

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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May 8, 2005  
*Mother's Day*

**Today:** Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our service will be led by Karen Giesbrecht, Andre Pekovich will lead us in song, Kathryn Schmidt will be accompanying on the piano, and Rovin Karuna is your usher. Later we will hear from David Giesbrecht who will be speaking on "Celebrating the Community of the Church". Janice Kreider and Danica Thiessen will be with the primaries and toddlers in the nursery. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday, David Leis (Canadian Mennonite University, development etc.) spoke on "Living Stones". Archeological digs often uncover arrangements of stones which give glimpses into the lives of ancient peoples, for buildings reflect something of the lives and thinking of the occupants. 1 Peter 2.4-5 tells us that we are the church, built together as "living stones" and Paul adds (1 Cor. 3.16-17) that we are essentially forming a holy priesthood. As God's children forming spiritual communities, we now have access to the God who used to be encountered primarily in the Holy of Holies. David reflected on Christ as the living cornerstone, on stones having strength (Christ having strength of character and purpose), and on "living" representing that which is warm and relational. In postmodern society, truth is sometimes defined by the surrounding culture, and is therefore relative. As members of our society, we tend to tolerate multiple belief systems. David's challenge to us was that through it all we need to retain not only our own spiritual identities as a holy priesthood but also our community of faith, remembering that it is built of living stones, and that as stones support each other in a structure, so we need yo support each other. [JEK]

## 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.

## **Upcoming speakers**

May 15	Jake Buhler	Touching the Enemy
May 22	J. Evan Kreider	-
May 29	PGIMF Church retreat at Camp Luther	-
June 5	Veronica Dyck	-

Please see the bulletin board at the back for a sign-up list to provide coffee after the service. We thank all those who have provided coffee so far and look forward to your continued participation over the summer.

Please see the bulletin board in the hall for a copy of **Roots & Branches** newsletter of the Mennonite Historical Society of BC features an article by our own J. Evan Kreider called "Silencing the Voice of the people" on church singing and sanctuary design.

## **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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Monday, May 9 at 8:00 p.m. at the UBC School of Music Recital Hall---Kathryn Schmidt and friends---an evening of German Chamber Music, including works by Schumann, Brahms, Strauss and Schoenberg.

The most recent (April 18) issue of the Canadian Mennonite has a picture on the back cover of the Mennonite House Church in St. Johns Nfld. This is the fellowship attended by our PGIMF transplants Carman & Barton, and coincidentally, they are almost the only ones missing from the picture... They wish to thank PGIMF for the gift of the hymnals sent to them and just received this week.

### **The Wider Church**

**MBMSI** CARING FOR CONGO. Please pray today for *Elmer Adams*, MBMS International missionary in Congo. Elmer serves the CEFMC and MB Church Conference of Congo as an evangelist and a pastoral resource for the churches, helping them to develop sustainable social service ministries.

MCC SCS sponsors a workshop on “supporting people with mental health issues in your congregation with Dr. John Toews (U of Calgary). He has worked for years at understanding the interface between faith and mental illness. Develop conceptual models of support and share stories. Tuesday June 7 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at CBC, Abbotsford, and Wed. Jun 8 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Willingdon church. To register, call 1-800-622-5455 or e-mail [mccscs.com](http://mccscs.com)

Please note the information on the bulletin board in the hall for “**Walking in Mission**” church conference with Jack Suderman and the MC Canada Witness Team on May 27-8 at Peace Church and June 3-4 at Cedar Valley. This is a must for anybody interested in the Missional Church.

**Regent Bookstore Events** Fri., May 13 8:00 pm  
Jeff Johnson & Steve Lawhead An evening of music and readings Tickets: \$9.00 from the Regent Bookstore Booksigning at 7:30 pm  
**Other Lectures** Wed., May 11 Rikk Watts  
Making Sense of Genesis 1:Yahweh, the Serpent, and the Dethronement of Amon-Re All lectures begin at 8:00 and are held in the Regent College chapel unless otherwise noted

*Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa have left their mark on the world...with your help, SUOR ANGLELICA will leave a mark on Vancouver. Come see this gripping 20 min. opera about an italian nun and enable the Magdalene Recovery Society to better serve the needy women and their children on the Vancouver East Side. May 20th, 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Wesley United Church, Nelson at Burrard*

**The MCC Thrift Shop in Mission** was damaged as the result of an arson fire last weekend. While the building is still standing, the entire contents of the store is lost due to smoke and water damage. It will be some time before the store will be open again. In the meantime, Norma Neufeld, Provincial Thrift Shop Coordinator, asks for prayer for staff and volunteers who are understandably upset by the fire. If you can help, please call MCC BC at (604) 850 6639 or 1 888 622 6337 or visit [www.mcc.org/bc/thriftstores](http://www.mcc.org/bc/thriftstores)

Mennonite Church Canada invites applications for the position of **General Secretary**. For a detailed description of qualifications and responsibilities, please see [www.mennonitechurch.ca/getinvolved/jobs/](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/getinvolved/jobs/) for the job description posted or call 1-866-888-6785. Applications will be processed starting June 24, 2005. Please send applications or nominations to Henry Krause, Moderator, c/o Mennonite Church Canada, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd., Winnipeg MB R3P 0M4 or email \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exodus 1:15-17, 20-21**

(ONE) ...And because the midwives honored God, God gave them families of their own.  
**(ALL) We remember the courageous faith of these two midwives.  
We remember their names, Shiphrah and Puah.**

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**Ruth 1:14-15**

(ONE) ...Afraid of what the future holds. Afraid for the girls. And yet Ruth Clings to me.  
**(ALL) We remember the fear and the journey of these two friends.  
We remember their names, Naomi and Ruth.**

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**Luke 1:28-38**

(ONE) ...Let it be with me just as you say.  
Then the angel left her.  
**(ALL) We remember the rejoicing of these two unlikely mothers.  
We remember their names, Elizabeth and Mary.**

<b>Problem People</b>	<b>Natural Response</b>	<b>Counsel of Jesus</b>
Those who are your enemies		Love them
Those who hate you		Do good to them
Those who curse you		Bless them
Those who mistreat you		Pray for them
Those who hit you		Turn the other cheek
Those who take your coat		Do not stop them
(All) those who ask		Give what they want

Leader: God of love,  
**All: We remember how you love us.**  
 Leader: God of care,  
**All: We remember how you care for us.**  
 Leader: God of compassion,  
**All: We remember how you are merciful to us.**  
 Leader: God of peace,  
**All: We remember how you touch our hearts.**  
 Leader: God of healing,  
**All: We remember how you make us whole.**  
 Leader: God of wisdom,  
**All: We remember how you help us to see more clearly.**  
 Leader: God of heaven and earth,  
**All: Help us to remember to touch others as you have touched us.**

### Matthew 16:13-20

#### *Peter's Confession of Christ*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup>They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup>"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son

of the living God."

<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Luke 6:27-31

#### *Love for Enemies*

<sup>27</sup>"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also.

If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.