

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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*First Advent*

**Today:** Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our Advent liturgical service will be led by Veronica Dyck, J. Evan Kreider will be leading us in song, Jeff Schulz will be accompanying on the piano, and Henry Neufeld is your usher. Lisa-Dawn Kiltbau will be with the primaries, and Danica Thiessen will be with the Sunday School classes. Please join us after the service for potluck lunch in the dining room - friends and guests welcome! There is always plenty of food.

**Last Sunday:** Our eternity Sunday service was led by J. Evan Kreider as we remembered all the saints who had gone before us. With a selection of readings and prayers, and with songs by Eric Hannan we remembered our own, Verna Reesor, Bill Riediger and Bert McGee, as well as friends and relatives of those at PGIMF. The promise God gives to all who believe in his power to save was outlined in a reflection by Alexander Schmemmann, an American Orthodox bishop who passed away in 1983. His scorn of the secular views of life and death contrasted with Christian view, encouraging us not to be reconciled to death, but to stand revealed of the Truth of its awfulness, that we may be encouraged to be saved by this Truth. This awfulness of death, when truly, viscerally experienced, is the greatest goad to trusting in Christ - Schmemmann speaks of the "the great joy that the disciples felt when they saw the risen Christ" for then they knew how truly this awfulness had been abolished, and with it, the promise of remission of sins and new life was fulfilled in Truth, before their very eyes. It was no longer a wishful hope, but a reality, as it should be for us today. The words of Edna St. Vincent Millay hold the greatest inspiration for us "I am not resigned...down, down, down into darkness of the grave..." if we can but see as the disciples did, and *know* as they knew, that death, for once, had been truly conquered. [AP]

## 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**

December 4	Paul Theissen	Advent II
December 11	Sing-a-long Messiah	Advent III
December 18	Christmas Hymns & Songs	Advent IV
December 25	Christmas Day	No service



Please check the new **church list** on the wall in the hall outside the chapel. Please add your name if you are a regular attender 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.



If you wish a preview of the Abendmusik service next weekend, you can attend St. James Anglican Church at 303 E. Cordova this afternoon at 5:30 pm to hear the Abendmusik Vespers Choir singing with the St. James Choir in programme entitled Advent Lessons and Carols.

**You are warmly invited to attend the *Abendmusik Advent Vespers* featuring Advent hymns and music by Gibbons, William Byrd, Howells, "Jesus Christ the apple tree", Taverner'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". Tonight at 8:00p.m, Knox United Church 5600 Balaclava at West 41st**

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### The Wider Church

**MBMSI NEW WORK IN NORTHERN INDIA.** pray today for Saji and Bindu Oommen, newly arrived MBMSI missionaries to India for adequate housing in Delhi; language learning; good health and protection for their 3 small children; and quality time for team building with the Duerksens and Klassens.

A reminder to PGIMF church board members that there will be a church board meeting Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Teichroeb's. Please RSVP your regrets to Don.

**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

**Camp Squeah** has enjoyed greater attendance than almost any other year and will be above budget because of this. However, costs for unplanned major items such as a new dishwasher for Squeah Lodge (\$15,000), a computer equipment upgrade and a new fire alarm system for Squeah Lodge (\$20,000), have affected this year's financial picture significantly. These are replacement costs of existing equipment, so they are paid for out of operating expenses and cannot be paid for with designated capital funds, and were not planned for in this financial year, causing expenses to outstrip the increased income in this year. Please consider a year-end donation to help with these expenses. Donations can be made online ([www.squeah.com](http://www.squeah.com)), by phone (1.800.380.2267) with a credit card or by cheque to Camp Squeah, 4 - 27915 Trans Canada Hwy., Hope, BC, V0X 1L3.

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**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

An excellent article in the MB Herald November 4<sup>th</sup> issue by Doug Schultz on Peacemaking and our theology can also be read online at [www.mbherald.com/44/15/obedient.en.html](http://www.mbherald.com/44/15/obedient.en.html)

**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.

**MC Canada Witness** Pray for Evelyn Peterson (Mission Associate of MC Canada Witness) in a tense situation in Kenya due to the country voting on a proposed new Constitution. November 21 (yesterday) was declared Referendum Day, and though there continues to be hope for peace filled days following the outcome of the vote, there has been a lot of unrest and some violence during rallies leading up to voting day. Since the safety of the students and staff of Rosslyn Academy (where Evelyn teaches) is crucial, a decision was made to close the school for one week, with teachers creating homework packets to send with the students. Please pray for the country and its leadership as they make decisions and policies that impact the people. Evelyn has also, after much consideration, decided to extend her stay in Nairobi for a third year. Praise God for her willingness to continue teaching and for her enjoyment of the students and staff at Rosslyn as well as the Kenyan people.

**MDS** Thanks to the wonderful response of hundreds of volunteers, the MDS sites are nearly full through March 2006. After the holidays, we will be sharing with you sites and times where volunteers will be needed through the spring and summer months. Once again, we thank you for your willingness to share your time with those in need.

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