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Laurel Borisenko - Arts-based Strategies for Peacemaking

Worship Leader: Andre Pekovich
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Michael Despotovic
Usher: Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday Jillian Jackson (graduate of Regent College) spoke from Romans 7:14 - 8:2 on the dichotomy between the sinful desires of our flesh and the new creature that we are in Christ. She described the very personal struggles that lead some people to hide their problems and sometimes even tragically die in shame. Like Paul, we struggle in the duality of our wretched nature as slaves to sin even though we live under a new law – the Spirit's unending grace, our new life thanks to Jesus. We sang "Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free" (#539). [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/working-with-our-fleshy-selves/>

PGIMF News

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Psalm 17
Jesus Saw Their Faith
Genesis 45
Meet the Hutterites

Wider Church

MCC-BC MDS and MCC are accepting donations to assist families impacted by the BC wildfires. You are invited to donate directly to MDS or send a donation to MCC which will be used by MDS towards recovery efforts. Please pray for the victims, and consider volunteering with MDS in the recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to MCC, please call 1-888-622-6337 or go to <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/bc-wildfires-mennonite-disaster-service-mds>.

Yard Sale

To benefit the MCC Refugee Food Bank at Sherbrooke church on Saturday, Aug. 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church. (7155 Sherbrooke St., Vancouver) Items to sell and helpers to sell them wanted - household goods, children's toys, jewelry, linens, books, garden items, anything that has potential to be sold. Some clothing OK. See Janice or Hannelore for more details.

Regent College Free Public Lecture You are warmly invited to the last of the free public lectures this week. **Monday's lecture** features Regent president Jeffrey Greenman in Lived Faith: The Challenge of Christian Ethics as he delves into the resources Christians can bring to contemporary ethical debates. Monday, July 31. **Wednesdays' lecture** features David Kim who examines our attitudes to work in The Tension of Glory and Exile: Biblical Expectations for Work on Wednesday August 2nd. All lectures begin 78:30 pm in the Chapel at Regent College. Free parking.

MCBC Seeking Administrative Assistant /Communications Coordinator Are you creative, gifted and trained in the area of Communications? Are you interested in administrative work? MCBC is seeking to fill the Administrative Assistant/Communications Coordinator position beginning September 1st, 2017. This is a 10 hour/week contract position to replace Aften Thiessen who will spend more time at home with her family; and remuneration is commensurate with experience. See the job description at <http://www.mcbc.ca/job-postings/>

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.

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Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); *Congregational Co-ordinator* — Veronica Dyck

Call to Worship

- ¹ My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
² for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.
³ Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
⁴ **So you will find favour and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.**
⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
⁶ **In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.**

Proverbs 24:10-14

¹⁰ If you faint in the day of adversity,
your strength being small;
¹¹ if you hold back from rescuing those taken away
to death,
those who go staggering to the slaughter;
¹² if you say, 'Look, we did not know this'—
does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?
Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know
it?

And will he not repay all according to their deeds?

¹³ My child, eat honey, for it is good,
and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to
your taste.

¹⁴ Know that wisdom is such to your soul;
if you find it, you will find a future,
and your hope will not be cut off. [NRSV]

Joshua 10:28-40

²⁸ Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and struck it
and its king with the edge of the sword; he utterly
destroyed every person in it; he left no one
remaining. And he did to the king of Makkedah as
he had done to the king of Jericho.

²⁹ Then Joshua passed on from Makkedah, and all
Israel with him, to Libnah, and fought against
Libnah. ³⁰ The Lord gave it also and its king into the
hand of Israel; and he struck it with the edge of the
sword, and every person in it; he left no one
remaining in it; and he did to its king as he had
done to the king of Jericho.

³¹ Next Joshua passed on from Libnah, and all Israel
with him, to Lachish, and laid siege to it, and
assaulted it. ³² The Lord gave Lachish into the hand
of Israel, and he took it on the second day, and
struck it with the edge of the sword, and every

person in it, as he had done to Libnah.

³³ Then King Horem of Gezer came up to help
Lachish; and Joshua struck him and his people,
leaving him no survivors.

³⁴ From Lachish Joshua passed on with all Israel to
Eglon; and they laid siege to it, and assaulted it;
³⁵ and they took it that day, and struck it with the
edge of the sword; and every person in it he utterly
destroyed that day, as he had done to Lachish.

³⁶ Then Joshua went up with all Israel from Eglon to
Hebron; they assaulted it, ³⁷ and took it, and struck it
with the edge of the sword, and its king and its
towns, and every person in it; he left no one
remaining, just as he had done to Eglon, and utterly
destroyed it with every person in it.

