

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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June 4, 2017

Henry Neufeld - Touched By the Spirit

Worship Leader: Veronica Dyck
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Michael Despotovic
Usher: Edward Epp

Last Sunday We held a service at Camp Luther based on the theme of the weekend "Our Aboriginal Neighbours". This followed on a blanket exercise presented by John and Nancy Denham of Gibsons with Bridget Findlay of MCC in attendance and Sto:lo elder Harold Lock to bless our work with his presence. [AP]

Two Sundays ago Our fellowship was joined by four additional members. The testimonies of Walter and Hilda Driedger and Curtis and Lois Funk were warmly received by the membership at a special service. You can hear it at <https://pgimf.org/service/membership-sunday-may-2017/>

PGIMF News

June 11	Jonas Cornelsen	Trinity Sunday
June 18	Service in the Park	Richard Topping
June 25	Poul Guttesen	TBA
July 2	Krish Kandiah	TBA

Church List The church list has now been released and you are invited to pick up a copy on-line in the member's section at www.pgimf.org or at the back of the church.

Wider Church

Regent College Reading the Bible in China: Case Studies on Its History of Reception is the theme that investigates Christianity in a culture of such rich classical texts in a pluralistic religious world. How is the Christian Bible read and received in China? Dr. Hui Liang will identify some typical hermeneutical traits that contribute to the understanding of cross-cultural beliefs and promote the ongoing dialogue between the East and the West. Held in the Chapel at Regent College Tuesday June 6th at 12:30 pm; free admission, but parking costs money.

Free Public Lecture Being Christian in a Secular Society: Getting Beyond the Culture Wars is the title of the free lecture offered by Regent College featuring Dr. Gordon Smith (president of Ambrose College & Seminary). Smith suggests the Christian community can thrive—not just survive—in a society that is increasingly secular by drawing on the wisdom of the early, pre-Christendom church and the experience of today's church in societies such as Europe that are even further along on the journey to secularism than is North America. Wednesday, Jun 7, 2017 from 7:30pm - 9:00 pm. Free admission and parking

Canadian Mennonite Come meet the New Canadian Mennonite Publisher Tobi Thiessen, and offer your ideas, concerns, suggestions and thoughts about CM's role and how it can be used to strength and support the ministry of our churches and of MCBC. Thursday, June 8 at 7pm, location TBD. If you are interested in being a part of this conversation then please let Linda Matties (lhmtties@gmail.com) know, and she will also let you know the venue for this conversation.

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.

Moderator—Curtis Funk (604-992-6913); *Worship*—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);
Congregational Care— Lois Funk (604-992-8213); *Recording Secretary*--- Diane Ehling (604-904-1380);
Music—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); *At Large*— Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); Travis Martin (604-603-7843);
Finance — Janice Kreider; *Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)*—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

Vancouver Cantata Singers co-presents Bach's St. John Passion with Early Music Vancouver and Pacific Baroque Orchestra at the Vancouver Bach Festival 2017 Friday August 11 at 7:30PM (Pre-concert talk at 6:45) at the Chan Centre (6265 Crescent Rd, Vancouver). This dramatic reading of Luther's Bible and Barthold Brockes' poetry is one of the greatest works in the classical repertoire. Tickets available from vancouvercantatasingers.org

MCC Matching Dollars for Famine Relief The Government of Canada has launched a Famine Relief Fund to encourage donations to countries experiencing hunger and famine. For every eligible dollar donated before June 30, 2017, the government will set aside one dollar in the Famine Relief Fund. Help provide food today at mccbc.ca/donate or 604-850-6639.

BCMB The Stillwood Camp and Conference Centre Leadership Board invites you to attend the dedication of Stillwood Chapel Sunday, June 25 at 2:30 pm at 44005 Watt Road, Lindell Beach (Cultus Lake) featuring keynote speaker: Dr. Ken Dyck and musical groups. Following the service in the new chapel there will be a reception. Please RSVP by Friday, June 16 to office@stillwood.ca or phone 604-858-6845 or 1-800-507-8455

Anabaptist Theology: Methods and Practices Conference The focus of this conference, sponsored by the Humanitas Anabaptist-Mennonite Centre and Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, is to encourage scholarship and engage conversation on theological method, in general, and the Anabaptist-Mennonite theological method, in particular. Wednesday, June 7 - Friday, June 9 at Trinity Western University - Alumni Hall, Reimer Student Centre (7600 Glover Rd, Langley) Registration: \$95 (Includes lunches, coffee breaks and dinner on Thursday evening). For more information or to register, see <http://humanitascentre.org/event/humanitas2017/>

Psalm 139:1-10

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³ You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast. [NRSV]

Exodus 31: 1-11

¹The Lord spoke to Moses: ²See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

³and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, ⁴to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft. ⁶Moreover, I have

appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have given skill to all the skilful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you:

⁷the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and

the mercy-seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹and the altar of burnt-offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, ¹⁰and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹and the anointing-oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you. [NRSV]

Joel 2:28-29

²⁸ Then afterwards
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit. [NRSV]

Acts 10:34-35

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. [NRSV]

Acts 2:14–18

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:
¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy. [NRSV]

1 Timothy 2:1–6

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge

of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. [NRSV]

Romans 2:13–15

Merely hearing God's law is a waste of your time if you don't do what he commands. Doing, not hearing, is what makes the difference with God.

When outsiders who have never heard of God's law follow it more or less by instinct, they confirm its truth by their obedience. They show that God's law is not

something alien, imposed on us from without, but woven into the very fabric of our creation. There is something deep within them that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong. Their response to God's yes and no will become public knowledge on the day God makes his final decision about every man and woman. [The Message]

Call to Worship

God of wind and fire,

When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

God of mighty oceans and still waters,

When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

God of bread and wine,

When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

So pour out your Spirit

Let sacred waters flow

Fill us with holy food.

May our hearts and our hands be open wide

to receive your gifts of life. Amen.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.ca/2017/05/pentecost-call-to-worship.html?m=0>

Communal Confession

The Spirit comes with fire of justice
and we offer the extinguisher of complacency.

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

The Spirit comes with the rain of love
And we offer an umbrella of reserve.

**Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy upon us.**

The Spirit comes bearing fresh winds of change
and we close the windows.

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.