

# RESOURCE UPDATE

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## WORSHIP RESOURCES

Sept 12 – Sunday School Promotion  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1328](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1328)

Sept 19 – International Day of Peace  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1059)

Oct 3 – World Communion Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1356](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1356)

Oct 31 – Mennonite Heritage Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1357](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1357)

Nov 7 – Peace Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1358](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1358)

Nov 14 – Mission Sunday  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1339](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1339)

Nov 28 – First Advent  
[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/343)


## We're changing the Update.


Fewer Hyperlinks are included in this PDF version. Rather, to view all the resources highlighted in this month's Update, check one online location


[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1383](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1383)

We trust that website viewing will be easier for you!

## 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)

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

## We're here to meet your resourcing needs

Whether you're the church librarian, pastor, committee member or teacher, whether you're a parent, child, grand parent or interested reader, there are many resources available to you! Start your Fall off right, together with your Resource Centre. We add 3 new resources/day, so there are dozens of DVDs, thousands of books, hundreds of electronic resources available – we'll help link you to the ones best suited for your needs. Give us a call, or start by browsing the selected lists we've assembled for this Update.

Church librarians (Cheaper by the Dozen program)  
Pastors (Congregational Leadership materials)  
Church administrators (Equipping package)  
Worship committee (worship resources)  
Church Council (Committee/Governance resources)  
Gift Discernment committee (Discernment materials)  
Small group leaders (adult studies)  
Deacons/Elders (caregiving resources)  
Sunday School leaders (education materials)  
Parents (family resources)  
General reading (2010 "summer" reading list)

Remember, loaned books are shipped free of charge – both ways; we have all of MPN (and our other partners') materials for preview; our membership in ARC (Anabaptist Resource Consortium) links you to other Canadian libraries; we have resources for loan, purchase and free download – and links to hundreds of websites.



## CHURCH matters

A 15-minute radio program and web podcast that explores the life of the church, at home, across the street, and around the world.

In Manitoba at 8:45 am, 3rd Sunday of the month  
CFAM 950, Altona; AM 1250, Steinbach; and CJRB 1220 Boissevain  
On the web at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/158](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/158)

## Recent topics and guests include:

What is a Missional Church? with Jamie Arpin Ricci, Pastor, Little Flowers Community

Treaties, Covenants and Promises: Where is the Conscience of the Church? - Part Two with Adrian Jacobs

Does Church Publishing Matter? with Ron Rempel, Executive Director, Mennonite Publishing Network

the **48hr** contest

Refer to page 4

## Children's Corner

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



### The Genesis of It All

by Luci Shaw, Paraclete, 2005.

Feel God's joy in creating your world, and you!

Experience the wonder of our magnificent universe in this delightful, lavishly illustrated story for children of all ages.

## Website Window

Links worth noting

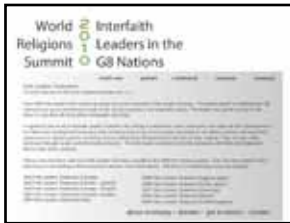
**Our catalogue links you to many websites – here are some recent additions:**



[www.faithandliferesources.org/Bulletins/](http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Bulletins/) - Revised Common Lectionary Texts: 2010-2011



[www.carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/](http://www.carolpenner.typepad.com/leadinginworship/) - Leading in Worship: Worship resources in a Mennonite voice for ears of all kinds




[www.faithchallengeg8.com/statements\\_en.html](http://www.faithchallengeg8.com/statements_en.html) - In June, the World Religions Summit was held in Winnipeg. Interfaith leaders from the G20 countries met, and together signed this Statement



[www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca) - Also in June, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's first national event was held in Winnipeg.



[www.lwf-assembly.org/experience/mennonite-action/](http://www.lwf-assembly.org/experience/mennonite-action/) - In July, the Lutheran World Federation formally asked forgiveness of Mennonites. Watch video of these reconciliation actions.

 Do you have any sites to recommend?

## From our Churches


Original materials from our constituency



### **Fleshing it Out: Stories from John's Gospel: A Series of 6 Monologues**

by Mark Diller Harder and Kevin Derksen, St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, 2010.

