

Check It Out

Charity Kropf Memorial Library
Zion Mennonite Church

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"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom."

NEW IN THE LIBRARY

Emmy's Amazing Hand by Jocelyn Hoffman. Emmy was born without any fingers on her right hand. Her mother chooses to concentrate on what Emmy can do with her hand, instead of what she can't do.

How to Babysit a Grandma by Jean Reagan. Help for taking care of that grandma in your life!

A Blessing From Above by Patti Henderson. A cute story about a kangaroo that introduces children to adoption.

The Small One, A Good Samaritan by Katherine Brown. In this day when we often don't even know our neighbors name, it is a reminder that anyone in need is our neighbor.

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors retold by Kathryn Smith. This is a familiar story told in modern language.

Even Fish Slappers Need a Second Chance by Eric Metaxas. This funny rhyming tale is about Jonah from the VeggieTales people.

The Trail to Tanglewild Mountain by Lucy Leid. Young and old will enjoy this story of a pioneer family heading west, encountering many dangers.

When Sparrows Fall by Diana Blackstone. This first time Salem author is on staff at WMS. This well written book touches on abuse and slavery.

Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot. A first-hand account of the martyrdom of five American Missionaries in the Ecuador jungle. An old book, but new to the library.

Kinship Concealed by Sharon Cranford and Dwight E. Roth. Both authors were teaching at Hesston College when they discovered they have the same ancestry. One with roots in Africa the other in America.

Hutterite Diaries by Linda Maendel. Stories from living in a Hutterite colony.

Simple Pleasures by Marianne Jantzi. Stories from an Amish homemaker.

A Mother Held Hostage by Barbara Borntrager. This is a compelling story of a family in crisis when they learn their son Jon has tourette's syndrome.

The Heart of Christmas by Max Lucado and other authors. Understanding the timeless message of Christmas.

Loved By Choice by Susan Horner and Kelly Martindale. True stories that celebrate adoption.

Bearing Witness edited by Charles Moore and Timothy Keiderling. Stories of Martyrdom and costly discipleship.

Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. This Bible study helps us to learn from others mistakes.

Disunity in Christ by Christena Cleveland. Tools that we need to understand how to overcome the things that divide us.

Pursuing God's Will Together by Ruth Barton. Help for those seeking discernment in their ministries.

Peacemaking for Families by Ken Sande is a biblical guide to managing conflict in your home.

MORE NEW BOOKS

Lord Willing? Wrestling with God's Role in My Child's Death by Jessica Kelley

In this world where there is so much suffering, Jessica Kelley needs to come to terms with it when her own four year old Henry dies of brain cancer.

She began reading books and listening to sermons on how a loving, all powerful God would allow such suffering. She became alarmed when she realized that many popular Christian personalities believed that human suffering, even needless tragedies are ordained by God, His perfect plan. This answer left her hurting and discouraged.

You are invited to join her in her faith journey as she offers a different explanation for why we suffer, one grounded in scripture and the life of Jesus.

Anyone who has felt the pain and loss of a loved one is encouraged to read this book.

The Gospel Next Door Following Jesus Right Where You Are by Marty Troyer.

Marty is pastor at Houston Mennonite Church: The Church of the Sermon on the Mount, in Houston, Texas since 2008. His blog, *The Peace Pastor* is hosted by the Houston Chronicle. He is also a brother to Wendy Roth.

We don't need to go to other countries to share Christ. We have a mission right where we are, in our neighborhood, our city, our state, where we see the hurting person in need of Jesus love and care. The point isn't to get it right the first time or to be perfect. It is to be available, to be faithful, to answer the call of God wherever or whoever you are.

Marty shares many stories of his work in Houston, of sharing the gospel through the lenses of following Jesus.

This book gives the nudge to more faithfulness, to practical discipleship and a call to seek peace in our homes and cities. It is a book well worth your time to read and ponder.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank-you to everyone that took part in the Summer Reading Program. Since this was the year of the Olympics, we chose our theme, Reading Olympics, On Your Mark-Get Set-Read.

As the olympic champions do, the best athletes in the world run, jump or swim for the highest prize.

Those that read are all winners and all deserving of the best prize, because when you read, you can go anywhere, learn many things, and be rewarded with the best in reading adventures. Our winners are:

Rylan Farwell
Louise Gingerich
Elizabeth Kennedy
Aidan Miller
Janice Miller
Lynn Miller
Bryn Paradis
Dane Paradis
Jordan Peters
Linda Peters
Eva Park-Williams

The children will receive their "gold" during singing time opening for Sunday School. Congratulations to all!

DO YOU KNOW THESE WORDS OR WHAT THEY MEAN?

wych
byrls
flyby
glyph
synch
thymy
trysts
glycyls
crwth
lymphs
myrrhs

The computer wasn't familiar with some of them either. A few of them, only a Scrabble player may be familiar with. What do all the words have in common with each other?