

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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J. Evan Kreider - By Our Love Shall They Know Us

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Accompanist:

Laura Eriksson
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Music Worship:
Usher:

Veronica Dyck
Henry Neufeld

Scriptures for Today

1John 4:7-21

Last Sunday Garry Janzen (MCBC Executive Minister) spoke on "Love Leads the Way" from 1 John 4:7-21. A key theme for this year at the MCBC has been to build healthy connections within and among congregations. We can love others because God first loved us. Even in the contentious matters between neighbours such as in strata councils, we are called to love our brothers and sisters. With Jesus as the centre of our faith and reconciliation as the centre of our work, we can walk

together and empower others by building bridges rather than walls. How then can we best love others? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/love-leads-the-way/>

PGIMF News

New Church list Please see the list in the hall to check your entry as well as those of others in our circle. New attenders are 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.

Upcoming Services

October 1	Andrea Perrett	TBA
October 8	George Bartlett & Marianna Harris	Ecumenical Peacemaking / Thanksgiving
October 15	Veronica Dyck	TBA
October 22	Kevin Hiebert	TBA

Refugee Sponsorship Luncheon Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the special luncheon hosted by West Point Grey United Church on Sunday, October 1st at 12:30pm. 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. Please email Travis with your interest at: tramar16@gmail.com.

Canadian Mennonite subscriptions: All who attend PGIMF may receive a subscription to Canadian Mennonite. The biweekly magazine is delivered in print, by email, or both. Subscriptions are paid for collectively through MCBC and PGIMF. To start a new subscription, add digital delivery to an existing print subscription, or switch to digital-only, please contact Veronica Dyck by October 8.

Friday Group Meeting every two weeks, the fall series begins this Friday, Sept. 29, at 10:00 a.m. We'll discuss the article What does a Christian Vocation Look Like for the Elderly? We meet in the Education Building behind First Mennonite at 659 East 52nd Ave. near Fraser. All are welcome... contact Henry N for more information.

Wider Church

MCC-BC AGM Delegates and attenders invited to the MCC-BC AGM at South Abbotsford Church (32424 Huntingdon Road, Abbotsford) at which amendments to MCC-BC's charter will be debated to allow MCC to govern profit-making enterprises. Delegates and guests \$15 (church reimburses upon receipt) to attend, lunch included. Delegates please see Veronica.

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

Regent College You are invited to a book launch and discussion for Ross Hasting's new book *Echoes of Coinherence: Trinitarian Theology and Science Together* in which Dr. Hastings discusses the perceived gap between science and theology in modern discourse. Tuesday, Sep 26, 7:30PM - 9:00 PM. Free admission, all welcome.

Columbia Bible College Annual General Meeting The CBC AGM will take place Thursday, October 5, at 7:00pm in Columbia's Chapel. Columbia's governance requires 20 BCMB and 10 MCBC voting delegates (a voting member of any of our churches) attend. If you are interested in being a delegate please contact Connie (connie@bcmb.org) at the BCMB office. The meeting is open to the public, and CBC would love to have as many guests as possible.

MCC Festival For World Relief Lower Mainland thanks you! With your help, the MCC Festival for World Relief raised over \$1 million to support refugees locally and around the world. Mark your calendars for next year's event, September 14 & 15 at TRADEX in Abbotsford.

The Witness Blanket You are invited to see a new large-scale art installation *The Witness Blanket: Pieces of History* by Carey Newman (Ha-yalth-kingeme), which weaves together hundreds of objects reclaimed from Indian Residential Schools and other important sites in Canada, to symbolize ongoing reconciliation. On display from September 13 -November 8 in Evered Hall, UFV Abbotsford campus (33844 King Rd, Abbotsford). Hours as posted: 10am – 7pm (M-Th) 11am – 5pm, (Fri-Sat)

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

Humour Corner

Mennonite Town Bans Wearing Socks with Sandals

September 13, 2017

Andrew J. Bergman Mennonite Life

Disregarding centuries of Mennonite tradition, the small Anabaptist town of St. Jacobs, Ontario just passed a law banning the wearing of socks with sandals. The new legislation sent shockwaves across the Mennonite community.

"For too long we've let socks and sandals cohabitate on the feet of middle-aged Mennonite men," said local elder Heinrich Brubacher. "It's gone on long enough. From now on, you have a choice: sandals and bare feet or socks with rubber boots."

The new law came into effect after a complaint was made by the Mennonite women in town. "Our husbands have absolutely no fashion sense whatsoever," said Mrs. Wenger. "If our constant nagging couldn't convince our husbands to wear some proper footwear, then we had no choice but to get the elders involved."

The issue came to a head during a recent foot-washing service during which time the water bucket had to be emptied and refilled more than ten times after overflowing with sock lint.

"Not to mention the dozens of pictures of socks and sandals-clad Mennonite men that appeared on Instagram," said Brubacher. "The tourists used to photograph our buggies and black hats, but lately they've been completely obsessed with our socks and sandals. It had to end."

So far the men of St. Jacobs have complied with the new law, though some are considering a countersuit. "If we can't wear the socks with the sandals," said Mr. Lichti, "then the women shouldn't be able to wear brown nylons with sneakers. Fair is fair."