

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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September 10, 2017

Living in Community - The Yang & Lee Families

Worship Leader:
Accompanist:

Janice Kreider
Ruth Enns

Music Worship:
Usher:

J. Evan Kreider
Edward Epp

Scriptures for Today

Matthew 6:25-34

Acts 2:44-47

Acts 4:32-35

In the tradition of CBC's "Ideas" this service will include interviews conducted by Henry Neufeld and Michael Despotovic

Last Sunday John Klassen gave a brief summary of three orders of the faithful who lived in an antithesis to the established church in the 13thC in Europe - the Waldensians, the Franciscans and the Beguines. With brief biographies of their founders, John placed their service to the Lord in the context of their times - which were violent and corrupt, yet inspiring to so many. Regrettably due to a technical fault, the service was not recorded.

Two Sundays ago If you missed the slide presentation by Dr. Art Friesen on Sunday, August 27th, you can watch the video of it (with the audio recording of his talk as the narration) online at: (link removed for privacy reasons) This video was created by Kevin Hiebert, and is made available to the church mailing list, but is intentionally not posted on the church web site at the request of Dr. Friesen. You are requested not to re-post it on social media (Facebook, etc.) either. The movie is shared out of Kevin's own host, so the link will expire in a few months. Watch it while you can!

PGIMF News

New Church list Please see the list in the hall to check your entry. Please, if you have knowledge of others, please make changes to them too. If you are a new attendees, please be welcome to add your name to the list so you can be placed on our internal directory. You can also request your e-mail be added to the church notification list for special events and services.

September 17

Garry Janzen

Love Leads the Way

September 24

Henry Klippenstein

Doubt and Faith

October 1

Andrea Perrett

TBA

October 8

George Bartlett & Marianna Harris

Ecumenical Peacemaking / Thanksgiving

Refugee Sponsorship Luncheon West Point Grey United Church is hosting a luncheon on Sunday, October 1st at 12:30pm. This is to celebrate the Alzaza's being in Canada for one year. The lunch will be catered with Syrian food and cost \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. Profits will be used to help cover initial travel expenses and/or to create an education fund for the daughters. This is a great chance to meet the family. Please email Travis if you are interested in attending: (E-mail address available upon request)

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.

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);

Congregational Care— Lois Funk (604-992-8213); *Recording Secretary*--- Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);

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

Mennonite Church Canada Special Delegate Assembly - Preparatory Meeting In preparation for the MC Canada Special Delegate Assembly, October 13-15 in Winnipeg, MCBC is planning a Cluster Meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday September 19th at the Columbia Bible College Resource Centre (2940 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford), in the 3rd Floor Board Room (this is the same floor as the MCBC office, first door on the right as you enter the hallway). This is a special invitation for MCBC and congregational delegates, but any interested congregational members are welcome to attend.

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

TRESPASS: A Storytelling Event in Support of Dark Glass Theatre. From Angela Konrad comes a performance of true, personal stories of reconciliation, love, betrayal, hope, and forgiveness. In four different venues in the Lower Mainland, the words of Martin Luther King "We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive..." inspire stories as diverse as the people telling them. Each expands our perspective and deepens our understanding of the human experience. Tickets \$15 from www.darkglasstheatre.brownpapertickets.ca

Friday, September 22 @ 2 pm and 7 pm at Mennonite Heritage Museum (1818 Clearbrook Rd., Abbotsford)

Saturday, September 23 @ 7 pm at Trinity Western University - Richmond (5900 Minoru Blvd., Richmond)

Sunday, September 24 @ 7 pm at Pacific Theatre (1440 W. 12th Ave., Vancouver)

Tuesday, September 26 @ 7 pm at The Watershed Arts Café, (20349 - 88th Ave., Langley)

For more, go to the website at <http://humanitascentre.org/darkglasstheatre/> or the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Dark-Glass-Theatre-1891526414458918/>

Reconciliation workshops In the spirit of reconciliation with our Aboriginal brothers and sisters, The Anglican diocese is making available anti-racism training to any interested persons. Mennonite Church BC's goal is to engage in reconciliation wherever we can, and as such, are welcome to attend these full-day workshops (9:00 am - 4:00 pm, bring your own bag lunch, coffee and tea provided). There is no charge. The first of several workshops will be held September 23 at St George Anglican (23500 Dewdney Trunk Rd, Maple Ridge). For more info please contact Brander McDonald at the MCBC office

Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Special Delegate Assembly

Delegates wanted to attend the special assembly where the reorganization proposal for the National Conference will be debated:

- Strengthen Local Congregations as centres of mission and worship
- Enhance Area Churches to better resource congregations in their work
- Re-imagine Mennonite Church Canada as our connecting point for Mennonite identity and witness.

