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CALENDAR

Nov 2—Peace Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/746
 Nov 9—Mission Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/724
 Advent/Christmas
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/78
 Jan 1/09—New Year's Day
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/489
 Jan 18—Stewardship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/493
 Jan 25—World Fellowship Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/490
 Feb 1—Church Education Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/492
 Feb 25—Ash Wednesday
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- Librarian
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- Education Coordinator
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2008 Advent Guide

Use this MC Canada guide to connect with congregational worship themes at home.



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Winter 2008/09 Talk-About

Use this Gather 'Round (MPN) puzzler to connect with the Sunday School focus at home.



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KidsPak

Drawin' Together for Peace.

By Elsie Rempel

One of 15 interactive KidsPak projects that make a difference in the lives of children at home, across the street, and around the world. See www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/366.

Single copies of each of these MC Canada resources are included in this month's Equipping package. Or, download each by clicking on the cover image.

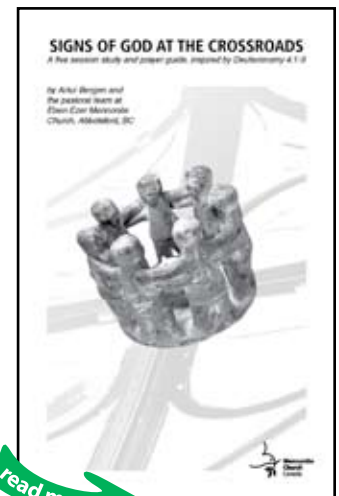
2009 Season of Prayer Guide

Signs of God at the Crossroads

By Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church team

Use the 5 sessions as:

- Worship themes
- Week of prayer or other week-long studies (eg. Passion week)
- Small group/adult Sunday School study



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Children's Corner

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



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Dominga's Wonderful Year by [Sandi Yonikus](#), [Annika Marie Nelson](#), [Lisa Ann Twomey](#) "I want to take you with me through my Wonderful Year!" This invitation from Dominga, a young girl learning the seasons of the church year, will inspire children and charm adults as they discover the meaning behind the liturgical seasons and what they can do to celebrate them. Bright, colourful illustrations and easy-to-read text in both English and Spanish will captivate young readers.

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



On the Road

Recently the Resource Centre has been invited to host **display tables** at a variety of congregational and Area Church events. Displays, like these, can be tailored to a specific theme and include helpful **bibliographies** that link users to the Resource Centre for further reference. If your congregation or Area Church event would benefit from having a tailored Resource Centre display, please let us know. See www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/777 for further instructions.

- Oct 5** Home St. Mennonite Church Fair Food Fair (food justice)
- Oct 6-8** MCBC Pastor's Retreat (spiritual disciplines)
- Oct 8** MCM Leadership Seminar (faith and business)
- Oct 17-18** MCM Women's Retreat (visual art in worship)
- Oct 17-18** MC Sask Women's Retreat (creation care)
- Oct 24-26** MCBC Women's Retreat (creative living)
- Oct 25** MC Sask Equipping conference (variety of topics)
- Oct 25** Steinbach Mennonite Church seminar (seniors and aging)

From our Churches

Original materials from our constituency



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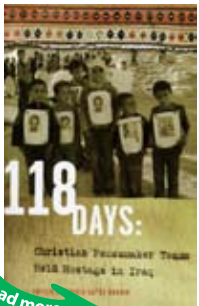
[Watching Jesus Wide-Eyed: Film Clips and the Gospel Texts—Advent-Pentecost, Year B](#) by Henry Krause, Langley Mennonite Fellowship, BC, 2008. The author has listed movies that give a window into the Gospel

Lectionary readings. Some tell a story similar to the Gospel narratives, some are a contrast to them, and some provide another way to understand the gospel themes. The intention is to allow the film to stand on its own as a parallel story to the one found in the Gospels.

➔ **For other original materials, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/479**

New Resources

There are 3 new resources/day. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing.



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118 Days: Christian Peacemaker Teams Held Hostage in Iraq, ed. [Tricia Gates Brown](#), CPT, 2008. The kidnapping of four CPT peacemakers in 2005 was like a rock thrown into a pond. This collection describes the ripples on the water, the impact and results of that rock, in stories characterized by hope, courage, friendship, and forgiveness.

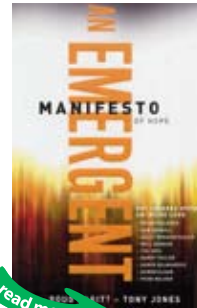
➔ **For other Christian Peacemaker Team resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/412.**



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Finding Leaders for Tomorrow's Churches: Discernment Resources for Churches by [John Neufeld](#), Kindred Productions, 2007. How does the church identify potential leaders? What are guidelines to a discernment process? This guide is intended to help find a balance between individual initiative and the call of the congregation.

➔ **For other gift discernment resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/81.**



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An Emergent Manifesto of Hope, ed [Doug Pagitt](#), [Tony Jones](#), Baker Publishing Group, 2007. More than twenty-five contributors offer the latest thinking in the "emerging church" on topics like spiritual formation, social justice, sex, church and community, evangelism, racial reconciliation, post-colonialism, and the Bible.

➔ **For other emergent church resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/742.**



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The Prodigal Trilogy DVD, by Jason Hildebrand, 2007. A 23-minute film based on the parable of the Prodigal Son. Each of the three acts reveals a different character in the story—the younger son, the elder son and the father.

➔ **For other biblical drama resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/789.**

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The Great Emergence: How Christianity is Changing and Why by [Phyllis Tickle](#), Baker Publishing Group, 2008. Phyllis Tickle notes that every 500 years the church has been rocked by massive transitions. Remarkably enough, Tickle suggests to us that we live in such a time right now. The Great Emergence examines history, social upheaval, and current events, showing how a new form of Christianity is rising within postmodern culture.

