

Conference Calendar

DEC

- 9 Healthy Boundaries Training, SpringHaven Counseling Center, Dundee

JAN

- 12-14 Jr. High Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 13 Healthy Boundaries Training, First Mennonite Church, Bluffton
- 18 Pastors' Meeting, Berlin Mennonite Church
- 19-20 Mother-Daughter Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

MAR

- 8-9 Missional Conference, Bluffton University, Bluffton
- 9-10 Annual Conference Assembly, Bluffton University, Bluffton

APR

- 6-8 Men's Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron
- 21 Healthy Boundaries Training, Archbold area
- 27-28 Father-Son Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

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also can select preferred versions of repeated elements, such as the Lord's Prayer, which are then embedded in the service being used.

Users can download the app

through [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#).

To learn more about the Anabaptist Prayer App, see the article on the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary website: <http://bit.ly/TakeOurMoments>.

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For more information about the Ohio Conference, see the Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org
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Free devotional resources are abundant during Advent

Are you seeking devotional materials for Advent? If so, there are plenty of no-cost options available from a variety of Mennonite Church-related sources.

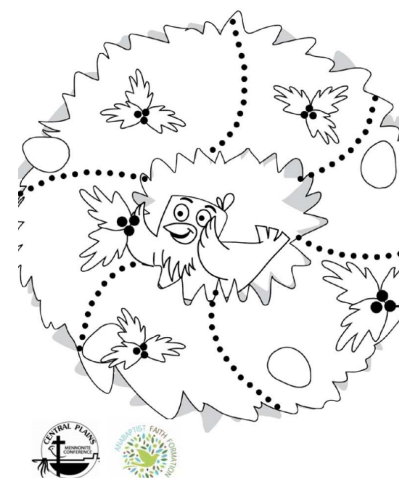
ADVENT AT-HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

Central Plains Mennonite Conference and www.AnabaptistFaithFormation.org are offering a free, downloadable guide for family worship during Advent written by Elsie Rempel.

This resource, titled *Yes! Let it Be!*, is designed for parents to use at home with their children. For use between Dec. 3 and Jan. 6, the worship guide includes a daily Bible

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reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. The guide follows

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the texts and themes of the worship materials in *Leader*, a magazine for church leaders in Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada.

Links to download this free guide can be found on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/AdventAt-HomeGuide>.

This Advent worship guide is just one of many resources available at no cost from www.AnabaptistFaithFormation.org.

ONLINE DEVOTIONALS FROM GOSHEN COLLEGE



Once again Goshen College is offering an online resource to help believers make time and space in their hearts and minds to reflect during the season of Advent.

During Advent Goshen College students, faculty and staff are providing weekday reflections based on the lectionary scripture

passages. These writers are reflecting on the theme “**Yes! Let it Be!**” taken from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada worship resources.

These devotionals are available online at www.goshen.edu/devotions. Anyone interested in receiving the devotionals through a daily email message can subscribe by going to <http://bit.ly/GCAdventLentDevotions>.

Advent is a season with much preparation for the coming of Christ. One event follows the other, and between decorating, baking, shopping and gathering, we hardly find space to wait for the One who came, is always coming, and will come again.

These devotions reflect honestly on the Scriptures and offer words of assurances of faith. The spiritual offerings include poetry, personal stories, reflections and prayers, all intended to more closely examine the call to change and follow Christ.

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seasons of the church calendar, particularly Advent and Lent, with online devotions.

ONLINE DEVOTIONALS FROM THE MENNONITE

Each day throughout Advent, *The Mennonite* will feature reflections from authors across Mennonite Church USA focusing on the lectionary scripture texts for the day. These reflections will be posted on the website of *The Mennonite*. In addition, individuals can sign up to receive each devotional in their email inbox. To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/TheMennoniteAdvent>.

ANABAPTIST PRAYER APP

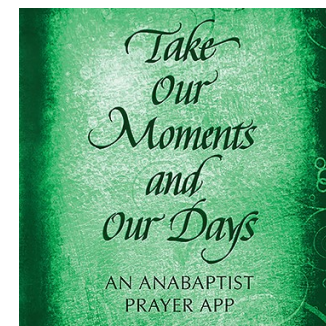
Advent-themed readings are available in the new free Anabaptist Prayer App based on the prayer books *Take Our Moments and Our Days*.

The app contains the entire text of both print volumes of the prayer book — Ordinary Time (non-holidays) and Advent through Pentecost. These books were published in 2007 and 2010

by Herald Press in collaboration with the [Institute of Mennonite Studies](#) (IMS), the research agency of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) in Elkhart, Indiana.

The new Anabaptist Prayer App makes *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayers available to [Apple](#) and [Android](#) users in an easy-to-navigate format, as close at hand as their digital device.

Some special features include



navigation to a recommended service for the date and time of day, tracking to keep the user's place in the sequence of services, an ability to call up particular services, introductory materials, and extensive indices that enable searches for particular texts. Users

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