

RESOURCE UPDATE

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WORSHIP CALENDAR


April 1 – Maundy Thursday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/161
April 2 – Good Friday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/162
April 4 – Easter
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/163
May 2 – Many Peoples Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1261
May 23 Pentecost
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/164
Baptism
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/968


DID YOU KNOW?


**Loaned books
shipped free**
– both ways –
anywhere in Canada!

MAKE THE MOST OF THIS UPDATE:

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

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members to subscribe:
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electronically at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1290 and connect with
our online catalogue

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

100 NEW DVDs!

Late in 2009 the Resource Centre received two significant bequests that have helped boost our video collection.

Check page 4 of this issue and the previous 2 Updates for brief DVD reviews.

March 2010 www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1291
February 2010 www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1242

Children's Corner

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



Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan
by Jeanette Winter, Simon and Schuster, 2009.

Young Nasreen has not spoken a word to anyone since her parents disappeared. In despair, her grandmother risks everything to enroll Nasreen in a secret school for girls. Based on a true story from Afghanistan, this inspiring book will touch readers deeply as it affirms both the life-changing power of education and the healing power of love.

For additional children's books, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/168

Website Window

Links worth noting

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



www.mythperceptions.ca - Work to dismantle stereotypes, myths and misconceptions that people from the dominant culture tend to believe about Indigenous peoples living within the borders of what is now North America. A project of MCC Canada.



www.janrichardsonimages.com - Offers rich, creative images for worship, education, and contemplation.

✉ Do you have any sites to recommend?

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency

Press On: A Christian Response to Hate

– Worship service written by Alissa Bender on behalf of the Calgary Mennonite ministerial. Our hope is to worship God who brings forth great diversity in the beauty of creation and calls us to celebrate it. As we recall that all of God's created children are loved equally, no matter the differences between us, we hope to be inspired to be lights in our communities, not allowing hatred based on race, religion, or culture to take root.

Also see [A Joint Statement of the Calgary Mennonite Churches Concerning White Supremacist Activity in Calgary](#)

✉ Share your church's original material at resources@mennonitechurch.ca

From our Press



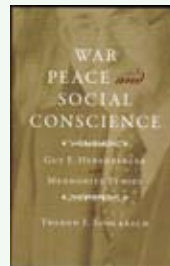
Meet God on the Mountain **– 2010 Vacation Bible School.**

Fun worship, interactive dramas, lively songs, an emphasis on Bible learning, and easy-to-plan activity centres will take children ages 4-14 on an exciting journey to the mountaintop and help them experience God's presence in their lives. Adaptable for mid-week children's program! Check www.mpn.net/vbs for preview material and order information.



Anabaptist Timeline II: ***Living Echo of Menno Simons, ed.***

Jacob Schiere, Nelleke Schiere, 2009. An updated version of global Mennonite history based on the popular 1985 Anabaptist Timeline (yellow wall timeline) published by Faith and Life Resources. Now this new version is presented in a full colour accordion fold format.



War, Peace and Social Conscience: ***Guy F. Hershberger and Mennonite Ethics***

by Theron F. Schlabach, 2009.
In this definitive biography, Theron F. Schlabach shows how Hershberger helped Christians live their faith in a world beset by war and injustice, at the same time pioneering creative ways to engage pressing concerns such as civil rights, economic justice and capital punishment.

From our Partners



Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

- Listen to AMBS presentations from a distance - select courses, public lectures (including the January 2010 Pastor's Week presentations), and chapels.

Institute for Mennonite Studies

Published semi-annually by IMS and CMU, the *Vision Journal for Church and Theology* seeks to encourage theological reflection by church leaders on the identity, mission and practices of the church from an Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective.

