

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

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NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS

- **The Waiting** by Cathy LaGrow. The true story of a lost child, a lifetime of longing, the faith of a young mother who never gave up and who trusted God for the miracle of being reunited.
- **Seeking Saul; An American Mother's Journey to Colombia**—Author Rebecca Thatcher Murcia tells the story of taking her sons to the native country of their father after his premature death. See review on following page.
- **A Light In the Wilderness** is based on the true story of an African American woman whose life on the Oregon Trail intersects with two very different women. This multilayered story by Jane Kirkpatrick is "her best one yet".
- **Finding Emma** by Steena Holmes. Does a search for Megan's missing daughter, Emma, lead to revealing a dark secret held by Dottie?
- **The Moses Quilt**. An intriguing plot by author Kathi Macias includes stories of Harriet Tubman as a mystifying quilt takes Mazie on a journey into her past.
- **For Such a Time** by Kate Breslin is a novel that recalls the story of Esther when a Jewess appeals to her employer on behalf of her people in Auschwitz.
- **The Amish Nanny** by Mindy Clark & Leslie Gould is a fascinating tale of a young woman's journey to Switzerland, to faith and to love.
- **Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well**. Author Dr. Glenn E. Miller, who grew up in a Mennonite home, speaks candidly on this theme having himself been given a third chance at life. Discussion suggestions with each chapter make this a good book for small group study.
- **Together In the Work of the Lord: A History of the Conservative Mennonite Conference**. Nathan E. Yoder traces the history of this group in a well researched volume.

Looking Forward:

- **They Made a Difference: The Story of a Unique Civilian Public Service Camp During World War II** by D. Paul Miller
- **Reading the Bible As If Jesus Mattered** by Duane Beachey
- **Footprints On the Ceiling** by Dorcas Smucker
- **Reconcile** by John Paul Lederach

New Children's DVD's:

Veggie Tales:

The Little House That Stood
Happy Together
Bob and Larry's How to Draw
God Wants Me to Forgive Them?
Dave and the Giant Pickle

The Sugar Creek Gang:

Swamp Robber
What's In the Bible? Jesus is the
Good News



*"It is what you read when you don't have to
that determines what you will be when you
can't help it!"*

~ ~ Oscar Wilde



Occasionally I find a special book in our library that surprises me with its treasures. This recently happened as I was looking for material for this newsletter. In the more than 500 pages of the book *The Christian's Treasury of Stories & Songs, Prayers & Poems & Much More for Young & Old* edited by Lissa Roche one can find Meditations and Quotes from Prayer to Freedom to Obedience by George Washington to C.S. Lewis to Charles Colson; Poems, Songs and Ballads by familiar and unfamiliar composers, Stories for Younger Readers and Stories for Older Readers.

In this book a 29 verse poem titled *Johnny Appleseed* composed by Reeve Lindbergh, daughter of Charles and Anne Lindbergh starts:

*These apple trees were planted here
A century ago—
A hundred years of springtime bloom,
A hundred years of snow.*

*A hundred apple autumns
With the wild geese flying by,
A hundred years of applesauce
And steaming apple pie.*

*The man who planted apple trees
Once stood here on this land,
A sack of seeds upon his back,
A Bible in his hand.*

Many other enjoyable reading moments await you.

Attention all who cook. We are missing the library copy of the *Simply In Season* cookbook. Please check your cookbooks at home to see if it is hiding among your personal collection. If you have it and forgot to bring it back, please return it to the library - no questions asked. And remember to **always** check out books appropriately to make it easier to locate a 'gone missing' book.

Thank you

O for a Booke and a shadie nooke, eyther in-a-doore
or out;

With the grene leaves whisp'ring overhede, or the
Streete cryes all about.

Where I maie Reade all at my ease, both of
the Newe and Olde;

For a jollie goode Booke whereon to looke
is better to me than Golde.

~John Wilson



Seeking Saul

An American Mother Journey to Colombia

By Rebecca Thatcher Murcia

This is the story of a year long journey taken by Rebecca and her two sons after the premature death of husband and father Saul Murcia. It was a journey to help Gabriel and Mario remember and understand their father, improve their Spanish and spend time with their Colombian relatives.

Saul had left his homeland of Colombia for life in the United States where he attended Goshen College. He and Rebecca met and married in Texas where he worked as a volunteer for the Mennonite Church. They later moved to Akron, PA where he was co-director for Latin America for Mennonite Central Committee.

The story tells of the struggles, joys and frustrations of life in a different culture, Rebecca's concern for her sons as they adjusted to strange food, water shortages and having to get short haircuts. She was often surprised of their acceptance of these differences and willingness to see the bright side.

In the loss of her financial security at the end of their stay she was brought to realize how it is to be poor and walk in solidarity with those among whom she lived.

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WORD LADDERS

Transform one word into another by changing a single letter in each step, so each link in the chain is a valid word. For example, to change **MORE** into **LESS** with 3 links:

MORE, lore, lose, loss, LESS

Now try these, each with 6 links:

Put **WORD** into **BOOK** Use **BREAD** for **TOAST**

WORD

BREAD

BOOK

TOAST

Answers:

BREAD, bread, break, bleat, blest, blast, boost, TOAST
WORD, ward, ware, care, core, bore, bork, BOOK