

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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September 3, 2017

John Klassen - Medieval Piety: Possessions, Scriptures & Community

Worship Leader: Paul Thiessen
Accompanist: Rosemary Bell

Music Worship: Travis Martin
Usher: Peter Neudorf

Last Sunday Dr. Art Friesen described the work of the Mennonite Centre in the old Molotschna Colony (now Molochansk) near Zaporozhye, Ukraine. We saw photos and heard about programs that provide lunches for seniors, medication, eye glasses, and more. The Centre supports disabled children as they integrate into public school, and donations have assisted a regional blood donor clinic, the childrens' hospital, and a rehabilitation hospital. Collaboration between religious groups resulted in the renovation of the Schoensee Church and other success stories. Consider becoming one of the Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/august-27-2017/>

PGIMF News

September 10	Yangs and Lees	Community
September 17	TBA	TBA
September 24	Henry Klippenstein	Doubt and Faith
October 1	TBA	TBA

Save the Date Meet the Abdulaziz family at a church-hosted event October 1st at a location to be determined. Planning to begin shortly.

Wider Church

MCC-BC Mark your calendars for the MCC Festival for World Relief on September 15 & 16, 2017! Help make this year's event a success by giving of your time, talent or treasure. Visit mccfestival.com to see current volunteer opportunities or contact Hannah Toews at 604-850-6639.

MCC-BC AGM The MCC BC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 30 at South Abbotsford Church. Join the crowd for stories and reports from MCC's work around the world and here in BC. Find out more and register online at mccbc.ca/events.

Ride For Refuge Ride for the MC Canada Witness workers of your choosing! With Ride for Refuge, you have raised over \$50,000 to: grow peacebuilding in the Philippines; kick-start a dream park for vulnerable youth in Botswana; help marginalized people in Canada and around the world. Now, please help build on that success by supporting ministry for vulnerable people in the 20 countries where Witness works. Please sign up to Ride for Refuge on Sept. 30 2017. Start a team in your church or join another one. Find out more at: <http://www.rideforrefuge.org/charity/mennonitechurchca>

AMBS Host a "Reading the Bible with Jesus" workshop! Encourage your congregation or join with other area congregations to host itinerant Bible teacher Bryan Moyer Suderman for 1–2 days of digging deep into one of the Gospels to gain tools for reading and interpreting Scripture like Jesus, in light of today's world. These workshops are available in English and Spanish through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Church Leadership Center. www.ambs.edu/workshops

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we 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 not be recorded.

Moderator—Curtis Funk (604-992-6913); *Worship*—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);
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Music—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); *At Large*— Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);
Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); *Congregational Co-ordinator* — Veronica Dyck

Housesit Single Mom (35) will "sit your house" or rent a suite somewhere in the UBC area, or nearby. Call Dan Unrau (Dad) at 778-994-2252 or send e-mail to: (Avalible from webmaster)

Pacific Theatre is pleased to premiere their 2017-18 season with *The Christians*, a timely drama about a megachurch whose pastor suddenly rewrites the dogma of the mysteries of faith, certainty, and what happens after we die, of his congregation. Seasons tickets now available from the box office, as well as single seats. Tickets \$20-30 at <http://pacifictheatre.org/season/2017-2018-season> or 604-731-5518

Regent College Regent is committed to offering first-rate learning that fits into your busy schedule. Take an evening or weekend class, starting September 6, 2017. Or take a bit of extra time after Christmas holidays and try one of our one-week January Intensive courses, which run from January 3–6, 2018. See the website at <http://www.regent-college.edu/lifelong-learning/weekends> for credit hours, enrolment limits, and other details. Courses include:

- Steven Garber on Vocation: Integral to the Mission of God (APPL 573),
- Amanda Russell-Jones on Slavery and Slavery's Children (HIST 520),
- Hans Boersma on History of Christian Doctrine (THEO 608),
- Jeff Greenman and Matthew Humphrey on Food, Communion, Community and Creation (INDS 535)
- Gordon T Smith on Spiritual Discernment (SPIR 619), and
- Jonathan Wilson on Missional Church (APPL 581)

Responsive Reading Psalm 65: 9 - 13

⁹ **You visit the earth and water it,**
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy. [NRSV]

Mark 10: 17–23

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'
¹⁸ Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' ²⁰He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and

said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.'
²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' [NRSV]

Matthew 10: 5-15

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve

their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgement than for that town. [NRSV]

John 11:17-27

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³Jesus said to her,

'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' [NRSV]