There will be more opportunities for mission as we alter the future direction of our church. The Assembly takes place October 13-15, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel in Winnipeg, MB. If you wish to attend, please register on-line at home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017 and inform any member of the Church board if you wish to be a delegate.

Lookout Gallery at Regent College A new presentation *Faith & Shadows in the Land of Promise* by James Nesbitt features a series of multimedia paintings of contemporary faith in the cradle of civilization: saints pursuing grace on the ancient paths, beauty in treasures both old and new, and the victory of love in the face of persecution. Particular emphasis is given to the emerging unity between Jewish and Arab believers in Jesus the Messiah. Exhibit runs September 13 to October 12, 2017 in the Gallery at Regent College (5800 University Blvd.) with opening reception Wednesday Sept. 13 from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. Gallery hours Mon-Fri 8:30 -am - 5:00 pm and Sat noon - 4:00 pm. Free admission. See <https://www.lookoutgallery.ca/> for more information.

South Asia Flood Relief Severe monsoon rains have caused landslides and flooding across parts of Nepal, India and Bangladesh. With 1.7 million people have been displaced, and 1,246 killed, the floods have destroyed homes, crops and livestock as well as schools and health clinics. Families are in need of food, clean water and shelter, and the flooding has caused higher risk of waterborne diseases. MCC is providing relief like food assistance, tarps, mosquito netting, water purification tablets, hygiene kits, bedding and clothes through

several local partners in Bangladesh, India and Nepal. Your gift to our South Asia flooding response will help families have enough to eat, get shelter from the storm, and keep themselves healthy. Donate now at <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/south-asia-flood-relief>

Conflict in Congo Mennonite Church Canada is one of seven collaborative partners in an Anabaptist response to violent conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo). Food, household items and shelter supplies from Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite brethren church-based relief committees is being coordinated by MCC, and will soon reach some of the 1.4 million people displaced by a conflict featuring forced conscription, mutilation, rape and mass killings, that has largely been overlooked by media. Among the displaced in DR Congo are at least 8,000 Mennonites. Many churches are caught in the conflict with churches reporting that 36 Mennonites have been killed, among the estimated 3,300 deaths since October last year. Church buildings and church schools have been damaged or destroyed. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and any food that is available for purchase is very expensive. In addition, families lack basic supplies such as bedding, kitchen tools and cans for carrying water. Contributions to the emergency response may be made online at www.mcccanada.ca/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-622-6337. Cheques may be mailed to your local MCC office.

Book Launch The rise of Bolshevism in Russia in the early 1900s threatened the cooperative life of Russian Mennonite farming communities. For advancement and protection, Mennonite communities formed the All-Russian Mennonite Agricultural Union to protect their way of life. Though the communal model was at first accepted by Bolsheviks, the nature of "private property" meant it was doomed, and Mennonites would be forced to join the great Russian cooperatives, losing title to their land in the process, leading to the beginning of the Great Flight. A new book on the "All-Russian Mennonite Agricultural Union (1923-1927)" by Regent professor emeritus (and PGIMF alum) Dr. John B. Toews, is featured at a book launch at the Mennonite Heritage Museum (1818 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford) on September 23rd at 2:00 pm. Hear Dr Toews presentation followed by light refreshments. More info at 604-758-5667 or at www.mennonitemuseum.org

Humour Corner

Upcoming Hurricanes To Be Given Mennonite Names



Whether suffering through blizzards in Canada or roasting in the Paraguayan Chaco, Mennonites are well-known for their love of extreme weather. As a result, the World Meteorological Association is greatly concerned about the number of Mennonites who don't take warnings about hurricanes, blizzards, and earthquakes seriously enough and has set to remedy the problem by utilizing Mennonite names for next year's hurricane season. The 2018 list is as follows:

Hurricane Abe
Hurricane Bertha
Hurricane Corny Reimer
Hurricane Darryl the Youth Pastor
Hurricane Edna
Hurricane 'Fuela' Friesen
Hurricane Grandma Wiebe
Hurricane Heinrich
Hurricane Irma Voth

Hurricane Jauma Lied!
Hurricane Kleine Gemeinde
Hurricane Lina
Hurricane Menno
Hurricane Na, Taunte!
Hurricane Old Man Doerksen
Hurricane Pete Peters
Hurricane Quakers Are Not
Mennonites

Hurricane Rudy Wiebe
Hurricane Steve from Work
Hurricane Teetotaler
Hurricane Unger
Hurricane Vinkla
Hurricane Waut de Shissjat!
Hurricane eX-Hutterite
Hurricane Yoder
Hurricane Zwieback

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-32, 5:1-2
A Responsive Reading By Parts
for Everyone, Men, Women and Students

All

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Men

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

[...]

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Women

¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Students

¹⁷ Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity.

Men

²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Women

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Students

²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

All

5 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

[NRSV]