

NEWSLETTER FROM SHIRLEY

Autumn Edition

*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD
is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the
brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the
captives
and release from darkness for the
prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's
favor
and the day of vengeance of our
God,
to comfort all who mourn,
and provide for those who grieve
in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of
beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of
righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.*

Isaiah 61:1-3

(Quoted in *Remembering Hannah*)

From the depths of secret pain
to the heights of renewed faith:
Discover how one family's
journey through loss led to
unbreakable hope.



DO YOU EVER SKIP THE ENDORSEMENTS AT THE START OF A BOOK? I'LL ADMIT, I SOMETIMES DO. BUT FOR REMEMBERING HANNAH, I HOPE YOU'LL TAKE A MOMENT TO READ THESE RECOMMENDATIONS— THEY OFFER A GLIMPSE INTO WHY THIS STORY IS SO SPECIAL.

From the author, Shirley:

A poignant true story of grief, healing, and redemption, Remembering Hannah is the most challenging work I've ever undertaken as a writer. Crafting this book pushed me beyond my limits, but I'm deeply grateful for the chance to tell this story, which has transformed me in ways I never could have foreseen.

From a writer friend, Jim McConnell:

Shirley does a masterful job of telling the story of a family's struggle in her book, *Remembering Hannah: A Journey Through Loss with Hope*. As a high school counselor, I helped many students deal with the grief of loss. As the parent of six adopted children, my wife and I dealt with many ups and downs in our family. Shirley's book is a good resource to help us understand the feelings of grief, how difficult it is to work through, and how the loss of a child can affect so many people. I can heartily recommend *Remembering Hannah* for all parents to read and anyone who has been touched by the loss of a family member or friend's child.

From their former pastor, Neal Curtiss:

There are life memories that never fade. Experiences that are etched in our minds and hearts that seem as though they happened yesterday. Hannah is one of those memories. In *Remembering Hannah: A Journey Through Loss with Hope*, Shirley Quiring Mozena brings to life the vibrant joy of a little girl, the warm family she lived with, and the tragic accident that changed people's lives forever. Life is hard, and sometimes things happen that don't make sense, that leave us with more questions than answers, and Hannah's short-lived life was like that. Shirley writes with compassion, understanding, and wonderful insight, as she tells the story of Hannah, the challenges that Gary and Mari went through following her death, and how their faith became their stronghold even as they struggled to cope with the loss of their daughter. This story will grip your heart and take you on a journey that will change you. If you have suffered loss, you will find hope in these pages as Shirley describes how this little girl's life still impacts people today. Thank you Gary and Mari for allowing us to share in your deepest heartache and pain, and thank you Shirley for bringing us back to the hope we have in Jesus and for helping us remember this special girl named Hannah!

From their current pastor, Rich Blum:

SHIRLEY MOZENA HAS BROUGHT HER EXCEPTIONAL TALENTS TO WRITE A COMPELLING TRUE STORY OF HOPE, LOVE, FORGIVENESS, AND PERSONAL REDEMPTION IN THE FACE OF HEARTBREAKING TRAGEDY AND LOSS. IT REVEALS THE POWER OF FAITH AND THE GRACE OF GOD WHEN IT WAS NEEDED MOST. I BELIEVE THIS STORY WILL BLESS ALL WHO READ IT AND BRING A MEASURE OF HEALING FOR MANY WHO HAVE WALKED DOWN A SIMILAR ROAD.

You're Invited to a Book Launch Celebration!

We are thrilled to invite you to the official launch of *Remembering Hannah*, “From a 'hole in their heart that is just Hannah size' to the cries of new life, this poignant memoir reveals the bittersweet path of healing after tragedy,” by Gary & Mari Malychewski, with Shirley Quiring Mozena.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with literature, conversation, and celebration!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Bethel Community Church, 1438 B Street, Washougal, WA 98671
- **What to Expect:**
 - A reading from *Remembering Hannah*, by the author, Shirley Mozena
 - Q&A session with Gary, Mari, and Shirley
 - Book signing and personalized copies available for purchase
 - Refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres
 - A chance to mingle with fellow book enthusiasts

RSVP: Please let us know if you can join us by RSVP, Wednesday, November 19, by replying to this invitation or contacting shirley@shirleymozena.com or text 360.292.3155.

We can't wait to share this special moment with you as we celebrate the release of *Remembering Hannah: A Journey Through Loss with Hope*. Your presence will make the evening even more memorable!

Warm regards,
Shirley Quiring Mozena

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A GREAT FALL DESSERT

Gluten Free Gingerbread Cake Recipe



I gave it a five star rating!

2 1/2 cups all purpose gluten free flour blend (I used Bob's Red Mill GF

1 to 1 Baking Flour)

1 1/4 tsp. xanthin gum (Bob's has this in the flour already)

1 1/2 tsp. Baking soda

1/2 tsp kosher salt

2 tsp. Ground cinnamon

2 tsp. Ground ginger

1/2 c granulated sugar

1/2 c packed light brown sugar

2 Tbl. Unsulphured molasses

6 Tbl. Pure maple syrup

4 Tbl. Honey

8 Tbl. Unsalted butter, melted & cooled

1 egg, at room temperature, beaten

1 c. Warm water

2 Tbl. oil

- Preheat your oven to 350°F. Grease and line an 8-inch square baking pan and set it aside.
- In a large bowl, place the flour, xanthan gum, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger, and granulated sugar. Whisk to combine well.
- Add the brown sugar and mix to combine, breaking up any lumps.
- Create a well in the center of the dry ingredients and add the molasses, maple syrup, honey, butter, egg, water, and oil, and mix to combine well. The batter will be thick.
- Pour the batter into the prepared pan, and smooth the top with a moistened spatula.
- Place the pan in the center of the preheated oven. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with, at most, a few moist crumbs attached (40 to 50 minutes).
- Remove the pan from the oven and allow to cool in pan for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
- **Note:** I increased this recipe 1-1/2 and baked in a 9 X 13 pan and it was perfect. I served with whipped cream. Delish!

Wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving season! Savor the last of the warm days, vibrant fall colors, and refreshing, crisp mornings.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

