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WORSHIP CALENDAR

Jan 1—New Year's Day
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Jan 18—Stewardship Sunday
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Jan 25—World Fellowship Sunday
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Feb 1—Church Education Sunday
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Feb 25—Ash Wednesday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/491

April 5—Palm Sunday
www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/160

April 9—Maundy Thursday
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April 10—Good Friday
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April 12—Easter
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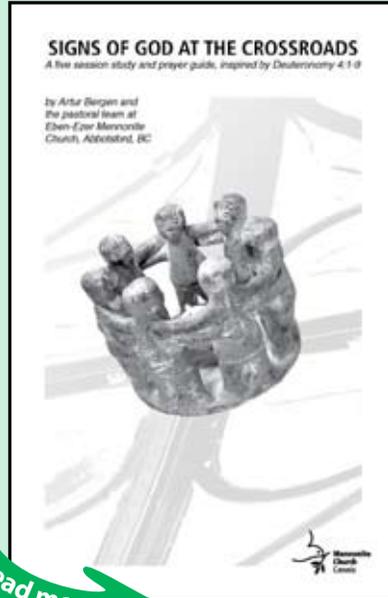
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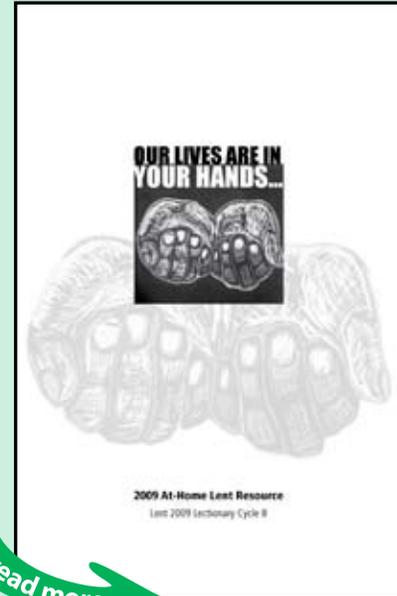
2009 Season of Prayer Guide

Signs of God at the Crossroads
By Eben Ezer Mennonite Church Team

Use the 5 sessions as:

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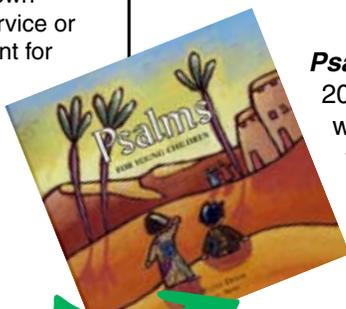
2009 At-Home Lent Guide

Our Lives are in Your Hands
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 free copy at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/732.

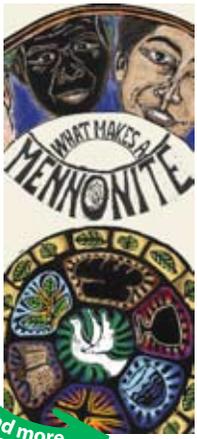
Children's Corner Resources for the library, home, Sunday School or Sunday morning storyteller.



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Psalms for Young Children by [Marie-Helene Delval](#), Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008. The Psalms describe a whole range of emotions, from joy and wonder to sadness and regret. This collection of Psalms, paraphrased for young readers, uses simple yet powerful imagery and beautiful illustrations to help children express their full range of feelings.

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



Re-designed What Makes a Mennonite brochure. A re-designed 8-panel brochure that's 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. A white space on the back leaf allows you to add an address label/stamp of your local congregation. Purchase in any quantity—www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/832. Available soon: Chinese Language version.

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Congregational Partnership Posters. Is your congregation having a mission-emphasis Sunday? Are you exploring a possible partnership? Would you like to highlight your existing connection with Mennonite Church Canada Witness? Borrow our new colour posters that illustrate the work of MC Canada Witness in Canada and abroad. A simple table with these display posters and several

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copies of the World of Witness prayer directory make an attractive visual display for your congregation or gathering. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/829.

Reaching up to God our Creator. A collection of resources highlighting the common ground between Aboriginal Sacred Teachings and the wisdom tradition of the Bible. The goal is to foster respect and understanding among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. Use as a six-session study for children or adults. See the promotional card in this month's *Equipping* or check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/554 for review materials and borrowing/purchasing information.



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In on the Action? Fall's Top Requests



Dove Tale DVD—This Christmas rendition finds gentle humour and moments of epiphany as Mary, Joseph, and Gabriel stumble through the gritty realities of God becoming human.



Knitting into the Mystery—This book shares the stories of how “prayer-shawl ministry” has touched lives and hearts around the world.



Proclamation by Design—Helps worship planners and artists imagine new visual ways of encountering God when we gather as a people of faith.



Cloth for the Cradle—Worship resources and readings for Advent through Epiphany from the Iona community.



Through the Red Gate DVD - A rare and long forgotten cache of letters reveals the terrifying details of a family's fate during Stalin's reign.



DID YOU KNOW? Resource Centre Facts

We add, on average, 3 new titles to our collection every day.

Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 regularly for a current listing.

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Say Yes to the Calendar: Aging and Mortality by John and Anne Neufeld. A look at aging and mortality - its stages, myths and challenges - from a biblical, historical and contemporary perspective. Download at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/831.



