

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Samuel Andri - Finding Joy

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Accompanist: Ruth Enns

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Usher: Edward Epp

Last Sunday Dr. John Friesen (Professor Emeritus of Counselling Psychology, UBC), one of the founders of the church and the Menno Simons Centre, spoke on the importance of identity. Despite feelings of inadequacy and self-doubt, Moses and David served as the Lord's chosen instruments. The encouraging words of people such as mentors and those we've served over the years can help us face our "giants" (adversaries and difficult circumstances). Recognition of the identity of Jesus as the Messiah grew out of a conversation with the Apostle Peter. May the source of our identity as a Christian Self be found in our relationship with the living God. [KH]

Scriptures for Today
Luke 15:1-10

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/who-am-i-2018/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

June 17	Susan Hackett	The Meaning of Privilege
June 24	Worship in the Park	
July 1	Andria Irwin	TBA
July 8	You could be the speaker!	

Transition social To celebrate the many volunteers at PGIMF who serve to run the fellowship, present the services, and support the fellowship behind the scenes (which is everyone in this full-participation fellowship!), our tradition is to recognize everyone in the fellowship at a potluck "Transition Social" which this year will be held at Rosie's place (4377 W. 11th Ave, Vancouver) on Saturday June 23rd beginning at 5:00 pm. With drinks provided, please bring a dish to share, and perhaps a folding chair or best of all folding tables to put beside your chairs. Come one, come all!

Testimonies The fellowship has particularly enjoyed hearing testimonies from attenders being received into membership, and would like to extend the invitation to all who wish to give the testimony of their lives with Christ on a given Sunday. Please see Andre, Evan or Rosie if you would like to arrange a Sunday service to offer your testimony.

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 available from webmaster upon request) if you can help.

Sudermans visit those who remember Rod and Kathi Suderman will be pleased to know they plan to visit Vancouver from July 9-23 and wonder if anyone needs housesitting during that period? Please contact Kathi if you know of someone.

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.

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—Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); **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**—Janice Kreider (604-228-1217); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);
Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627)

Acknowledgment for PGIMF those who participated in the blanket exercise at the retreat at Camp Luther in 2017 may remember John and Nancy Denham who led the exercise on our behalf. Diane Ehling, who enrolled them, received a nice note from them last week:

Hi Diane,

I am remembering our time with you at Camp Luther last year and wanted to thank you and your group for our time there doing the Blanket Exercise. You were very generous in your donation to us and I want to say thank you again and let you know that it has been and will continue to be put to good use for reconciliation events that we are involved in. We have used it to help fund the 6 Kairos Blanket Exercises we've done in the last year - including last week with Capilano University Sechelt Campus staff, students and alumni. We have also subsidized the purchase of the books "Wrongs to Rights" for an ecumenical book study we are doing with a group of about 15 people from 4 different faith organizations. We will continue to use your generous donation in a judicious way to further reconciliation events as they arise here on the coast.

I hope you and your family are all well and please give our best regards to your congregation,

Wider Church

MDS Mennonite Disaster Service has begun a project in Williams Lake to rebuild three houses destroyed by the wildfires of July 2017. With a dozen crew and helpers, the team has poured two basements and framed the main floor on one, and the community of builders, suppliers, townspeople and residents are appreciative of the work. To read more on this good-news story, or to donate, visit <https://www.mds.mennonite.net/current-news/williams-lake-b-c-may-16-june-1-2018/>

MCC - We Are Neighbours Event Join MCC supporters on Saturday, June 23 from 1:00-4:00 at Mill Lake Park in Abbotsford, for a celebration of both World Refugee Day and National Indigenous Peoples Day. Pack a picnic and stop by for an afternoon of celebration including: dancing, singing and storytelling from newcomer and Indigenous groups; an artisan and craft market; family-friendly activities and concession by Marketplace by MCC CE. Bring your own seating to enjoy the stage performances. Visit mccbc.ca/events to find out more.

MCBC Of concern to some at the Mennonite Church BC Annual Meeting in February was the lack of a recent performance evaluation of the Executive minister. Lee Dyck, moderator, state this has now been completed and is available on request from the MCBC office and forward planning to address concerns will be communicated as it occurs.

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that

was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

⁸ 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.' [NRSV]

Scriptures about Joy

1 Chronicles 16:27. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

Psalms 4:7 You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound

Psalms 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 32:11 Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Philippians 2:1-2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Romans 12:12 & 15 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious **joy**,

Spellcheck humour....

Let God, not your electronics, take control of your life or your words could end up misunderstood like some of these church bulletin bloopers.

Strength will rise ass we wait upon the Lord...

From the Apostles' Creed: "...born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Panties Pilate..."

Hymn No. 227 – "The Friendly Breasts"

We caught "Hymen No. 1, Holy, Holy, Holy" before a funeral bulletin went to print once.

Our curate once led the prayer "that we have, worthily laminating our sins and wickedness..."

Featuring "Penis Angelicus" as prelude.

"Away in a manager..."

"Nobody knows the trouble I've been."

In a Baptist church bulletin the hymn "The Bond of Love" was to be sung while everyone welcomed the visitors.

The bulletin listed the hymn as "The Bone of Love."