A set of 6 short monologues for worship that follow the Gather 'Round Bible stories from John.

 Share your church's original material at [resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca)

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## From our Press

Many new items from MPN this fall!

Wee Wonder: Sharing God's Love with Twos introduces two and three-year-olds to God through song, action rhymes, Bible stories and responsive play. Twelve creative modules with 52 undated sessions are for use throughout the year.



Check the MPN Study Shelf for great ideas for adult education. Purchase 5 or more copies of one title and receive 25% off.

When was the last time sex was a topic for a sermon at your church? Body and Soul: Healthy Sexuality and the People of God guides a four-part congregational focus on sexuality. Through worship and interactive Bible study, and a parent's book, church members and families explore the topics Our Bodies, God's Image, Created for Intimacy, Honouring the Gift of Sex, and Holy Desires.



New for mid-week: Kids Can Make Peace, the first unit in the new Kids Can Club series, includes 10 active sessions inviting children grades 1-5 to become God's peacemakers, and to live peacefully with creation, self, God, and others.

Dealing with Infertility and Dealing with Bipolar Disorder are two new pamphlets in the Close to Home caregiving series.



## From MC Canada



**Being a Faithful Church 2: 'Peace Church' as 'Pacifist Church'** by Jack Suderman (for 2010 Assembly). A model for how to apply the principles of discernment outlined in the 2009 document, Being a Faithful Church: Testing the spirits in the Midst of Hermeneutical Ferment.



**What Makes a Mennonite brochure** – now translated into Chin and Korean

An 8-panel brochure – now in 6 languages – that is ideal for people new to the Mennonite Church or visiting a Mennonite congregation for the first time.

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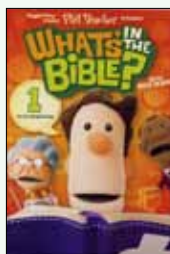


### **Lord Save Us From Your Followers: Why is the Gospel of Love Dividing America?**

Zacchaeus film group, 2008.

Whether someone is Atheist, Agnostic, Muslim, Hindu, Jewish, - or yes, even Christian - all can identify at times with the cry, "Lord, Save Us from Your Followers!"

Fed up with the divisive bumper sticker mentality overtaking America, director (and follower) Dan Merchant donned his Bumper Sticker Man suit and set out on the daring search for meaningful dialogue and the true face of faith.



### **What's in the Bible?: 1 In the Beginning**

by Phil Vischer, Tyndale, 2010.

Part 1: What is the Bible? How is it put together? Kids learn alongside Buck Denver, Sunday School Lady, Brother Louie and the crew that the Bible tells the story of God and what he's done for us.

Part 2: Who wrote the Bible? Next, Buck and friends learn how God inspired people to write the Bible. They also learn how the first part of Genesis sets the stage for the rest of the Bible - and all of history!



### **What's in the Bible?: 2 Let My People Go!**

by Phil Vischer, Tyndale, 2010.

Part 1: Who chose the books in the Bible? Buck Denver and friends learn how the Old Testament and New Testament books were chosen to be in the Bible. They also dive into the second part of Genesis to learn how God used a family to launch his big rescue plan!

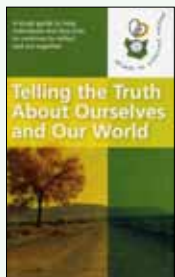
Part 2: What is salvation? Learn words like "salvation" and "redemption" as we dive into God's big rescue plan - how he saved the Israelites from Egypt and how he wants to save us from sin - a tiny word that causes huge trouble.



### **The Bruised Reed: A Christian Reflection on Suffering and Hope**

Canadian Council of Churches, 2009.

Where do we turn, when confronted with our own or others' suffering? Why do we go there? What does it mean for us? What is suffering, and what do we do with it? We discovered at its depths a word that attached itself inseparably to suffering - hope.



### **Telling the Truth About Ourselves and Our World: Decade to Overcome Violence**

by Simon Oxley, World Council of Churches, 2009.

A study guide to help churches reflect and act together as the 2001-2010 Decade to Overcome Violence is celebrated at the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation. (May 17-25, 2011, Kingston, Jamaica)

Also available in French, in Spanish and in German.



