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Charity Kropf Memorial Library
Zion Mennonite Church

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

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Water by Susa Canizares and Pamala Chanko

This is Your Time by Ruby Bridges

Prayers For Children by Eloise Wilkin

Change Sings

by Amanda Gorman and Loren Long

ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

An Ark-Full of Crafts by Standard Publishing

Easy Fun Jr High Meetings

by Candace McMahan

The Gigantic Book of Games For Youth Ministry

by Thomas J. Aron

101 Things For Kids to Do by Shari Lewis

BIBLICAL NOVEL

Esther, The Star and the Sceptre by Gini Andrews

AMISH STORIES

Sabina A Story of the Amish

Tillie: A Mennonite Maid by Helen R. Martin

These two books were originally published in 1904, long before Amish novels were popular. The edition of these books were published in 2009 by Barnes and Noble. It is written in homey and authentic language. One of the books have pencil drawing illustrations.

Why I Left the Amish by Saloma Miller Furlong

This memoir that Furlong wrote draws you to familiar images of Amish life, but goes on to reveal serious social problems. Growing up in a dysfunctional family she faced abuse and pain. She describes her pain as well as her successful transition to a different life and reconciliation with her family.

Turtle Heart by Lucinda J. Kinsinger

This is a story of an unlikely friendship of Kinsingers with an Ojibwe woman. These two women from widely differing cultures and beliefs soon build a connection that runs deeper than their differences. This memoir reads like a novel that takes Kinsinger into surprising and uncharted territory.

ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT?

Grandparenting By Grace by Irene M. Endicott

This book may be just what you need in today's world where grandparents face situations they have never before encountered. It has given grandparents more opportunities than ever before to make a difference in the lives of their grandchildren.

INSPIRATIONAL

This is Life "Haik al-Haya" by Cynthia D. Yoder

This memoir contains all the ingredients of a great read. It includes adventure, romance and lofty goals. The writer learns as much as she teaches, listens as much as prescribes and understands rather than judges.

The Myth of a Christian Religion by Gregory Boyd

Many who profess to follow Christ have bought into the world's methods. In this sequel to his bestselling book "The Myth of a Christian Nation" Boyd point us to a better way.

A Cloud of Witnesses by John D. Roth

This book explores the history and identity of Mennonites in Indonesia. It is home to the oldest Mennonite community outside of Europe and North America. It includes travel tips, recipes

and notes on culture, language and tourist sites, making it a good book for those who plan to travel to Indonesia for Mennonite World conference this summer.

The God Who Sees by Karen Gonzalez

Here is a riveting story of seeking safety in another land. Immigration advocate Gonzalez recounts her family's migration from Guatemala to California and Florida.

Meeting Jesus by Donald Blosser

Blosser has crafted rich stories of common folks and their uncommon encounters with Jesus. These stories reach far beyond the days of the New Testament. They awaken our interest in familiar biblical texts and inspire us as we think about our own meetings with other christians who reflect the light of Christ. It is written in first person using modern language that brings ancient texts to life.

VIDEO

“Stones in the River” by MCC about the International Visitors Exchange Program.

CHURCH LIBRARY TO GO ON-LINE

The library committee has made the decision to put the library on-line. We have begun the process so that all of our book titles may be accessed from the comfort of your home on the computer. We began this process with Bible and book studies, continuing with biblical volumes. Recently we finished the biographical section. About one thousand titles have been put on line, but there are many more to do. We don't know how many volumes are in our library, but guessing there are over six thousand. It will be months before this is completed. Watch for more information on how you can access these books soon.

IS VOTING IN ELECTIONS RIGHT OR WRONG?

Recently we were in Pennsylvania attending a grandsons wedding. While we were there, we attended a mega church. In their opening announcements they encouraged everyone to vote. They said it was important for good people to vote for good laws and measures and people. They should make their voice heard.

In our church we rarely hear that kind of encouragement, if ever? Should Christians vote? Should Christians be involved in politics? Can they stay moral and honest in any political office? How does a person go about finding out the true values of a person running for office? If you could, would they be the same as your values? Would it be better if we just prayed for those holding office? Maybe it would be better to pray and vote to the best of our understanding. Then pray some more for those we voted for. How does Jesus followers respond to these matters in the 21st century America? These are hard questions; some answers may be found in these books located in our library:

Making Political Decisions by John Redekop

How Now Shall We Live? by Charles Colson

Kingdoms in Conflict by Charles Colson

The Myth of a Christian Nation by Gregory Boyd

God's Politics by Jim Wallis

The Soul of Politics by Jim Wallis

Discipleship as Political Responsibility by John Howard Yoder

