

Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library
Zion Mennonite Church

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"Your word is a lamp to
my feet and a
light to my Path."

~Psalms

REMINDERS

We are glad for your use of the library with all its good reading. We welcome your suggestions for ways to make it better for you. Just a couple reminders to make the work easier for us.

⇒ Please remember to use your **first** and **last** name on the book card when checking out books.

⇒ Fill in *date due* on the book card.

⇒ Note other specific instructions by the card drop box.

⇒ Parents, if you have a younger child who is still unable to write his name clearly, and there is no one in the library to assist with book check-out, please supervise them. It is difficult to track overdue books when a name is illegible.

☞ Thank you ☞



NEW BOOKS TO READ

Watch for these new books being added to the library in MARCH.

- **NIGHT WATCH: An Inquiry Into Solitude** by Robert Rhodes is a deeply personal, but fascinating telling of one man's spiritual journey in his time spent alone in a Hutterite colony.
- **WHAT DID THE ANCIENT ISRAELITES EAT? DIET IN BIBLICAL TIMES—** Nathan McDonald has researched this complex topic carefully through all relevant evidence to uncover what the people really ate and how healthy (or unhealthy) it was.
- **IN THE GRIP OF GRACE** by Max Lucado. "If you can imagine enjoying God instead of trying to repay Him....you can imagine grace"
- **THE DARK NIGHT: A GIFT OF GOD** by Daniel P. Schrock. From his experience the author shares what he has discovered about the experience of some individuals while growing as a disciple of Christ. He quotes Spanish poet John of the Cross "Experience of the dark night is all about growing in the love of God."
- **REVELATION: MAKING SENSE OF ITS MESSAGE IN THE 21st CENTURY** by John M. Miller. The author "carefully interprets the Revelation's meaning both for the time in which it was written and our modern world." Ted Grimsrud in his "Forward" says "the book makes a valuable contribution to the life of churches in our time."
- **YOU NEVER GAVE ME A NAME** is a fascinating account of author Katie Funk-Wiebe's search for identity. "This is vintage Funk-Wiebe: unaffected, spirited, unblinking."
- **THE BRUSHSTROKE LEGACY**, another novel by Laurine Snelling
- **BLUE LIKE JAZZ** and **SEARCHING FOR GOD KNOWS WHAT** by Donald Miller of Portland look at spirituality from a view that may appeal more to younger adults.
- **STRAW: FINDING MY WAY** is the biography of Darryl Strawberry, a once noted athlete who fell prey to his demons off the field and how he returned to faith.
- **Children's books:**
- **GRANDPA'S MUSIC: A Story About Alzheimer's** by Aleson Acheson. A beautifully illustrated book about one young girl's sharing with her grandfather with Alzheimer's when he moved into her home.

"TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book."

~Author unknown



The following are excerpts from prayers found in the book in our library
Plum Jelly and Stained Glass & Other Prayers
By Jo Carr & Imogene Sorley

Dear Lord,
it's easier to pray when everything's going my way,
and I can yodel my thanksgiving for the gift of life.

But today just isn't that sort of day.
At the moment, my "gift" of life seems to have a
price tag still attached.
My response is not one of thanksgiving.

I had everything arranged so well—
and it isn't working out that way.
The orderly life that I had all planned for those I
love is disordered—
And steadfastly refuses to be put back into
My structured "plan."
And I am undone.

Hmm. I really don't *want* everything to go *my* way,
I shall put aside the role of manager—with deep relief.
It was a weighty and ill-fitting burden.

Now, then ...
now,
I can say my thanksgiving for the gift of life.
Amen, amen.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our feverish ways!
Feverish—frantic.

Hurry and get the committee meeting rolling or it
won't be over in time for the scheduled next one.

Much to do. Much ado.

And often very little done.

Except for headaches and ulcers and over fatigue.

Forgive my feverish ways.

Is this *really* the way the work of the kingdom gets
done?

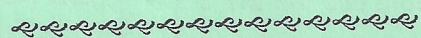
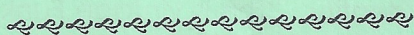
Oh, Lord, why do I try to measure the quality of life
By the number of meetings I go to every week? The
number of boards and commissions and committees
I'm on?

I have a responsibility to assist on worthy com-
munity projects.to stand in the yard and be
blessed by apple blossoms,and to family and to
self.

All of which are part of my responsibility
to thee. The dither comes in letting it get
out of perspective—in getting so tied up
In "good works" that I can't function.

Gracious Lord, forgive my feverish ways.

A,men

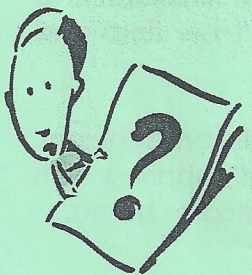


Worth thinking about

"An education isn't how much you have
committed to memory, or even how much you
know. It's being able to differentiate between
what you do know and what you don't."

~~ Anatole France

"A good example is someone who knows the
way, goes the way, and shows the way."



How many words
can you find in the
title of
this
children's
book in
our li-
brary?

WALK IN PEACE

(No contest this time)