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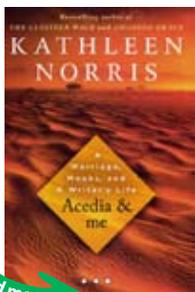
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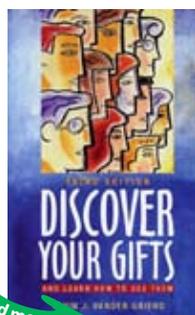
There are 3 new resources/day. Check www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/480 for a complete listing.



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Acedia and Me: A Marriage, Monks, and a Writer's Life by [Kathleen Norris](#), Riverhead Books, 2008. When Norris read about “acedia”—or deep indifference—in a 4th-century monastic text, she had at last found a name for her own chronic soul-weariness. In this candid memoir, she explores acedia through her marriage, life as a writer, spiritual practice, and the illness of her husband. A moving meditation on a forgotten, but relevant concept.

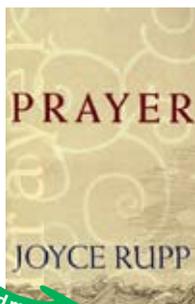
➔ For other “biographies/memoirs,” see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/346



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Discover Your Gifts and Learn how to Use Them—Leader's Guide by [Alvin J. Vander Griend](#), Faith Alive Resources, 2008. This five-session interactive course helps people identify their spiritual gifts to use in building up the church and kingdom of Christ in this world. Each participant also fills out a gift-discovery survey in the student book or online. A [Student Book](#) is also available.

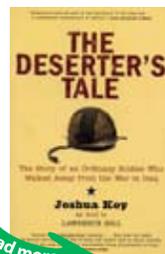
➔ For other “gift discernment” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/222.



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Prayer by [Joyce Rupp](#), Orbis Books, 2008. Join Rupp on this prayer journey of transformation. “The longer we pray,” Rupp says, “the more we realize prayer is bigger than we are, more expansive and deep. When we least expect it, our prayer brings us into further clarity about who we are and how we are to be with God and the world.” As she interacts with some of the great body of work already produced in this area and describes her own experience, Rupp leads the reader more deeply into the divine mystery.

➔ For other “spiritual life” resources, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/718.



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The Deserter's Tale: The Story of an Ordinary Soldier who walked away from the War in Iraq by [Joshua Key](#); [Lawrence Hill](#), Grove Press, 2007. Detailing the grinding horrors of life as part of an occupying force, *The Deserter's Tale* is the story of a conservative-minded family man and patriot who went to war believing unquestioningly in his government's commitment to integrity and justice, and how what he saw in Iraq transformed him into someone who could no longer serve his country.

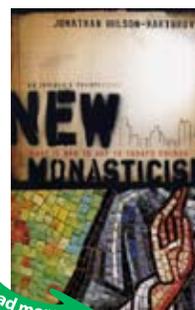
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Family Violence: Reclaiming a Theology of Nonviolence by [Elizabeth Soto Albrecht](#), Orbis Books, 2008. The author analyzes the nature of violence and the many cultural, societal, and economic factors that lead to violence. Soto Albrecht demonstrates how a feminist theology of nonviolence rooted in the Anabaptist tradition can be effective in overcoming family violence in Christian homes.

➔ For other resources on “family violence,” see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/835.



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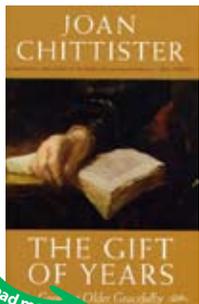
New Monasticism: What it has to Say to Today's Church by [Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove](#), Brazos Press, 2008. The author is a leader in the new monasticism movement in America, a growing group of committed Christians who are living lives of radical discipleship. However, the movement doesn't mirror traditional monasteries—many members are married with children and have careers, yet they live differently, often in community in once-abandoned sections of society. In this book, he takes readers inside new monasticism, tracing its roots through scripture and history and illuminating its impact on the contemporary church.

➔ For other resources on “church community,” see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/840.

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The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully by [Joan Chittister](#), BlueBridge, 2008. Not only accepting but celebrating getting old, this inspirational and illuminating work looks at the many facets of the aging process, from purposes and challenges to struggles and surprises. Central throughout is a call to cherish the blessing of aging as a natural part of life that is active, productive, and deeply rewarding.

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All Right Now: Finding Consensus on Ethical Questions by [Timothy J. Geddert](#), Herald Press, 2008. Polarizing issues are dividing the church. Is your congregation seeking consensus? How should you begin? With this book Geddert can help your church find what he calls the ‘middle way’ between rule-oriented legalism and irresponsible freedom in which anything goes.



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At-Tuwani Journal: Hope and Nonviolent Action in a Palestinian Village by [Arthur G. Gish](#), Herald Press, 2008. Art Gish offers an inside view of the work of the Christian Peacemaker Teams in the Palestinian town of At-Tuwani. Through vivid stories told in journal fashion, Gish offers a candid but sympathetic portrait of traditional Palestinians in the West Bank.



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2009 Vacation Bible School Curriculum: Catch the Spirit! Fun worship, interactive dramas, lively songs, an emphasis on Bible learning, and 10 easy-to-plan activity centres will help children experience the power of the Holy Spirit as they learn how to get involved, speak up and join God's work around the world. Includes special features that allow you to adapt the material for a mid-week children's program.

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