

## Worship Night Resources

### Ideas and resources for worship

#### Three options for leading worship

- Plan and lead worship yourself
- Invite a guest to plan and lead worship
- Attend a worship event planned and led by others

#### Some worship ideas

- Share faith journeys. This is a good way to start off worship nights for the year.
- Invite a church member to lead (many have interesting stories about how they chose to attend the local church).
- Have pastor explain how to best describe Mennonites to non-Mennonites.
- Spiritual gifts inventory
- Bible study
- Bible study - issue/theme discussion
- "Big Questions" study/discussion
- Stories of faith/martyrs
- Advent wreath lighting
- Caroling
- Local college/university chapel Christmas service
- Movie/discussion
- Share and sing favorite hymn/Christian song
- Foot washing
- Communion
- Visit another church service
- Read book with discussion (series)
- Guided silence
- Taize service
- Lent series/household choose what you want to "give up" for Lent Ash Wednesday service
- Teach a spiritual discipline
- Prayerful walking
- Book study
- Visit rescue mission for meal and service
- Invite the youth group for worship
- Walk a labyrinth or do an on-line version
- Prayerful art, movement or dance
- Visit a Catholic worker community
- Serve a meal at a soup kitchen
- Play songs, sermon or story clip from YouTube
- Invite members of the congregation to join you for a certain theme such as Lent/Advent

- Use key questions: Where have you seen God at work this week? What did you hear God say to you this week during your prayer time? What have you learned from scripture reading this week? How have you shared the love of Jesus with others this week? Where have you fallen short this week?

#### Book studies

- Basic Trek: Venture into the World of Enough by David Schrock-Shenk
- Body Talk: Speaking Words of Health by Ingrid Friesen Moser
- Mercy Beyond Measure: Desperate Lives and the Reckless Grace of Jesus by Kurt Salierno and Barry Shafer
- The Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne
- The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman

#### Anabaptist/Mennonite history and belief

- Stories: How Mennonites Came to Be by John D. Roth
- Global Anabaptist Encyclopedia Online: <http://www.gameo.org/>