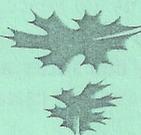


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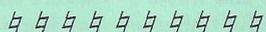
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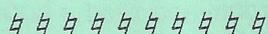
## NEW BOOKS



"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business. What we are asked to do is love and this love will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy, if anything can."

--Thomas Merton

From the book in our library *Living With Wisdom - A Life of Thomas Merton* by Tim Forest.



### WELL DONE, SUMMER READERS!

Simon

Jaxson

Daphne

Solomon

Eva Caleb

Elizabeth

Liliana Lexy

Paul

Grayson

Brynn

Joshua

Kellan

Ellis



- **Amos and Abraham** by Sharon Bellefiore. A book for children, this is an entertaining story of the friendship of an Amish farm boy and a Jewish boy from the city. Also meet the green lizard, Murry.
- **Double Rainbow Family** by Jane Herstine Friesen is a true Mennonite story of tragedy, intrigue and adventure in the Friesen family, friends of Paul and Ellen Davidhizar.
- **Go to Church, Change the World.** Author Gerald J. Mast asserts that "going to church" is at the heart of Christian vocation; that it transforms "going to work" in the world; that it shapes our daily witness.
- **Redeemed** tells the story of the lives of Fred and Carolyn Augsburg by their daughter, Ruth Ann and her husband, Owen Burkholder.
- **The Fiddler** by Beverly Lewis. A wrong turn in a rainstorm leads Englisher Amelia, a musician, to the charming Old Order Amish community of Hickory Hollow where her life is changed forever.
- **Where the Lilacs Still Bloom.** Jane Kirkpatrick based this novel on the courageous life of Hulda Klager whose lilacs still bloom in the Klager Lilac Gardens near Woodland, Washington.
- **The Daily Feast** Esther Rose Graber is one of a family of artists who also excel in the kitchen. This book contains irresistibly tasty recipes that come from their many travels.
- **Called to Care: A Training Manual for Small Group Leaders** by Palmer Becker. How to lead a care group in your church. Also in VHS.
- **From the Oder to the Bitterroot.** Author Werner Will tells the story of his life, from the brutality of the Reich in Germany, later to the U.S. after a daring escape, to retirement in Montana.
- **Relentless Goodbye** A genuine sharing from the heart of Ginnie Horst Burkholder as caregiver for a spouse with Lewy body dementia.
- **Missing Your Smile** by Jerry Eicher is Book 1 in the Fields of Home series. Also by Eicher, **Ella Finds Love Again** the third in his Little Valley series, the first of which was **A Wedding Quilt for Ella**
- **Preparing Sunday Dinner.** The authors Marlene Kropf et al address ways to plan, prepare and host meaningful worship. A resource for all who worship but especially for those who plan.



This is a *partial* list. Visit the library for more.

Do you recognize the words of the song to the right? Do you remember singing it in a recent service at Zion?

This *Hymn of Peace* has appeared in each of the last three Mennonite hymnals. The remarkable story of the composer, William Merrill Vories is recorded in Grace Nies Fletcher's book *The Bridge of Love*, (in our library).

Vories went to Japan to seek a mission where no one had been. There he founded the Omi Brotherhood, a successful business enterprise based on firm Christian principles using its profits for education and social betterment of the Japanese people - different from what the Japanese were accustomed to.

The bridge of love between Merrill and Maki, a daughter of the Imperial family adds an element of intrigue in this story. She gave up her royal status and contributed to the care of disadvantaged children, tirelessly working to improve life for many, and was a loyal supporter of her husband. World War II was a time that tested their courage and ideals. Because he loved Japan he became a naturalized Japanese subject, was adopted into his wife's family and took on her Japanese name.

The book gives a vivid picture of two exceptional people who taught Christianity by living it. It is truly an inspiring story.

Let there be Light, Lord God of Hosts,  
Let there be wisdom on the earth:  
Let broad Humanity have birth;  
Let there be deeds instead of boasts.

Within our passioned hearts instill  
The Calm that stilleth stress and strife;  
Make us Thy messengers of life;  
Purge us from lusts that curse and kill.

Grant us the Peace of vision clear  
To see our brothers' good our own,  
To joy and suffer not alone;  
The Love that casteth out all fear.

Let woe and waste of warfare cease,  
That useful Labor yet may build  
Its homes with Love and Laughter filled:  
God grant Thy wayward children peace!  
—Amen

"There's something beautifully anonymous about reading. It invites you into the hearts and minds of strangers without asking you to give up your own.

"It pulls you deep, the book, deeper than any technology could. It introduces culture, countries, religion, and history, and whets the soul for learning.

"My heart aches for today's children who know not the comfort of overstuffed chairs and falling apart spines, who have yet to meet the kinds of friends available on a dog-eared page.

"Children who have yet to discover *Treasure Island*, *The Chronicles of Narnia* or *Swiss Family Robinson*. Who have yet to shake hands with *Heidi*, *Winnie the Pooh*, *The Wind in the Willows*, or *The Velveteen Rabbit*.

"So before books become obsolete, take your children by the hands and introduce them to tales of old. You never know how you might be saving them."

Excerpts taken from *SAVED BY THE BOOK* by Emily Wierenga  
-- Purpose magazine, June 2012

\* I find television to be  
\* very educating. Every  
\* time somebody turns on  
\* the set, I go in the other  
\* room and read a book.

~Groucho Marx

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