³⁸ Then Joshua, with all Israel, turned back to Debir and assaulted it, ³⁹ and he took it with its king and all its towns; they struck them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed every person in it; he left no one remaining, just as he had done to Hebron, and, as he had done to Libnah and its king, so he did to Debir and its king.

⁴⁰ So Joshua defeated the whole land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all their kings; he left no one remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded. [NRSV]

Matthew 5: 3-12

³ 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [NRSV]

1 Peter 3:8-12a

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For

**'Those who desire life
and desire to see good days,**

**let them keep their tongues from evil
and their lips from speaking deceit;**

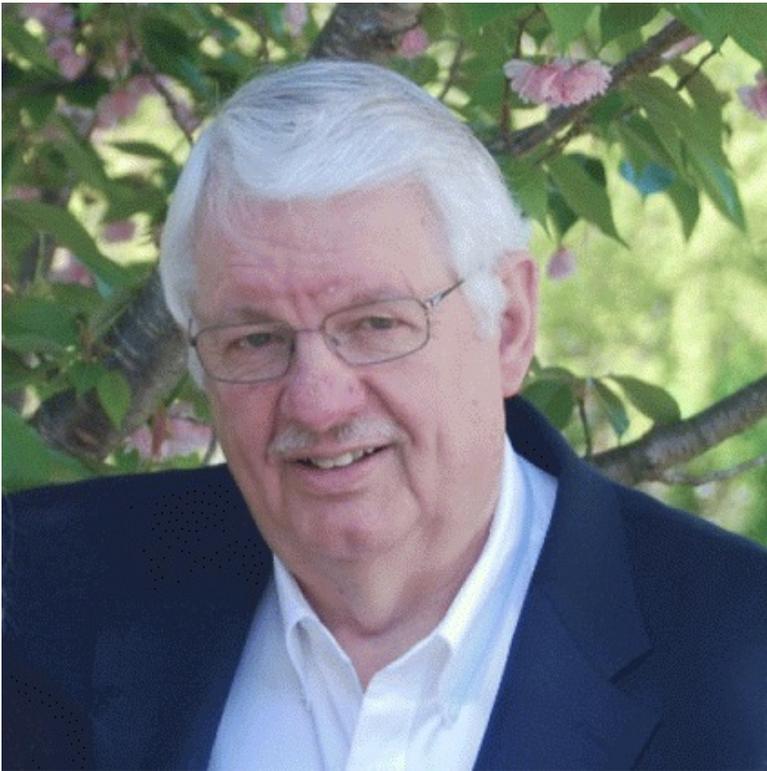
**¹¹ let them turn away from evil and do good;
let them seek peace and pursue it.**

**¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the
righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer. [NRSV]**

Dick Benner's Cancer Treatment

Asking for money is difficult for me. Having fundraising experience, I usually asked others to support this or that cause. But now it is my turn to ask for help. I am sitting here at a clinic in a little town north of Frankfurt, Germany, receiving alternative treatments for my stomach cancer. I chose to go this path because the health system in the US seems to have one solution to cancer and that is chemotherapy. After spending three weeks in a hospital in Charlottesville, VA their prognosis was discouraging. If chemo would not attack the cancer in the lining of my stomach, the doctors said they had no choice but to remove the stomach. This prospect was daunting.

So my sister, Louise, a retired registered nurse, searched the internet for alternative treatment, and after much study and searching found this clinic in Germany that, through various forms of treatment (hypothermia, daily vitamin infusions, etc.) builds up your immune system to attack the cancer. This made ultimate sense to me, so we scheduled a three-week stay here to build up my system for the battle with cancer. She is with me as my advocate and companion.



This is not my first battle. Back in 1963, I fought testicular cancer, then again in 2005 colorectal cancer which also involved the removal of my prostate. I have survived all of this, but now comes another attack which I am determined to fight. It is expensive, however, and my Medicare and supplemental insurance does not cover the costs of any of these alternative treatments. Any help you can give toward these expenses would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot give, please pray for my healing as all of the medical team here, my family and friends, are all dependent on the Ultimate Healer, the God who created me.

I should say, too, that just a week ago I lost my spouse, my soulmate of 55 years, so I am still grieving her loss. Family and friends have been most supportive and I have drawn strength from their many prayers. All this has happened just three months into my retirement, so the adjustments have been real and sometimes overwhelming. I had just retired from eight fulfilling years as editor/publisher of the Canadian

Mennonite, a biweekly news magazine for 33,000 Canadian Mennonites. God must have spared me to fulfill that calling.

Your financial help is much appreciated. Alternative treatment, including travel, is very expensive, mounting up to tens of thousands of dollars. Thank you in advance for your wonderful support.

--Dick Benner