

Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library
Zion Mennonite Church

June 2013

NEW BOOKS

- **I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace and Human Dignity** by Izzeldin Abuelaish. The loss of his 3 daughters at the hands of Israeli soldiers did not banish the author's commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation as a foundation for peace in the Holy Land. This story is a lesson against hatred and revenge.
- **From Nonresistance to Justice** by Ervin R. Stutzman is a book that is informative and inspiring as it helps to promote church centered conversations on the gospel of peace.
- **Tea and Trouble Brewing** is Dorcas Smucker's fourth book, continuing the collection of her monthly *Letter from Harrisburg* column. Here she shares the joys and frustrations of life with her teenage children.
- **Mennonite Girls Can Cook ~ Celebrations.** More mouthwatering recipes from the creators of *Mennonite Girls Can Cook* celebrating all of life; filled with devotional reflections, personal stories and beautiful photos.
- **Fifty Shades of Grace: Stories of Inspiration and Promise.** This is a collection of inspiring stories about experiencing God's grace in everyday life; what grace looks like in action. By Herald Press editors.
- **John - Believers' Church Bible Commentary** by Willard Swartley
- **One Glorious Ambition**, is another of Jane Kirkpatrick's historical novels based on the life of Dorothy Dix who challenged the powerful to provide humane treatment for the mentally ill.

Other novels include:

- **My Dearest Friend** by Jerry and Tina Eicher is based on actual letters between Jerry and his wife. The characters, Eugene and Naomi, express their love through letters and poems over a nine month separation.
- **Whispers in the Wind** by Lauraine Snelling
- **The Bishop's Daughter**—the concluding volume of the *Daughters of Lancaster Co.* by Wanda Brunstetter
- **Seven Years Between.** This debut novel by Pamela McDavid is the story of the author's grandmother, who as the girl, Carol, was raised by a mother who did what was needed to care for her during the Depression years which included seven years with three different foster families. Her survival through loss, adversity and adventure taught her selfless, unconditional love.

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Thank you for the generous donations of children's DVD's to add to our collection. The following is a partial list of new additions:

- **Veggie Tales:**
 - God Made You Special*
 - Madame Blueberry*
 - Where Is God When I'm Scared?*
- **3-2-1 Penguins: Trouble in Planet Wait-Your-Turn**
- **Hermie, A Common Caterpillar**

And for adults:

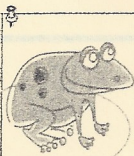
The Creation Chronicles with Ted and Lee.

We are still missing the book *God Grew Tired of Us* by John Bul Dau. This was kindly donated to our library last year. PLEASE, if you know of its whereabouts, return it to its rightful place!! It is wanting to be read!

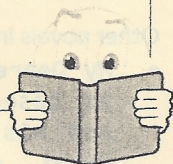


These books are due to be on the shelves as soon as possible. Our computer specialist, Sheri, has been hard at work getting the work done that needs to happen with the new computer set-up and printing. Please be patient — we will let you know when they are available.

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All 3 year olds through 6th graders,
you can still join the
JUMP INTO READING fun in the
Summer Reading Club through July and
August. Find lots of good books in our
library to enjoy and learn lots of good
stuff! You will earn a new book of
your own if you read 10 hours—that's
only 15 minutes a day!



SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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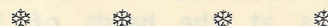
YOUR FAVORITE AUTHORS

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in ☐ boxes
and unscramble them for the final message.

The following is a list of available resource books in the library especially for small group or Sunday School classes. If you are thinking of starting a discussion group you are encouraged to take a look at these books, and more, in the library workroom.

- Christian Caregiving—A Way of Life >Kenneth Hauck
- When You Don't Agree >James Fairfield
- Reinventing Aging >Shirley Yoder Brubaker
- Little House on the Freeway >Tim Kimmel
- In Praise of Leisure >Harold D. Lehman
- One-Anothering >Simon Schrock
- When A Congregation Cares >Abraham Schmidt
- Welcome! A Biblical and Practical Guide to Receiving New Members >Ervin R. Stutzman



quotes for thought

*"Love thyself last. Look near, behold thy duty
To those who walk beside thee down life's road.
Make glad their days by little acts of beauty
And help them bear the burden of earth's load."*

— Wilcox

"FAITH

is like Wi-Fi,

it's invisible but it has the power
to connect you to what you need."

In the biography *Mr. Whittier* by Elizabeth Gray Vining, she tells the interesting story of the familiar hymn we know as 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'. Did you know that the song is 5-6 stanzas of John Greenleaf Whittier's 17 stanza poem called "The Brewing of Soma"? Soma was a drink made from a plant used to induce a mystical experience. After the first stanzas describing foolish things done in the name of religion related to that drink he penned the words we know:

"Dear Lord and Father of mankind, Forgive our foolish ways, Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find, In deeper reverence praise!"

Also he is the originator of the familiar saying that comes from a poem "Maude Muller" that describes a chance meeting of a rich judge and a young girl and their subsequent imaginings:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen
The saddest are these, It might have been!"

He was the first to parody these words to say:

"Of all good words of pen or verse
The best are these: It might be worse!"

Mrs. Vining comments that "no other American poet has expressed religious insights in the gentle, acceptable and beautiful way that John Greenleaf Whittier has."