

Special Author Events!

Monday, January 20th at 10:30 AM

Author Visit with Simone Arnold Liebster

Simone Arnold-Liebster, born on August 17, 1930, spent her childhood in the region of Alsace France. When she was eleven years old, her father was arrested and sent to Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Her refusal to 'Heil Hitler' or support the Nazi party led to her being persecuted by school officials and shunned by former friends. After intensive interrogation by psychiatrists and school officials the eleven year old was sent to a reform school to be "re-educated". Meanwhile Simone's mother was sent to a concentration camp. She remained in the harsh reform school until the end of the war. She emerged feeling detached from life but the faith that sustained her throughout the war helped her rebuild her world. After a period of recuperation, Simone attended art school for fabric design. In 1956, she married Maxx Liebster, a survivor of Auschwitz Sachsenhausen and Neuengamme Concentration Camps. At present, her activities include frequent public appearances including speaking in a session about human rights held by the European Parliament as well as one held by the council of Europe in Brussels. She has visited over fifty cities around the world relating her experiences to educators students and the public.



Max and Simone Liebster at their home in France



Presentation by the author via Skype on January 20th at 10:30 AM in the community room. Open to all ages but 7th grade and up preferred.