

Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library

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Did you know?

- ⇒ The remaining six books of the 12 Little House series are now in the library?
- ⇒ Jan Kirkpatrick's third novel in the Change and Cherish series, *A Mending at the Edge*, will be in the library in June?
- ⇒ The Library Committee consists of: Lanette Willig, Elizabeth Kennedy, and Shirley Martin. Please see them if you have questions or suggestions.

From the Library Staff

With spring in the air and busy summer days not far behind, you can still enjoy some time with books to keep your mind engaged in reading and thoughtful reflection. The following are some of the new additions to the library:

- *HOME TO HOLLY SPRINGS* by Jan Karon, author of the Mitford Series. In this first of her Father Tim novels the author follows Father Tim Kavanaugh through an intriguing journey to the home of his childhood. The plot takes surprising twists as he reconnects to the people of his past on this spiritual journey.
- *EMBODYING THE WAY OF JESUS: ANABAPTIST CONVICTIONS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY* As a new graduate of University of Oregon in 1976 the author, Ted Grimsrud, was led on a journey of searching the meaning of Jesus' command "Take up your cross and follow Me" His first Mennonite pastor, Harold Hochstetler, was an influential mentor in that search. In this book he suggests ways that Anabaptist conviction speaks to our contemporary world.
- *AMISH GRACE: HOW FORGIVENESS TRANSCENDED TRAGEDY* co-authored by Stephen Nolt, Donald Kraybill and David Weaver-Zercher. This book tells the story of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting and the forgiveness of the Amish community following that tragic event. It was included on *Publishers Weekly* Best of 2007 list (one of only 15 religion titles) and has been endorsed by Bill Moyers, Tony Campolo, Philip Yancey and others.
- *HEBRON JOURNAL: STORIES OF NONVIOLENT PEACEMAKING* by Arthur Gish. From his experiences in Hebron as part of Christian Peacemaker Teams Gish records the turmoil of Palestinians, the agony of Israelis and a vision of reconciliation between Jews, Muslims and Christians.
- *THE BEAUTIFUL ACHE: Finding the God who Satisfies When Life Does Not*, by Leigh McLeroy. McLeroy is a master storyteller who points beyond life's "aches" to explore the secrets they know in order to draw you closer to God.

Children's books:

- *BULLY BILL* by Joy Birky - With the help of Happy Hal, Bully Bill learns to make friends through practicing the Golden Rule instead of getting his own way by fighting.
- *FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD: MY JOHN 3:16 BOOK* - Ten nations are represented in this delightful children's book that celebrates God's love for children in every land. Each turn of the page reveals a partial quote of John 3:16 in a different language.
- New books for Easter: *An Easter Gift for Me* and *The Easter Peek-a-Bible Story Book*.

Experience is a
wonderful thing.

It enables you to recognize
a mistake when you
do it again.

—Unknown

A Match Game

Can you match title and author in these two lists?

BOOK

1. Jack and Jill
2. Road Signs for the Journey
3. Heidi
4. Henry's Red Sea
5. Voyage of the Dawntreader
6. God's Story, Our Story
7. October Song
8. A Girl from Yamhill
9. All Things Bright and Beautiful
10. Born Again
11. Separated Unto God

AUTHOR

- a. Charles Colson
- b. Beverly Lewis
- c. Barbara Claassen Smucker
- d. C.S. Lewis
- e. Louisa May Alcott
- f. Naomi and John Lederach
- g. Beverly Cleary
- h. John C. Wenger
- i. Conrad Kanagy
- j. Michele Hersherberger
- k. Johanna Spyri

**Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere
ignorance and conscientious stupidity.**

—Martin Luther King

Book Review

Hallie's Heart, a novel by Shelly Beach

After a family tragedy Mona VanderMolen has left her career as a high school English teacher and her beach home on Lake Michigan shoreline. She has moved to the central Michigan rural community of Stewartville and become part owner in an antique business with her cousin Elsie. She's learning the business but there are financial struggles.

However, problems with the antique shop fade in to the background. The unfortunate accident on the beach has strained relationships with her sister and 15 year old niece, Hallie. Mona is surprised and challenged when troubled Hallie seeks shelter from her parents at her aunt's beach house.

Mona lovingly works to find a way back into Hallie's heart. In the process they both learn lessons about God's immeasurable forgiveness which makes it possible to forgive both themselves and others.

Shelly Beach has written a touching family story with likeable characters, suspense and bits of humor. You'll find it in our church library.

Janis Burkhalter

**Organizing is what you do before you do something,
So that when you do it, it is not all mixed up.**

—A. A. Milne

Poetry Corner

The following is from *The Poetry of Yorifumi Yaguchi* translated from Japanese in his book of poems found in the library. This is for your reflection this Easter season.

Joseph of Arimathea's Testimony

I picked off the crown of thorns
that had slid off his nose

I pulled blood-crusted nail
out of his wrists

I lifted his stiffened body
from the cross

I closed his mouth and eyes, smeared
balm on his wounds, wrapped him in cloth

I buried him in a tomb
where no one had been buried

What my hands touched was assuredly
The crucified body of Jesus

