

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Johann Funk - Lamentations

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Last Sunday Janice Kreider spoke about the global Anabaptist communion. We saw and heard a variety of resources including:

- Map of [Mennonite congregations](#) around the world
- Videos of the MWC [Year in Review: 2017](#) and [children singing](#) from Kisumu, Kenya
- The 7 [Shared Convictions](#) of the Mennonite World Conference
- Testimonies from the [World Fellowship Sunday 2018](#) worship resources (15-page PDF)
- Information about the [Global Christian Forum](#)

A congregational meeting followed the potluck lunch, after the service.

Scriptures for Today

Isaiah 40:21-31
Lamentations 3:16-24
Luke 10:25-37

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

February 11	John Klassen	Spirituality and Society in Late Medieval Europe
February 18	Herb Reesor	Conversations about Faith
February 25	Dan Whitehead	Sanctuary Ministries
March 4	TBA	TBA

Wider Church

BCMB The BCMB App - available at App stores now - all platforms.

Regent College Public Lecture Vancouver author Douglas Coupland's postreligious literature is said to "resacralize" the secular versions of epiphany and apocalypse to explore the transcendence of a North American culture that believes more in advertising slogans than in the word of others. Is the church listening? Mary McCampbell explores this in "We are Changed Souls", a lunchtime lecture on Wednesday February 7th at noon in Rm 100 at Regent College. Pay parking outside, but free admission inside along with a Q&A afterward.

Testimonies!

The Worship committee is eagerly seeking attenders who wish to offer their testimony as part of a worship service. Please see Laura, Lois or Mike if you are willing to take part.

MCC Family Day Kit + Caboodle - Looking for a fun activity to do with the kids this Family Day? Grab your caboodle and drop by the MCC Centre to pack relief and hygiene kits for people in need around the world. Purchase your supplies on-site, or visit mccbc.ca/kits to find out what to bring. This is a drop-in event from 2-4 pm on Monday, February 12. Visit <http://mccbc.ca/events> for more info.

MCBC AGM Electronic copies of the MCBC AGM booklet are now available for download. If you would like a copy, please have Andre send it to you. Note: 7.6MB file. Please see two additional resolutions #3 and #4 in the document. There is still time to register as a guest for the AGM or for the LEAD conference - please see Veronica if you would like to go.

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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Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of
the earth?

²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³ who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their
strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint. [NRSV]

Lamentations 3:16-24

¹⁶ He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷ my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸ so I say, 'Gone is my glory,
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'

¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!

²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it

and is bowed down within me.

²¹ But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.' [NRSV]

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when

he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.' [NRSV]

Call to Worship

- based on Psalm 147

One We gather to praise our God! We come to sing our responses to God.

All **We gather in awed wonder at God's unfailing love, which gives us hope.**

One We gather to praise our God and to give thanks for God's compassion.

All **We gather in awed amazement of God's tender mercy and healing grace.**

One We gather to praise our God! We come to pray and thank our God for the miracles of creation - all of which are loving expressions of God's-Own-Self.

All **We gather together to marvel in awed delight, and to give our thanks to our Creating and Sustaining God whose unfailing love gives us eternal hope. Amen.**