### **The Praying in Colour Journal**

by Sybil MacBeth, Paraclete Press, 2008.

When I first started praying in colour, the author writes, I couldn't stop. I was so excited to have a new way to pray for my friends and family. Prayer drawings littered my house. They showed up on all forms of paper - on backs of envelopes, on sketch pads, on shopping lists. No piece of paper was safe from my newfound prayer exercise.

I hope this journal will provide you with a framework and safe deposit box for your praying in color prayers. The journal will also be your guide through the many different ways to pray described in Praying in Colour: Drawing a New Path to God.

## From our Partners



### **Generous Living eNewsletter: Mennonite 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.



### **Who is my Neighbour?: A Window Into The Interfaith Experience**

The Canadian Council Of Churches, 2010.

The mandate of the Interfaith Reference Group of the Canadian Council of Churches, involves both ecumenical engagement about religious diversity and continued ecumenical engagement with different religions. The programmatic focus of the group is information sharing, education, theological reflection, and building relationships.

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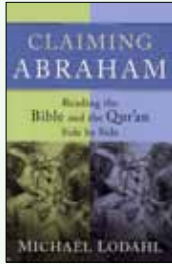
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### **Claiming Abraham: Reading the Bible and the Qur'an Side by Side**

by Michael Lodahl, Baker Publishing Group, 2010.

Many of the Bible's characters and stories are also found in the Qur'an, but there are often different details or new twists in the Islamic retelling of biblical narrative. In Claiming Abraham, seasoned theologian Michael Lodahl explores these fascinating divergences to discover the theological difference they make.



### **Awakening the Creative Spirit: Bringing the Arts to Spiritual Direction**

by Christine Valters Paintner and Betsey Beckman, Morehouse Publishing, 2010.

Designed to help spiritual directors and others use expressive arts in the context of spiritual direction.



### **Disciples of All Nations: Pillars of World Christianity**

by Lamin Sanneh, Oxford University Press, 2008.

Long the dominant religion of the West, Christianity is now rapidly becoming the principal faith in much of the postcolonial world--a development that marks a momentous shift in the religion's very center of gravity. In this eye-opening book, Lamin Sanneh examines the roots of this "post-Western awakening" and the unparalleled richness and diversity, as well as the tension and conflict, it has brought to World Christianity.



### **The Voice of a Writer: Honoring the Life of Katie Funk Wiebe**

by Valerie G. Rempel, Kindred Productions, 2010.

For more than fifty years, Katie Funk Wiebe has given voice to her thoughts while sitting alone at her typewriter. She has been particularly adept at opening up her life to others and "wrapping words" around her questions, doubts, and struggles. In doing so, she invites her readers not only to listen but to recognize themselves in her stories. This collection of essays provides a thoughtful reflection on the significance of Katie's writing and her contribution to the life of the church.



### **The Rabbit's Paw (for Bandit Blues): Poetry, Prose and a Love Letter**

by David Milgaard, 2007.

David Milgaard, who spent more than two decades in prison for a murder he didn't commit wrote this book of poetry, prose and a love letter while he was an inmate.



### **The Marriage Course Kit**

by Nicky Lee and Sila Lee, Alpha, 2009.

*Correction from last issue:* All you need to lead a 7-session course set in a fantastic atmosphere. Participants will be served with a candlelit meal and/or coffee, tea and dessert at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that are informative and fun, either given live or played on DVD..



### **Assembly Resources**

For staff/council reports, daily news sheets, discernment presentations, and worship materials from the Assembly in Calgary, see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1387](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1387).



Congratulations to Dori Zerbe Cornelsen from Winnipeg who won last month's contest and a copy of *A New Kind of Christianity* by Brian McLaren.



### **This month's prize**

#### **In God's Hands**

by Lawrence Kushner and Gary Schmidt.

#### **Email your response to:**

[resources@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:resources@mennonitechurch.ca), with "September 2010 Contest" in subject line.

#### **To be eligible:**

Contestant must be an online subscriber, and a Canadian resident. Entries are due within 48 hours of receiving electronic notice of this update.

### **This month's question**

Name your favourite faith-based children's picture book – and why