

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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March 16, 2003

Today: Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship on this second Sunday of Lent. Our service is led by Edwin Hintz, Rosie Perera will be leading us in song and Ruth Enns will be accompanying on the piano. Later we will hear from Mark Greenstreet who will be speaking on John 14; "Jesus is the way to God". Carmen Thiessen and Angela Ekkert are in charge of children's church, and Vange Thiessen and Heather Schneidereit will be with the toddlers.

Last Sunday: Evan Kreider led us through a liturgical service for prayer and song celebrating the advent of the Easter Season. The contemplative mood of the service was well reflected in the children's story as told by Diane Schartner.

PGIMF News:

Please join us for pre-service hymn singing at 9:45 as we work our way through the book from 1 to 658. We begun this week on #151.

George Hobson, who preached for us on March 2, will be giving a poetry reading on Tuesday, March 18, at 4:30 at Regent College, in Room 100. George is scholar-in-residence at Regent this term, and writing/editing poetry is one of his major projects while he's there.

House Groups: "The 'every other Monday' home group will meet at the Teichroeb's this Monday, March 17 at 7pm. We'll be discussing chapter 9 ("Miracles: Snapshots of the Supernatural") from the book "The Jesus I Never Knew". For more information, please contact Don or Elvira Teichroeb. The Friday morning group will meet this Friday March 21 at a location to be confirmed.

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A reminder to keep those suggestions coming in to the nominations committee (Don Teichroeb, Charmaine Weins, and Helmut Lemke) for names to fill church positions for the upcoming term. We would like to have these names by the end of March for the congregational meeting in April. If you want a list of vacant positions, please see one of these people for a copy.

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Faberge Eggs! OK, well not really. Louise Klippenstein teaches people to do the next best thing - to make Ukrainian Easter eggs, and has posted a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Louise is a skilled teacher - sign up to make yours today! No experience required to turnout beautiful creations.

Upcoming speakers

March 23	Veronica Dyck	John 15: Jesus the True Vine (Lent III)
March 30	Rebecca Sack	John 16: The work of the Spirit, Christ's Peace (Lent IV)
April 4	Don Teichroeb	John 17: Jesus prays for his students
April 11	Kevin Hiebert	John 18: Jesus is betrayed and judged

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The Wider Church

From MBMS International: MISSION TO MONTEVIDEO. Ernst & Ursula Janzen are MBMS International missionaries in Uruguay. They ask your prayers this week for these new believers: Beatriz, Susana, Fernando, Veronica, Edilia, Beatriz II, Ellda & Gloria. Each of these is facing serious difficulties in their personal lives.

Regent College It's not too late to sign up for courses at Regent. Spring School also has many other classes including Performance Storytelling: *Speaking the Word* by Bruce Kuhn and *Worship In, For, Against, In Spite of the World* with Marva Dawn. Bruce Waltke will be teaching a class on Proverbs and Chris Wright will be offering one of the courses as part of The Bible and the Nations courses. For information or registration, contact the college at 5800 University Blvd, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 2E4 Phone: (604) 224-3245, Fax: (604) 224-3097 Toll Free: 1-800-663-8664 E-mail: [available upon request]

UBC Lectures The Canadian and Christian Scientific Association presents Roger Lundin, Clyde S. Kilby Professor of English, Wheaton College speaking on "'Nimble Believing": Modern Literature and the Conflict of Interpretations' Monday March 17, 4:15 pm, The Buchanan Penthouse, UBC For further information, contact Phil Hill at 604 822-3112 or [available upon request] or Darren Brouwer at 604 822-2293 or [available upon request]. The UBC Graduate and Faculty Christian forum was founded in 1988 by a group of University faculty and graduate students seeking to explore the dialogue between religious faith and academic scholarship.

Returning Thanks You are invited to the latest *Homegrown Coffeehouse* to be held at First United Mennonite Church, 659 E. 52nd Ave. This is a chance for young musicians to spread their wings and perform original and contemporary music in the atmosphere of a coffeehouse. The event is put on to support the Returning Thanks campaign to raise funds for Camp Squeah projects. Those of you who attended Squeah and have fond memories must know it is showing signs of age. See the hall bulletin board for information on the coffeehouse and on the Returning Thanks project.

The Thomas Merton Society of Canada and UBC Continuing Studies continues its 5_part lecture series on "Thomas Merton: A Visionary for Our Time" on 5 consecutive Thursdays from Mar. 6 - Apr. 3, 7:00-8:30 pm featuring speakers Judith Hardcastle & Ross Labrie at Robson Square. Information and registration through UBC Continuing Studies at 604-822-1444.

Columbia Open 2003 - Columbia Bible College's annual fundraising Golf Tournament takes place this year on Tuesday, April 29th at the spectacular Falls Golf & Country Club in Chilliwack. Register a foursome or come on your own and we'll match you up. \$100 per golfer or \$90 if you register before March 31st. Registration includes a full day of golf, power cart, banquet after the tournament and prizes. For further details or to register call the College at (604) 853-3358 or e-mail [available upon request].

Today's bible reading is John 14:1-30

<http://www.biblegateway.com/cgi-bin/bible?language=english&passage=John+14%3A1-30&version=NIV>

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Mennonite World Conference

A Call from Zimbabwe

We seek change, but we are given stones
We ask for hope, but are given beatings
We dig for water, but plant only sorrow
We care for our fallen, it falls to no other.

Our government impales its good name on our
lives
Our leaders throw mud, our police, lead
bullets
Our churches stand, some mute, some angry
Our lives are fallen, we can do no more.

We are Zimbabwe. Remember us.

The numbers of people going to Zimbabwe for the
World Conference are growing. Erwin Cornelsen
(age 82!) and Ingrid Schultz (pastor at FUMC) are

Our health suffers, AIDS beckons like a lover
Our children hunger, our crops thirst
Our habits break us on the rack of
consequence
Our bodies are fallen, our temples ruined.

Our faith is pyrrhic, but our belief afire
Our lesson is bitter myrrh, but our churches
sing
Our way is dark, but our Lord is light,
We are the fallen, but our salvation is sure.
the latest. Talk to Hannelore or Andre today to find
out more.