

# Check It Out

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Zion Mennonite Church

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## NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Have you been to our library lately to check out these new books? If not, come in soon. Take one (or more) to enjoy as fall weather and cool days bring you indoors.

- **Teatime in Mogadishu.** In this memoir by Ahmed Haile he reflects on the meaning of his journey in the world of Islam in his home country of Somalia as an ambassador for the peace of Christ. He was a student at WMS in 1974.
- **The Long Walk** by Slavomir Rawicz. The author and six fellow prisoners escaped a Soviet labor camp surviving unimaginable difficulties over thousands of miles to freedom.
- **Heaven is for Real** by Todd Burpo is an astounding story of his 4 year old son's trip to heaven and back during a critical illness.
- **Mennonite Girls Can Cook** is a collection of recipes, personal stories and photos from a group of "Mennonite Girls".
- **The Thorn** Book One in the Rose Trilogy series by Beverly Lewis about two Amish sisters who live on the fringes of the church. In Book Two **The Judgment** the two sisters are reunited by unforeseeable circumstances.
- **Parent Trek** by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi. Each chapter in this book has a meditation or theme then a closer look essay followed with pertinent, practical ways to apply them to family life.
- **Ambassadors of Reconciliation Volumes 1&2.** These two volumes by Ched Myers and Elaine Enns explore a theology and practice of faith-rooted restorative justice and peacemaking.
- **Unser Leit** by Leroy Beachy is a reader-friendly history of the Amish. The author takes a fresh look at the origin of the Amish that challenges some long-held assumptions.
- **1,2,3 John.** Another in the Believers' Bible Church Commentaries.
- **Diary of a Teenage Girl: Becoming Me This is a book for teens.** It is a novel by Melody Carlson of Central Oregon that is a brilliant imaginary journey to the heart of a 16 year old struggling with peer pressure, identity and a desire to know and understand God's will.
- **A Baby for Hannah,** the third book in the Hannah's Heart series by Jerry Eicher. Jake and Hannah struggle through some church issues while awaiting the birth of their child.
- **Things We Have Known** by Alice Metzler Roth is the captivating story of her parents, A.J. and Alta Metzler whose lives demonstrated living with God during decades of ministry in the Mennonite Church of the 20th century.
- **Crossings: Memoirs of a Mountain Medical Doctor** Elam Kurtz was a man of great mission and deep faith whose life had a profound influence in the lives of those he served in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina. Each chapter follows a particular crossing, or transition in his journey.
- **Water for Another Time** by Berry Friesen. Using stories from the author's families, he speaks to questions as relevant to our day as they were in his ancestors' times. The familial insights are deeply rooted in the good news of the Gospel.
- **Who Will Wind the Clock?.** Gifted story teller and author Margaret Jensen shares from her personal experience about the changes that come with loss of loved ones. If you enjoyed her *First We Have Coffee, Lena* and others you will enjoy this as well.



BOOK REVIEW

**Unsettled Weather: How Do I Forgive?** by Wilma Derksen,

When Wilma and Cliff Derksens' 13 year old daughter was killed in 1984, they began the long journey of deep grief and eventual forgiveness. This book was prepared by Wilma, in collaboration with Tym Elias and Brenda Suderman, as a guide for group study. It makes use of the story-telling method which, she points out, was the teaching method of choice for the Jewish people and for Jesus.

Out of her own experience Dirksen has some deep insights into the nature of forgiveness which she shares in the book. She begins with the premise that Christians must forgive and then shows you how.

The curriculum is designed to be used over seven weeks with each of the seven lessons including stories, reflections, Scripture readings, and discussion questions. Specific questions about forgiveness include: what is the environment in which to forgive; where is the need to forgive; how to start to forgive; the difficulty in forgiving; the power to forgive; and helping others to forgive. The sessions are an open invitation to discuss what forgiveness could mean for each individual in their own particular situation.

Two appendices offer the reader or study group brief stories of forgiveness with titles such as 'Forgiving a brother', 'Forgiving a teacher', and 'Respectful forgiveness'. There is also a list of suggested reading for further study and reflection.

This book is a valuable resource for persons in classes, study groups and congregations who wish to take steps toward forgiveness.

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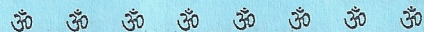
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**BOOK QUOTES**

*"If minds are truly alive they will seek out books, for books are the human race recounting its memorable experiences, confronting its problems, searching for solutions, drawing the blueprints of its futures."*

*Henry A. Overstreet*



*"A person's true worth, I find, is not determined by accolades and triumphs but by their ability to give hope to others."*

*Spencer Chapman*



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**BIBLE CRYPTOGRAM**

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