plain people of the prairies, the Hutterian Brethren?

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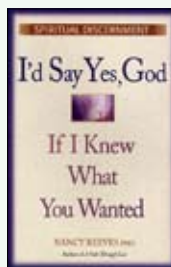
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***Follow Me to Freedom: Leading and Following as an Ordinary Radical***

by Shane Claiborne; John M. Perkins, Regal Books, 2009.  
Subject: [Discipleship](#)

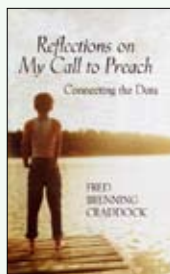
In a world hungry for radical hope, the author's stories and wisdom will inspire us to be the hands, feet and heart of real change.



***I'd Say Yes, God If I Knew What You Wanted: Spiritual Discernment***

by Nancy Reeves, Wood Lake Books, 2006.  
Subject: [Gift Discernment](#)

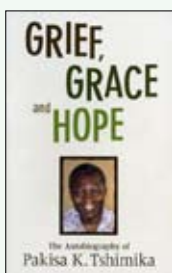
Real-life stories from 75 men and women open up a world of spiritual discernment practices inviting you to find one that works for you.



***Reflections on My Call to Preach: Connecting the Dots***

by Fred B. Craddock, Chalice Press, 2009.  
Subject: [Preaching](#)

Travel with revered preacher and author Fred Craddock through his early years as he considers what made him take to the pulpit.

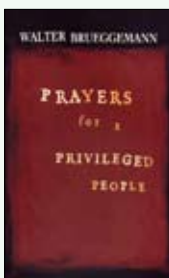


***Grief, Grace and Hope:***

***The Autobiography of Pakisa K. Tshimika***

Good Books 2009.  
Subject: [Mennonite Biography](#)

From his birth and childhood in Congo to his new life in the United States and abroad, Pakisa Tshimika, Mennonite World Conference worker, continues to be an inspiration to all who encounter him. Though his story is filled with grief and tragedy, it is suffused with an unfailing grace and hope.



***Prayers for a Privileged People***

by Walter Brueggemann, Abingdon Press, 2008.  
Subject: [Prayer Collections](#)

Offers prayers on behalf of those who are people of privilege and entitlement—the haves—at an urgent moment in our society.



***Affluenza Interrupted: Stories of Hope from the Suburbs***

by Doreen Neufeld; Hugo Neufeld, Millrise Publishing, 2009. Subject: [Story Collections](#)

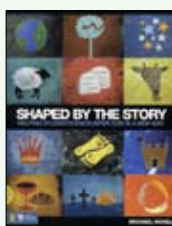
A collection of personal suburban stories gleaned from the authors' experiences and learnings in the suburbs of Canadian cities.



***Walking Alongside: The Essence of Parish Nursing***

by Barbara Caiger, Trafford, 2006.  
Subject: [Parish Nursing](#)

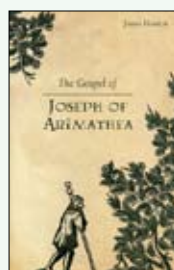
A uniquely Canadian, uniquely nursing, experiential perspective on parish nursing and the practice of a healing ministry in a faith community.



***Shaped by the Story: Helping Students Encounter God in a New Way***

by Michael Novelli, Zondervan, 2008.  
Subject: [Storytelling](#)

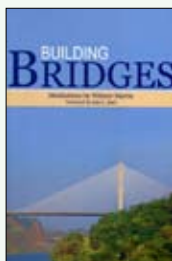
Learn the art of "storying," a sequential telling of Bible stories followed by a time of creative retelling and in-depth dialogue. Includes sample narratives and an interactive training DVD.



***The Gospel of Joseph of Arimathea***

by James Harpur, Wildgoose Publications, 2007.  
Subject: [Adult Bible Stories](#)

Through the creative paradigm of Joseph of Arimathea, one of the most enigmatic characters of the gospels, the author uses both prose and poetry to create a parallel narrative to the gospels, amplifying the events they describe.



***Building Bridges: Meditations***

by Wilmer Martin, Masthof Press, 2009.  
Subject: [Devotional Reading](#)

As leader of TourMagination, Martin travels the world and relates these rich experiences in devotionals that are both interesting and inspirational.



***Going Home Another Way: Daily Readings and Resources for Christmaside***

by Neil Paynter, Wildgoose Publications, 2008.  
Subject: [Advent Devotional Reading](#)

Bible readings, reflections and worship resources from Iona Community members and associates to help you hear God's Word through the commercialism of the season; and to glimpse the sacred in the secular.