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➔ **For other church and culture resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/790.**



Blue Like Jazz: Live DVD, Jason Hildebrand, 2005. An innovative and revolutionary new multimedia live solo production based on Donald Miller's book.

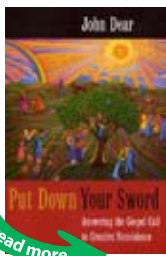
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Good God Theatre: Act 1: Old Testament DVD, Ted and Company, 2008. Fresh and humorous biblical performances—16 scenes from creation to Advent—capture the imagination of youth and adults alike. Includes a discussion guide.

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➔ **For other Bible studies, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/792.**



Put Down Your Sword: Answering the Gospel Call to Creative Nonviolence, by [John Dear](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008. Arguing that all Christians must follow Christ's example in the ways of peace, Dear outlines the many actions he himself has taken following the path of nonviolence.

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➔ **For other non-violence resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/791.**

DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

With 3 months left in 2008, we've already surpassed some terrific numbers:

- On Sept 19 we passed last year's total of downloads from our online catalogue (over 27,000).
- As of Sept 30, our volume of circulation has increased nearly 31% from last year.
- On Oct 5 we passed last year's total of electronic orders (222).

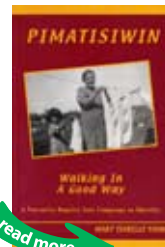
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Doing God's Business: Meaning and Motivation for the Marketplace by [R. Paul Stevens](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2006. The author explores the potential of business as a location for practicing everyday spiritual disciplines and as a source of creativity and deeper relationship with God.

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➔ **For other business resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/758.**



Pimatisiwin: Walking in a Good Way by [Mary Isabelle Young](#), Pemmican Publications, 2005. The educational journey of an Anishinabe woman who experienced the loss of language and culture through the Residential School System, but has persevered and can now share her story of hope.

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➔ **For other aboriginal biographies, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/353.**

From our Partners New from Cascadia Publishing House



A Usable Past: A Story of Living and Thinking Vocationally at the Margins by [Paul Peachey](#), 2008. A twentieth-century Anabaptist ponders key questions while telling his 90-year life story. Is his "usable past" able to offer fruitful perspectives on contemporary trends?

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➔ **For other Mennonite biographies, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/355.**



The Work of Jesus Christ in Anabaptist Perspective: Essays in Honour of J. Denny Weaver ed. [Alain Epp Weaver](#), [Gerald J. Mast](#), 2008. How should Anabaptists, Mennonites, and other Christians think today about the saving work of God in Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection? Twenty leading writers offer their reflections.

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➔ **For other atonement/salvation resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/781.**

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Links worth noting

[CiRCLe M: Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry](#). From their website: “We care a lot about rural churches and communities! And we think that they ought to be more closely connected. Our mission is to equip clergy and lay leaders in rural and remote places to help their churches be catalysts for the development of healthy Canadian communities.”

➔ **For other resources about rural congregations, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/218.**

[Creation Care Resources: Gordon Matties](#). A list of websites, bibliographies, organizations and other resources on creation care compiled by Matties, a CMU professor.

➔ **For other “creation care” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/79.**

[Design for Ministry](#), Design For Ministry™ uses process consultation to assist ministry organizations with capacity building activities. Their experts reflect broad experience and a commitment to focusing on the client’s needs. See their [Resource Emporium](#) for related stewardship resources.

➔ **For other “stewardship” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/112.**

[End Hunger Fast](#). Canadian Foodgrains Bank’s website with worship resources on food justice and a resource kit that offers many suggestions for a “hunger fast,” particularly in relation to World Food Day, October 16.

➔ **For other “food justice” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/719.**

[Faith and Film: Gordon Matties](#). These web pages offer you resources to become a more thoughtful and engaged movie watcher. In particular, they help you explore the relationship between religion and popular culture in film.

➔ **For other “faith and film” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/782.**

ONLINE TOOL TIP

How long may I borrow a resource?

We have different loan periods to accommodate mail service and resource demand. The typical loan period for a book or DVD is 4 weeks. We *shorten* that to 3 weeks (2 weeks within Winnipeg) for new resources, seasonal materials (Christmas), or partner resources (“preview” loans). We *lengthen* the loan period for a video series that runs for 6+ sessions. When ordering online, our software’s default due date is 4 weeks. We will (or you may) adjust those dates according to the restrictions above.

➔ **For other frequently asked questions, check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/169**

From our Press

New from Mennonite Publishing Network



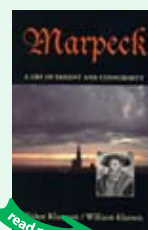
Use the links below to borrow or purchase these items:



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Springs of Living Water: Christ-Centred Church Renewal by [David S. Young](#), Herald Press, 2008. This manual helps a church cultivate its spiritual life, train leaders, and focus efforts in ministries which express its identity and call.

➔ **For other resources on church renewal, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/784.**



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Marpeck: A Life of Dissent and Conformity by [Walter Klaassen](#), [William Klassen](#), Herald Press, 2008. This biography shows how Pilgram Marpeck, perhaps more than any other early Anabaptist figure, helped lay the theoretical and practical foundations of the believers church.

➔ **For other Anabaptist/Mennonite biographies, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/355.**



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The ***Close to Home*** series is designed to help Christian caregivers invite others to journey toward wholeness. The pamphlets use the resources of sound therapy, Christian faith, the Bible, and the caring environment of the church.

New titles include:

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- child abuse
- drug addiction



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Rejoice! is a daily devotional magazine offering encouragement for individuals, families, and groups. Each day’s entry includes a scripture reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. Prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies are also included.