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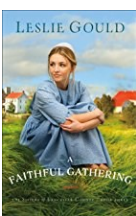
## Voices Together 2020: Hymnals and Instruments in worship

Although the 1969 *Mennonite Hymnal* was printed when pianos were just beginning to be accepted in the sanctuaries of Mennonite Churches (MC), there were a few songs that were included that necessitated a keyboard accompaniment. The 1995 *Hymnal: A Worship Book* included an accompaniment manual for keyboard and other instruments. Songs from the Taizé community, South Africa, and other cultures opened a window into different styles of music for worship. Contemplative songs, prayer songs, and newly composed songs, brought a fresh perspective to worship, in addition to the list of instruments other than piano that are included in the accompaniment manual.

## New Books in the Church Library

The following books of fiction and biography were added to the library this summer:

Gould, Leslie; *Faithful Gathering* (*The Sisters of Lancaster County* #3).



Leisel Bachmann left her Amish roots and beloved sisters to pursue a career in medicine. Soon nothing is going as she planned—not her state boards, not her first nursing job, and not her relationship with Nick, her English boyfriend. Peace and vision for the future are difficult to find. How does she embrace an uncertain future?

Rivers, Francine; *The Masterpiece*. New York Times best-selling author Francine Rivers returns to her romance roots with this unexpected and redemptive love story, a probing tale that reminds us that mercy can shape even the most



broken among us into an imperfect yet stunning masterpiece.

Stoltzfus, Donna; *Captive*.



Everything is about to change for John, a 13 year-old boy who goes to live and work on a Mennonite neighbor's farm during WWII. A group of German prisoners of war arrives to work on the farm. John likes to draw. How can John remain loyal to his father and hold onto his anger at the enemy when a POW begins to encourage his art, noticing John's talent in a way no one ever has before? He is forced to make a difficult decision.

Turansky, Carrie; *No Ocean Too Wide: A Novel*.

Between the years 1869 to 1939 more than 100,000 poor British children were sent across the ocean to Canada with promise of a better life. Those who took them in to work as farm laborers or household servants were told they were orphans—but was that the truth? Inspired by true events, this moving novel follows Laura McAlister as she seeks to reunite her family and her siblings who, in their darkest hours, must cling to the words from Isaiah: “Fear thou not, for I am with thee...”



Nichols, Leona Koehn; *Other Loves All Flee: One Family's Journey from Legalism to Grace*.



Leona fully expected to spend her life as a faithful member of The Church of God in Christ (Mennonite). When Leona and her husband met Jesus in a very loving and unexpected way in their own living room, it was obvious they would need to make a choice. Who would take first place in their hearts? Jesus, the Savior of their souls, or the church of their fathers.



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## Thanks to my church family

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Interim Pastor to the Seniors June through August. Thanks, too, for your prayer support and affirmations. I have a heightened sense of appreciation for our pastors and leadership people. Continue being God's people! — Don Miller

Thank you for the prayers, many cards and food after my mother passed away. It's always good to feel that I have a family in Christ. — Irma Pérez

## Jubilee Fund Update

At the May congregational meeting, the existence and purpose of the Jubilee Fund was shared with those in attendance, asking how do we serve the needy in our community who come to the church seeking help? Many of you expressed affirmation for the distribution of gift cards from Kroger for the purchase of food or gas. We have continued the practice of offering a \$25 gift card to a household on a once every 6-month basis.

Looking over the comments and suggestions submitted that night, we are now transferring 10% of all Sharing Fund offerings to the Jubilee Fund. However, word of our limited assistance has been spreading rapidly among certain sectors of the "in need" population. Along with referrals to us from The Window and The Salvation Army for help with gas, we have been rapidly emptying our coffers.

Thank you to all of you who contributed money and gift cards after the meeting, and those who have made additional contributions since. Please remember that the occasional designation for the Jubilee Fund will always be appreciated by the office staff as we work to serve those in need in our community.

## Pastors' Office Hours

With a new pastor on board and a new school year beginning, there are some schedule changes in pastoral office hours. Generally, these are the days in which they will be in the office, or available for routine ministry work:

Terry Zehr – Tuesday - Thursday

Cindy Voth – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Katie Misz – Monday p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday p.m., Thursday

Neil Amstutz – Tuesday - Friday

## Signs One Rarely Notices



Under a kitchen cupboard, next to the light switch, is this sign:

### Please clean up kitchen after use

Wash up all dishes you use and put them into the cupboard.

Take home any food left after an event unless it is to be used at a later time. If so, please mark it so the kitchen host knows to whom it belongs and how it is to be used.

Waterford people should take tea towels and dishrags home and launder them and return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

Your cooperation is appreciated, as it will help make the kitchen more pleasant for all who are concerned. Thank you.