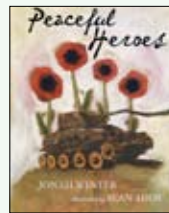
Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing



**Created Equal:
Women and Men in the
Image of God**

by Linda Gehman Peachey, Mennonite Central Committee, 2009. Subject: [Gender Issues](#)

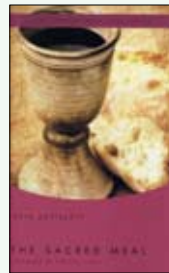
This 36 page booklet provides a biblical understanding of equality between women and men. It responds to frequently asked questions such as how to understand creation, the fall and some of Paul's writings. It also includes questions for further reflection and discussion, and a list of additional resources.



Peaceful Heroes

by Jonah Winter, Scholastic, 2009. Subject: [Children and Peace](#)

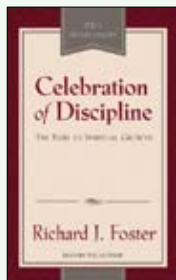
Why is "hero" a word so often reserved for warriors? These are the stories of the peaceful hero who is willing to die for a cause, but never to kill for a cause. From the ultimate hero, Jesus of Nazareth, to the ordinary man who saved Rwanda, Paul Rusesabagina, Jonah Winter brings children a series of remarkable stories about the bravest people history has known.



The Sacred Meal

by Nora Gallagher, Thomas Nelson, 2009. Subject: [Communion](#)

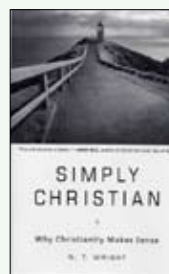
Whether exploring the history of Christian Communion, taking us inside the workings of a soup kitchen or sharing times of joy and sadness with friends, the author reminds us what it means to partake of and be part of the body of Christ.



**Celebration of Discipline:
The Path to Spiritual Growth**

by Richard J. Foster, LifeSprings, 2005. Subject: [Small Group Studies](#)

A 13-week study designed to explore what it means to practice spiritual disciplines.

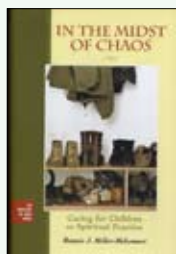


Simply Christian:

Why Christianity Makes Sense

by N. T. Wright, 2007. DVD Subject: [Christian History/Identity](#)

Join the well-known biblical scholar and Anglican bishop N. T. Wright in a 10-session exploration of the core tenets of Christian faith.



**In the Midst of Chaos:
Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice**

ed. Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, Jossey-Bass, 2007. Subject: [Parenting](#)

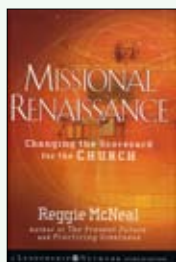
Offers some answers to the question, How can we find spiritual depth in the midst of the chaos of our lives with children?, and shows us how to integrate and strengthen the practice of faith in the everyday -- and often mundane -- experience of raising children.



**Together We Pray: Prayers and Services
for Gatherings and Groups**

by Carmen L. Caltagirone, Ava Maria Press, 2005. Subject: [Prayers/Litanies](#)

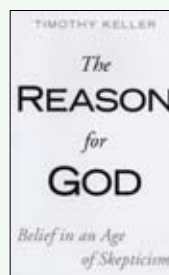
Offers nineteen reproducible prayer services and thirty-four short prayers - for beginnings and endings, for morning and night, and for the church seasons, and more.



**Missional Renaissance:
Changing the Scorecard for the Church**

by Reggie McNeal, Jossey-Bass, 2009. Subject: [Missional Church](#)

Shows three shifts in thinking and behaviour that will allow congregations to chart a course toward becoming truly a missional congregation.



**The Reason for God:
Belief in an Age of Skepticism**

by Timothy Keller, Gale Cengage Learning, 2009. Subject: [God](#)

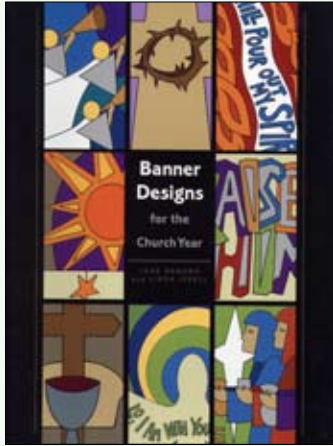
Timothy Keller has compiled a list of the most frequently voiced "doubts" skeptics bring to his church. And here he dismantles each of them using literature, philosophy, real-life conversations, and reasoning to explain how faith in a Christian God is a soundly rational belief held by thoughtful people of intellectual integrity.

