

# IN TOUCH

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## Notes from the (Adult) Library

Now that the New Year has arrived and we are looking forward to cold weather and snow, you might be thinking about a little extra reading time. Here are some suggestions.

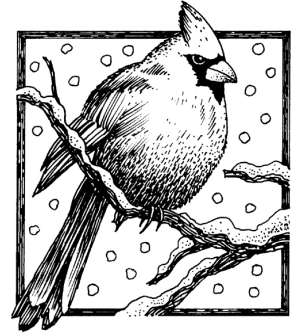
From time to time Bill recommends some books and places them on a table at the rear of the sanctuary. Some of those books eventually are donated to the library. One of the books he recommended to us was a work of fiction: Deadline by Randy Alcorn. One reviewer describes it as “Riveting – motivating – intriguing – provocative. Many books feed the mind. Some feed the heart. Deadline nourishes both.” Another fiction book recommended by Bill is The Shack by William Paul Young. The back cover of the book states that it “wrestles with the timeless question: Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?” One reviewer states that “The Shack is the most absorbing work of fiction I’ve read in many years.” If you didn’t read these books the first time around, here is a second chance – or maybe you want to read them again. They are in the library and currently located on the display shelves at the far end.

Two non-fiction books that are recommended are How To Read the Bible For All Its Worth by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart and The Great Giveaway: Reclaiming the Mission of the Church by David Fitch.

If you are interested in lighter reading and enjoy historical fiction, Tracie Peterson has written several series of books that we have in the library. One series is Yukon Quest – three books which take you to Alaska in the days of the gold rush. Another series is Alaskan Quest. It takes place in 1915 (several years after the gold rush) and gives you a feel for living among the people of Alaska. Another series is Heirs of Montana – a story of ranch living in the early days of the Montana territory. Tracie Peterson is a writer of Christian fiction who lives with her family in Montana. She is a prolific writer – and has lots of books in the Orrville Public Library.

If you wish to check out a book, simply write your name on the card in the back of the book and leave it in the front of the check-out box located on the desk just inside the door. There is also a “Return Box” in which to put the books when you are finished with them. While we don’t have a specific “return date”, we encourage you to return the books that you borrow within two to three weeks. Happy reading!

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## OrrVilla Retirement Community Events

OrrVilla Retirement Community would like to invite the public to attend a string quartet concert given by Sarah, Joanna, Kristen and Kaitlyn Sommers on Thursday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in the Maple Terrace assisted living building located at 333 E. Sassafras St. in Orrville. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

OrrVilla Retirement Community would like to invite the public to attend a gospel music concert given by Willie and Rodi Longnecker on Thursday, February 9, at 7 p.m. in the Maple Terrace assisted living building located at 333 E. Sassafras St. in Orrville. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

## Soup and Movie Night at Christ UCC

The Green Team of Christ UCC is sponsoring a soup and a movie night at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, January 22nd. This year the focus is on genetically modified (also called genetically engineered) food. Following a short showing of portions of the video "Food, Inc." and "The World According to Monsanto" will be a presentation by Sue Corfman, the Manager of Regulatory Affairs at the J.M. Smucker Company. Committee members will be serving a variety of soups and crackers using local ingredients. The public is welcome to attend the event at 301 N. Main Street, Orrville, but reservations are encouraged for the meal. Call 330.683.0715.

## Central Christian Announcements

**Sunday, January 29 — 7 p.m., Youth Worship Night.** Central Campus Ministries is sponsoring a worship night for all area churches and youth groups, in Central's Performing Arts Center. Worship will be led by *Polen*, who is beginning their *Church Arise* tour. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, February 11 — 7 p.m., Frohliche Dorf Show.** Central Christian School's own old-time variety radio show is back by popular demand, in the school's Performing Arts Center. Don't miss out! Reserve your tickets while they last by calling 330-857-7311. For details, visit [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org).

**Saturday, March 3 — 9 a.m., Annual Auction.** Mark your calendars and bring your friends! With a brand new donated vacation home valued at \$85,000, and a match over 100 percent, we guarantee this auction to be fun and successful! To donate items, complete the form online at [ccscomets.org/auction](http://ccscomets.org/auction) or email Joel Otto at [JoelO@CentralChristianSchool.org](mailto:JoelO@CentralChristianSchool.org).

All dollars raised go toward Central's annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church.

## MCC Gathering at Berlin Mennonite Church

You're invited to the 2012 Celebrate MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Gathering with MCC Great Lakes! The two-day event will take place on February 24-25 at Berlin Mennonite Church (4718 US Rte. 62 E., Berlin, OH 44610). Join fellow MCC supporters from across the region as we explore MCC's theme of "*Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ.*" Doug Amstutz, recently returned MCC representative in Ethiopia, will be speaking on Friday evening, and Ron Byler, MCC US Interim Executive Director, will be speaking on Saturday afternoon. A variety of workshops will be offered on topics such as meat canning, thrift shops, material resources and relief sales. For more information call the MCC Great Lakes Office at (574) 534-4133 or register online at [greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering](http://greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering). Copies of registration brochures are available by the mailboxes.

## Mother-Daughter Retreat at Camp Luz—January 27-28, 2012

### "Brave, Beautiful, and Beloved" - Speaker: Naomi Engle

This retreat is for grandmothers, mothers and daughters to come together for fun, fellowship, and relaxation. All ages of mothers and daughters are invited to join us for this retreat at Camp Luz. We will spend time together in worship, Bible study and discussion times, games, meals, and outdoor activities, and have lots of fun together!

About the speaker: **Naomi Engle** pastors with her husband, Jess, at West Clinton Mennonite Church, and has three daughters: Anna (22), Grace (20) and Marie (18). Some special things she does with her daughters are making peppernuts and jogging. She gets excited about berries and making jam, and looks forward to sharing with moms and their daughters how much Jesus treasures and cherishes them! The retreat begins on **Friday, January 27 at 6:30 p.m.** and ends on **Saturday January 28 after dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

COST: \$30 per person 11 years and up; \$15 for ages 4-10; under 3 free.

*Housing is dormitory style; please bring your own bedding and toiletries.*

*Copies of registration forms are available by the mailboxes. Send completed registration to **Camp Luz, 152 Kidron Rd. Orrville, OH 44667** or call the camp office at 330-683-1246.*