

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Today: Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our Eternity Sunday liturgical service celebrates those who have gone before and will be led by J.Evan Kreider, Eric Hannan will be leading us in song, Ruth Enns will be accompanying on the piano, and Rovin Karuna is your usher. Janice Kreider will be in the nursery, and Heather Shantz and Elvira Teichroeb will be leading the Sunday School classes. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

Last Sunday: On November 13th, Peace Sunday, Laura Loewen (Director of MCC-BC) spoke on Ephesians 2:11-22. Israel now has a dividing wall of about 720 kms separating farmers from their rich fields and wells. That wall recalls the former Berlin wall and the so-called 'Homeland', walls intending to keep some people in, but more importantly they are built to keep out people who are different than we. Ephesians talks about invisible walls which were very real indeed, attitudes which separated Jews from non-Jews. Paul portrayed Jesus as a bridge builder, as someone who tried to help people affected by walls. Taking that as a model, MCC is presently pondering how to build bridges between Christianity and other faiths. In the context of Peace Sunday, Laura reminded us that peace making needs to be part of our daily lives. If we cannot help solve the smaller personal conflicts in our lives, how can we ever dream of the world itself becoming peaceful? She then told stories of individuals quietly working locally at making peace with people who were in conflict with them. There are many paths which can lead to peace, paths as seemingly simple (yet very difficult) as playing together, forgiving, letting hurts go without being avenged, and praying for those to whom we ought to be building bridges. [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

November 27	Veronica Dyck	Advent I (Liturgical Service)
December 4	Paul Thiessen	Advent II
December 11	Sing-a-long Messiah	Advent III
December 18	Songs for Christmas	Advent IV

Mark Northey has a new e-mail address. You can reach him at (address available from webmaster). The old address will continue to work for a while yet but please update your address list now.



Please check the new **church list** for marking up on the wall in the hall outside the chapel. Please add your name if you are a regular attendee and would like to be more fully involved in the church. You will receive a mailbox as well as invitations to our special events. This list is not sold or marketed in any way and we ask that you keep it as confidential as we do.

The flowers this morning are placed in remembrance of Hilda Hildebrand's parents, Jacob and Susanna Klassen. Both of whom passed away November 30th, 1964 & 1974

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MBMSI SERVING IN PERU. Pray today for Liana Penner, MBMS International worker in Peru. Pray God to send Liana some special joy this week as she remains faithful in her ministry of teaching English at Colegio Cristiano Elliott, and working alongside Bob and Erika Sukkau in the Trujillo MB church.

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Pastoral Care—Herb Reesor (604-224-5245); John Friesen (604-266-7819) *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)
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MB Conference Pray that decisions made at the Church Planting Congress will bear fruit in our conference. Our vision is to reach 350 healthy churches by 2010 through church planting and multiplication.

Universal Gospel Choir Yule Concerts Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3, 8:00 pm Performance Works, Granville Island, Vancouver Adults - \$25, Students, Seniors, Former UGC Members - \$20, Kids 6-12 - \$10

Oratorio for AIDS *Opera Appassionata* will perform a concert of highlights from many different oratorios sung by 9 soloists and accompaniment to support MCC HIV/AIDS projects both locally and internationally on December 3rd 7: 30 pm at EbenEzer Mennonite Church. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors and students. Tickets can be reserved or purchased by calling: MCC BC office at 604-850-6639 or Opera Appassionata at 604-312-3510

On World AIDS Day, Dec. 1st at 8pm, a Fundraising concert will be held to raise money for AIDS Vancouver and the Dr. Peter Centre. **Oratorio for AIDS** is a collection of highlights from many different oratorios sung by 9 soloists and accompanied by piano and organ in St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, 1012 Nelson St. Tickets \$20, students/seniors \$15 call Frank Klassen 604-321-6674.

MDS Report Lois Nickel (Administrative Coordinator for MDS Region 5) spent Nov 8-11 last week visiting four of the MDS Gulf coast project sites. She reports: "MDS is bringing hope to the Gulf area one house at a time. The Mennonite church in Metairie (part of New Orleans) was shingled by a group from Indiana, a home was being gutted in Long Beach (right beside Pass Christian MS) by a group of youth and young adults from Pennsylvania, trees were being chainsawed and chipped in Saucier (near Gulfport MS), and framing was almost complete in Bayou La Batre for the new MDS project site (in an abandoned strip mall since the storm). I met volunteers from Vancouver and Rosenort who were sleeping on mattresses on the floor with curtains making the room divisions who were there to work in the name of Christ to bring hope to survivors. The volunteers were also bringing hope to the project leaders as these projects are still in the beginning stages of being set up to receive the larger groups already registered for January and February. Thank you volunteers for your smiles and hard work!"

Regent College lectures in the Chapel presents John G. Stackhouse, Jr. speaking on his book *How to Be Both Biblical & Feminist - If You Want to Be (Finally Feminist: A Pragmatic Christian Understanding of Gender)* followed by a booksigning on Wednesday, November 30, 7:30pm.

You are most warmly invited to attend our *Abendmusik Advent Vespers* at the times and locations listed below. In addition to Advent hymns, we will be performing music by Gibbons, Boris Ord (former Music Director at King's College, which invented Lessons and Carols), William Byrd, Howells, Robin John King (his carol which won the Edmonton Composition Competition in 2001), "Jesus Christ the apple tree", Tavener's beautiful "Little Lamb who made thee" and two of the Advent "O antiphons" which inspired the more recent Advent hymn, "O come, O come Emmanuel".

Abendmusik Advent Vespers

Abbotsford

Saturday, December 3, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Free Reformed Church

3386 Mount Lehman Road

Vancouver

Sunday, December 4, 2005, 8:00 p.m.

Knox United Church

5600 Balaclava at West 41st Avenue

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