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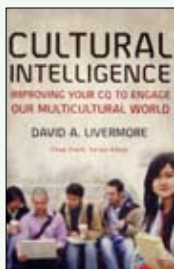
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Banner Designs: For the Church Year
by Jane Debord, Linda Isbell, Concordia, 2006.
Subject: [Banners](#)

40 reproducible designs for creating artful and Christ-centered messages that will look beautiful in the church.



Cultural Intelligence: Improving Your CQ to Engage our Multicultural World
by David A. Livermore, Baker Publishing Group, 2009. Subject: [Christianity and Culture](#)

Livermore explains that CQ is not simply learning how to externally modify behavior but is based on inward transformation. His work is replete with assessment tools, simulations, case studies, and reflective exercises.



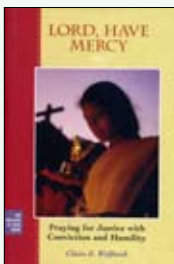
The Prayer Shawl Companion: 38 Knitted Designs to Embrace, Inspire and Celebrate Life
by Janet Bristow, Victoria A. Cole-Galo, Taunton Press, 2008.
Subject: [Prayer Shawls](#)

This collection features 38 beautiful and very different prayer shawl patterns that will inspire knitters of all skill levels with special designs for celebrations as well as times of solace.



The Good and Beautiful Life: Putting on the Character of Christ
by James Bryan Smith, InterVarsity Press, 2009.
Subject: [Sermon on the Mount](#)

Following the Sermon on the Mount, this book guides us to discard false notions of happiness and success and look into Jesus' narratives about life in the kingdom of God.



Lord have Mercy: Praying for Justice with Conviction and Humility
ed., Claire E. Wolfeich, Jossey-Bass, 2006.
Subject: [Advocacy/Social Justice](#)

This book offers a guide for those who want to move prayer beyond private devotion and engage faithfully with the questions, decisions, policies and movements that shape our lives in society.



Coming Out Strong
DVD, Brethren Mennonite Council, 2006.
Subject: [LGBT](#)

Six Mennonite or Brethren in Christ gay and lesbian folk share their stories, Christian faith and hope, and questions/challenges to the church. Also includes a mother's reflection of her daughter's journey of "coming out strong."



Good News: A Congregational Resource for Reconciliation
DVD by Steven Charleston, Trinity Television, 2003.
Subject: [Reconciliation](#)

In these meditations, Bishop Steven Charleston presents congregations in search of reconciliation with a way to come together to reflect on their discipleship to Jesus Christ in the midst of disagreement.



How to Tell and Learn a Bible Story
DVD, Network of Biblical Storytellers.
Subject: [Storytelling](#)

Everything you need to know about how to tell a story well and ways to effectively learn the story.



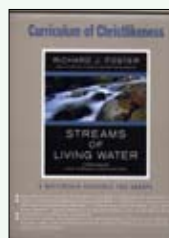
Mother Teresa: Her Heart found the Forgotten, Her Faith found a Way
DVD, Fox Faith, 2006.
Subject: [Biography/Memoirs](#)

In a powerful portrayal, Golden Globe winner Olivia Hussey illuminates the lifestory of Mother Teresa, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The small miracles and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.



New Beginnings: The Gifts of Aging
DVD, Discipleship Resources, 2005.
Subject: [Seniors Ministry](#)

Shows creative ministries involving older adults, including mission projects, teaching, and service opportunities.



Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith
DVD by Richard J. Foster, LifeSprings, 2007.
Subject: [Spirituality/Spiritual Life](#)

A 13-week study designed to help Christians accept the invitation to live a balanced and well-rounded apprenticeship with Jesus.