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John Friesen - Who Am I?

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Last Sunday We held our annual retreat at Camp Luther led by Diane Ehling and Chan Yang, who arranged for a class in Tai Chi in service of the theme Exercising Soul, Mind & Body. Thanks also to Michael Despotovic who led the Sunday worship service.

Two Sundays Ago Amela Puljek-Shank (MCC Area Director for the Middle East and Europe) shared her personal story of living through the 1992 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Amela described her process of healing from trauma, by re-humanizing the enemy to make forgiveness possible. Recent images from Syria of devastation and multiple internal displacements showed how urgent the needs are for relief and conflict transformation skills. Even the abandoned families of opposing fighters need help. Hope comes in the form of MCC's dedicated local partners who risk their lives to make a difference. Blessed are the peacemakers (Matt. 5:9). [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/mcc-middle-east-europe-2018/>

Scriptures for Today

Psalm 8:3-9

Matthew 16:13-20

Exodus 3:11-15

1 Samuel 17:32-37

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

June 10	Samuel Andri	TBA
June 17	Susan Hackett	The Meaning of Privilege
June 24	Worship in the Park	
July 1	Andria Irwin	TBA

Membership As mentioned at the PGIMF Annual General Meeting, you are invited to check the membership registers and see if you're on it. If not, please consider whether joining is for you. See Andre for the list.

AGM Minutes Please be advised that the minutes of the Congregational Meeting (AGM) are now posted on the PGIMF website in the members area. You'll need the usual password to get access to that area, available from any member of the church board or tech committee.

Short Stay Request Ken Peters (Pastor - Saanich Community Church) asked if we could help one of his members coming to Vancouver for medical appointments.

Wondering if you may know someone in the Vancouver proper area I might be able to stay with from June 4th or 5th until June 8th or 9th (still trying to sort out travel dates with my travel companion). Not too far out from Vancouver proper is best as I probably won't have a vehicle with me. I'll be busy during daytime hours and won't need any meals to be provided. I am going to Vancouver for medical appointments during that time. . Feel free to share my request. People can contact me by (**contact info available from webmaster on request**). Thanks so much! Merrin

Please contact Merrin if you can help.

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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Congregational Care—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); **Recording Secretary**--- Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);
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Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627)

Housing Alternatives Former PGIMF attender Carolyn Good, who now lives in the Valley, is hoping to help her son find housing alternatives for when he attends UBC later this year. You can contact her at (**e-mail address available from webmaster**) if you can help.

#ChurchToo Last Saturday, while the Fellowship was enjoying its annual retreat, Veronica Dyck attended a seminar on sexual misconduct within the church, returning better equipped to respond to these painful situations within our own communities. Our thanks go to Veronica for attending on behalf of the fellowship and keeping us current with our obligations not only to the church but the wider church as well. More information available at

<https://www.columbiabc.edu/ChurchToo>

Wider Church

Regent College Public Lecture The summer lecture series at Regent College begins Tuesday June 5th with an examination of archaeological discoveries that left clues to the inner mental world of early hominids. Celia Deane-Drummond (Notre Dame) ties that to our conception of humility to the divine in a lecture entitled The Lost Soul of Early hominids: Humility, Wisdom and Technology. Return Wednesday June 6th with Minh Song (Pastor Toronto Korean Presbyterian) examining mission as a two-way street between the gospel and the cultures it visits. In Lessons from the Past: Mission in the Age of Rapid Change. Finally, extend your joy with David Lewin (Strathclyde) who investigates the disparate domains of technology and theology to see if they mutually illuminate or obscure each other. He speaks Thursday June 7th on Thinking about Tomorrow: Where Theology, Technology and Education Meet. All lectures begin at 7:30 pm and take place in the Chapel at Regent College. Free admission.

MCC Many are saddened at the news from Gaza. On Monday, a volunteer for one of MCC partners was one of the injured by live fire. MCC has issued an urgent call for action across Canada and the US that many people will send a message to their government reps, calling for an end to the violence and support of human rights for all. See <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/advocacy/campaigns/end-suffering-gaza> to send a message to your MP and the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Your prayers and support for a just peace are coveted.

Marketplace by MCC Community Enterprises On June 8, 2018 stop by the Marketplace by MCC CE's Grand Opening (34377 Marshall Rd., Abbotsford). Join Mayor Braun for a buffet breakfast (\$15) beginning at 8:00 am followed by ribbon cutting and speeches at 9 am. **Marketplace by MCC CE** features furniture, clothing, accessories, home decor & artisan goods from upcycled, vintage, consignment and new, sources, supporting local and global artisans. Marketplace by MCC CE is a social enterprise of MCC Community Enterprises, supporting the local and global relief, development and peace efforts of MCC.

Spring worship concert The Anglican archdeaconry of Vancouver invites you to Evensong: Be Joyful in the Lord, a traditional liturgy with compositions by Scott Gould. Sunday June 3rd at 4:00 pm at St. Helen's Anglican Church (4405 W. 8th Ave. Vancouver). Tea and crumpets to follow.

Vision Journal The AMBS/CMU publication Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology is published twice a year - PGIMF gets its own copy which spends its time in the hallway slots waiting for borrowers. However, you can read excellent articles such as Why I am not part of the church by Lukas Thiessen, and Thoughts on Forming Leaders for a Church that does not yet Exist by Isaiah Friesen and Andy Brubacher Kaethler. It's free to read on-line and you can sign up for a print subscription at <https://press.palni.org/ojs/>

CCMBC The Canadian Conference of MB Churches holds its Annual Gathering July 11-14, 2018 at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Those who wish to read the proposals, motions, reports and agenda are encouraged to find them at <http://gathering.mennonitebrethren.ca/reports/>. (Theoretically) it's not too late to register!

BCMB At the BCMB AGM last month, concerns were raised about the operation and structure of the BCMB Camps and some proposed debt that was to be incurred. The Leadership Board has taken the input received at that meeting and provided a detailed response which was submitted to all churches. If you have not seen it yet (it is not available on the website) please e-mail Andre for a PDF copy.

Psalm 8:3-9

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of
your hands;

you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
[NRSV]

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say
that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say
John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them,
'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter
answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not

revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And
I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build
my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail
against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom
of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be
bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered
the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the
Messiah.
[NRSV]

Exodus 3:11-15

¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go
to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'

¹² He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the
sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have
brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship
God on this mountain.'

¹³ But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites
and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has
sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his

name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴ God said to
Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you
shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."
' ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the
Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations. [NRSV]

1 Samuel 17:32-37

³² David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because
of him; your servant will go and fight with this
Philistine.' ³³ Saul said to David, 'You are not able to
go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you
are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his
youth.' ³⁴ But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used
to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or
a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I
went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb
from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would

catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. ³⁶ Your
servant has killed both lions and bears; and this
uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them,
since he has defied the armies of the living God.'

³⁷ David said, 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw
of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save
me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to
David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

[NRSV]

