

Check It Out

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Zion Mennonite Church

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NEW IN THE LIBRARY

These first three books are valuable reading for parents:

- **Just Moms: Conveying Justice in an Unjust World** — Stories compiled by Melanie Springer Mock and Rebekah D. Schneider. Dorcas Smucker and Lee Snyder are two of the twenty seven women who share real stories in, and reflections on, their efforts to pass on faith values to their children.
- **Growing Together: Understanding and Nurturing Your Child's Faith Journey** by Anna Neufeld Rupp. Learn how to share the *experience* of faith with your children.
- **Parenting for Peace and Justice** by Kathleen and James McGinnis. Readers will relate to these stories of everyday living with viable solutions to the perennial problems of raising children.

Novels newly added include:

- **Johann** This historical fiction written by Everett Thomas, editor of *The Mennonite*, traces eight year old Johann's life in Pennsylvania during the French and Indian War.
- **Barcelona Calling** by Jane Kirkpatrick is the story of a "wanna-be" famous author.
- Linda Byler's three books: **Running Around (and Such)**, **When Strawberries Bloom**, and **BIG Decisions**. This series is based on true experiences from an Amish writer.
- **Where the Heart Leads** by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- **No Distance Too Far** by Laurine Snelling
- **Beside Still Waters** by Tricia Goyer is Amish fiction with the mountains of Montana helping to open up Marianna's heart to God.
- **The Mercy**, the third in Beverly Lewis's Rose Trilogy series which tells how these Amish live and the traditions that formed them.

- **Churches Engage Asian Traditions**. This is the fourth book in the Global Mennonite History series and is edited by John Lapp and C. Arnold Snyder.
- **Redeemed** by Ruth Ann Augsburg & Owen E Burkholder is a book of reflections on the lives of Fred and Carolyn Augsburg who spent some time in Oregon in the early 1970's.
- **Willamette Valley Family Favorites** - recipes gathered by members of Hopewell Mennonite Church.
- **WAR: Four Christian Views** edited by Robert G. Clouse. This book provides some answers to the question "Should Christians ever go to war?" It includes discussions of nonresistant Pacifism (Myron Augsburg), the Just War and The Crusade or Preventive War.
- **Cities of Refuge: Stories from Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Life** by Harry Loewen. This is a collection of historical stories spanning 500 years that center on the Mennonite struggle to find "cities of refuge" where they could live according to their faith.
- **Life Together in the Spirit: A Radical Spirituality for the Twenty First Century** by John Driver.

~~~~~AND MORE !!

Also find these DVD's:

- **Waging Peace: Muslim and Christian Alternatives** provides a brief look at the history of peacemaking in both Christian and Muslim traditions with stories how these groups work for peace.
- **Through the Desert Goes Our Journey** The story of the epic journey from Uzbekistan to the American Midwest by 19th century Mennonites.

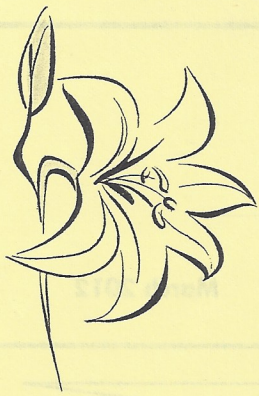
CD: **Grief, Trauma and Loss** by Foster W. Cline M.D. gives tools for helping children cope with the pain associated with traumatic situations.



*"The books that help you most are those which make you think the most. The hardest way of learning is by easy reading but a great book that comes from a great thinker ~ it is a ship of thought, deep freighted with truth and with beauty."*

~~ Theodore Parker ~~





# Happy Easter

For those who like to exercise the brain through word finding ~~ can you find more than 125 words in the above greeting?

Can you match authors to these books in our library?

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| 1. Amish Grace ____          | a. Beverly Lewis            |
| 2. Barcelona Calling ____    | b. Philip Yancey            |
| 3. Light From Heaven ____    | c. Don Krabill              |
| 4. The Prodigal ____         | d. Lois Lenski              |
| 5. More With Less ____       | e. Janette Oke              |
| 6. Church, Why Bother? ____  | f. Jane Kirkpatrick         |
| 7. Cowboy Small ____         | g. Doris Longacre           |
| 8. In the Grip of Grace ____ | h. Max Lucado               |
| 9. Light From Heaven ____    | i. Everett Thomas           |
| 10. Johann ____              | j. Kim Vogel Sawyer         |
| 11. A Searching Heart ____   | k. Jan Karon                |
| 12. Fields of Grace ____     | l. Christmas Carol Kauffman |



EXPLORE AND ENJOY THESE "OLDIES" FOUND IN THE LIBRARY:

*Don't Let the Goats Eat the Loquat Trees* and *On the Far Side of Liglig Mountain* by Thomas Hale, an incredible storyteller who recounts his amazing and almost unbelievable experiences as a missionary doctor in the mountains of Nepal. His love for the people and desire to share Christ's love are evident in the mix of humor and love with which he writes. Enjoyable reading!

*Grandmother Time* — In this book author Judy Gattis Smith presents dozens of creative ways to share with grandchildren, both "old-fashioned" and "new-fangled" ideas to make your grandmothering unique,

*Aunt Sally* is the narrative of the slave life and purchase of the mother of Isaac Williams, who having gained his freedom eventually moved to Detroit, Michigan, and later was a Methodist minister there. After years of separation from his mother, as was common for slave families, and not knowing if his mother still lived, he learned through a cousin that indeed she was alive and arranged her purchase. This is an incredible story of a slave woman's faith. It is also a heart rending story that describes the shameful treatment inflicted by slave owners that reveals a dark picture in this nation's history that should not be forgotten.

*Tree Tall and the Whiteskins* by Shirlee Evans with its two sequels deserve attention. Written for teens they tell the story of an Indian boy whose families were forced onto a reservation in nineteenth-century Oregon. He learns that not all whiteskins are alike when his white friend teaches him about Jesus. The author, a native of Washington, and herself a daughter of a one-eighth Cherokee, interviewed a Siletz Indian of Oregon where she learned the hardships that resulted from the hands of the white man. These are fictional tales with historic highlights that she learned from her interview and put into these tales of Tree Tall.

If your lips would keep from slips,  
Five things observe with care;  
To whom you speak; of whom you speak;  
And how, and when, and where.      ~~William Norris

From Charles R. Swindoll's book *Killing Giants, Pulling Thorns* (in our library).  
In chapter titled "Rumor" he offers counsel on what it takes to keep one's tongue in check:

Think first. Before your lips start moving, pause ten seconds and — talk less.  
Start today.

