

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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February 17th, 2008

3rd of Lent

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today we will be led in worship by Evan Krieder, standing in for Andrea Siemens. We will be led in song by Rosie Perera, Ruth Enns will accompany on the piano, and your usher will be Henry Neufeld. Later we will hear from Daniel Ray, who will be speaking from Psalm 121: "From Whom My Help Comes". Parents are requested to make their own arrangements for child care during the service if they feel their children don't wish to remain in the chapel during the service. Everyone is welcome to join us in the dining room after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Lenten Prayer Vigils Come celebrate the Lenten season with our neighbouring Point Grey churches. On each Wednesday during the Lenten season, a prayer vigil will be held at noon at each of the neighbourhood churches in succession for about 20 minutes (schedule following) Everyone from all six churches in West Point Grey is invited to participate. Please support our neighbours in our WPG community!

Schedule:

Mar 5 - WPG Baptist (11th & Sasamat)

Mar 12 - St Helen's Anglican (8th & Trimble)

Feb 20 - WPG United (8th & Tolmie)

Feb 27 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help (10th & Crown)

Potluck lunch next Sunday! Bring your favourite dish or dessert to share. All welcome, and remember, we always include the students from the Menno Simons Centre.

PGIMF News

As most of you are aware Dad passed away last night just before midnight after a courageous battle. Our grief since then seems to be without end and yet this pain arises from having lived with such a wonderful father, grandfather and husband. And for you, a brother, brother-in-law and uncle. The memorial service for Dad will take place on Tuesday the 19th of February at 2:00 pm at Bakerview M.B. Church in Abbotsford. Prior to the memorial service there will be a burial at McLure Cemetary in Abbotsford, limited to close friends and the immediate family as are able to make it. That will be held at 10:30 am.

Rest assured that we know that your prayers are with us and in particular with Mom.

Ralph Hildebrand

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we now record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will continue to be not recorded.

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Upcoming speakers

February 24
March 2
March 9
March 16

Daniel Ray
Henry Neufeld
TBA
Evan Kreider
Lent VI

Christ in Samaria - the Unexpected
Mud in my eyes (Lent IV)
Lent V

The Wider Church

MBMSI PRAYER FOR PANAMA. As you remember Einer and Girlsa Zuluaga this week, MBMS International workers in Panama, pray the Lord of the Harvest to bless their efforts as they work with the Embera and Wounan people groups. In joint partnership with the Colombian MB conference, the Zuluagas' ministry includes discipleship and leadership development.

The **MCC Refugee Food Bank** at the Sherbrooke Mennonite Church also distributes used clothing and household goods. Currently, there is an abundance of children's clothes, but there is a need for adult clothing. There may also be a need for a crib. Contact Janice Kreider.

House of Refuge All praise - Vancouver City Council approved in principle the establishment of the **House of Refuge** near 49th & Fraser so that the five supporting Mennonite congregations can now begin work to help address the problem of living after recovery from addictions.

MC-BC Annual Delegate Sessions coming up February 22-23 at Peace Mennonite Church. PGIMF is entitled to three delegates, and you are encouraged to submit your names to Don if you wish to attend. Register please with Don or Andre - registrations due by Feb 12th. Friday afternoon's session features Don Kraybill, author of *Amish Grace; Telling the Story - the Nickel Mine Tragedy* leading a seminar on forgiveness. Stay for supper at Peace Mennonite at 5:30 pm.. Everyone, not just church leadership, is invited to our LEAD Conference. On Saturday, the Annual Delegate Session begins with coffee, worship,, business sessions, and lunch beginning at 8:30 am. We anticipate welcoming additional churches into membership with MCBC.

The **Mennonite Historical Society of BC** presents *Letters from Stalin's Gulag*, a documentary and book launch with Ruth Derksen Siemens. The book featured *Remember Us: Letters from Stalin's Gulag (1930-37)* by Ruth Derksen Siemens. Saturday, February 23rd at the Bakerview MB Church, Abbotsford at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served.

MCC Peace Desk Jon Nofziger writes: In January, David Shenk was hosted for a series of lectures on "The Gospel of Reconciliation in Dynamic Engagement with the World of Islam". Hopefully, some of you had the opportunity to hear him speak. His message reinforces that Christian faith, specifically the Anabaptist understanding on non-violence and forgiveness, has much to offer the world on real issues. A DVD recording (not of high quality, but good nevertheless) of his public lecture can be obtained from Columbia Bible College. Contact (redacted) to request a copy.

Lenten Devotions

With so much international strife, national economic worries and individual challenges, everyone needs a bit of silence and inward spiritual reflection in their lives to renew hope. Goshen College offers an online spiritual resource to help believers make time and space in their hearts and minds to reflect on the Christian season of Lent.

Beginning February 6 and culminating on March 23, Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide weekday reflections based on lectionary Scripture passages, available online or by daily e-mail. Please join Goshen on this journey. You may sign up for weekly e-mails during this Lenten period, or you may merely log onto the site every week to check for new devotions at <http://www.goshen.edu/devotions/Home>

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Columbia Bible College is hosting its 4th annual fundraising Gala on March 8, 2008 at King Rd MB Church. For tickets or further information, including a list of Silent Auction items, please call CBC and ask for Myra or Brun at 604-853-3358 or check the website at www.columbiabc.edu.

The Art of Caring: All are invited to an inspiring presentation by Fr. Alexander Tkachenko who is the Founder and Executive Directory of the first Children's Hospice in St. Petersburg. The presentation is on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at Martin Luther Evangelical Church, 505 46th Avenue East in Vancouver. This hospice has become a light in the darkness for poor children with terminal, severe disabling and life-limiting conditions and their families. Please contact Martin Luther Evangelical Church at (604) 325-0550 for more information.

Communitas Supportive Care (formerly MCC SCS) presents West Coast Mennonite Quartet (Charlene Pauls, Laura Pudwell, Colin Balzer, Tony Funk), accompanied by Betty Suderman. The quartet will premiere their new CD *The Wanderer Within*, which takes the listener on a journey through the music of Brahms, English Romantic Part-Songs, and American folk hymns. The concert will take place on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:30 pm at Bakerview Church in Abbotsford. Admission by donation.

Come to the Table: a Conference on the Arts in Worship with special guest John Bell leading a workshop on worship leading, and discussing theology in the church's song. Other workshops planned include: Ron Reid (artistic director of Pacific Theatre) on Theatre as worship; Sylvia Friesen, choreographer, on Embodied Worship (dance); Irma Fast Dueck (CMU) on symbols, signs and ritual; Tony Funk and Nelson Boschman on other forms of worship and music; and Diane Bowker on liturgical worship. This is a conference for pastors, song leaders, artists, dancers, musicians, writers and worship leaders. It's a conference for anyone interested in a collaborative approach to worship. Registration begins soon.

MCC continues to respond to ongoing violence in Kenya committing more than \$150,000 to relief and reconciliation work there. Please pray with us for peace, for wisdom for those in leadership. For more information visit mcc.org. To make a contribution send your gift to MCC BC Box 2038 Abbotsford, BC V2T 3T8 or use your credit card when you call 604 850 6639, 1 888 622 6337 or online at mcc.org/donate. Please make cheques payable to MCC BC and mark your giving "Kenya Emergency Assistance."

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