

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Joy Rudder - Stories To Share

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Last Sunday Thomas Bergen (Menno Simons Centre Residence Coordinator) continued his series on Mark with an exploration of the identity of Jesus as The Strong One. Jesus models a strength that is both incorruptible and other-focused. Unlike the self-preserving and self-promoting rulers of this world, God shows strength through the gentle leading of the Holy Spirit. Even strong men of the world such as John the Baptizer or Jim Jones necessarily fall short of Jesus' example through misunderstanding or overreaching. May God give us the strength to follow Jesus like the Good Shepherd in Isaiah 40:11 by carrying one another's burdens. [KH & AP]

Hear the message in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/jesus-the-strong-one/>

Scriptures for Today

Luke 7:36-50
Matthew 25: 44-46
Matthew 20:16

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 30	Henry Krause	Reconciliation and Orange Shirt day
October 7	Service of Readings and Prayers	Thanksgiving
October 14	Janice Kreider	Stories
October 21	Thomas Bergen	Mark series: Jesus, The Healing One

Church Directory Regular attenders and newcomers, please take this opportunity to add your name to the list and become eligible for your own church mailbox full of "junque mail" as well as signing on for a multitude of opportunities to participate in congregational life and in our services. Please note: we protect your personal information in accord with our privacy policy available on-line at www.pgimf.org.

Book Study You are invited to a weekly book study Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning September 12 on Palmer Becker's book Anabaptist Essentials, and takes place at Peace Mennonite Church (11571 Daniels Rd., Richmond) in the Fireside Room. The book is available on Amazon or at the Regent College bookstore. For more information contact John Sawatzky at (contact info available from webmaster)

Wider Church

MCC AGM The MCC-BC Annual General Meeting takes place September 29th at South Langley Mennonite Church (20098-22nd Ave, Langley). This important meeting requires church representation every year to ensure our voice is heard. Registration (\$10) online at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>. Ed Epp is one of the delegates for PGIMF and offers rides to anyone attending who can make it out to White Rock. Please be advised of a special resolution regarding membership to be voted on at this meeting. More info at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events/mcc-bc-annual-meeting-2018-behind-headlines-langley-bc>

Peace Heroes Begun in a Palestinian school in Jerusalem, this curriculum is offered in ten schools in Israel, Palestine, Kenya, south Africa, Burundi and north Iraq/Kurdistan. Hear Elie Pritz speak on how the Peace Heroes project equips students to transform communities. Wed. Sept. 26 at 7:00pm at St. Mary's Church, 2490 W. 37th Ave.

MCC-BC Peace Desk features a public lecture with Dr. Mulanda Juma, the MCC representative for DR Congo and Angola as well as lecturer in Peace Studies at St. Augustine College (SA). The bleak news is not the current reality and the message Juma brings is one of resilience and hope of people who work toward social justice amid the violence there. Thurs. Oct. 4 @ 5:30 pm at UFV Abbotsford Campus (33844 King Rd., Abbotsford), Bldg B, Rm 121.

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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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** — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

Regent College Regent College's Public Lectures return with Mark Noll speaking in a series of important lectures on Christian outlooks and roles, triumphs and failures, in politics and public discourse in the US, Britain and Canada this Wednesday and Thursday. Three lectures - Wednesday 7:30 - 9:pm, Thursday 11:30 - am - 1:30 pm, and Thursday evening 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm address this important conversation. Free admission to all events; more information at <https://www.regent-college.edu>.

A Rocha Canada/Reframe: You are invited to attend the Food, Faith and Farming Workshop to explore the intersections of these three subjects in theological discussions, bible study, hands-on farm tour and eating together at the Little Qualicum Cheeseworks (403 Lowry Rd., Parksville) Friday in a full day from September 28 at 6:00 pm to Saturday September 29th at 6:00 pm

Vancouver School of Theology VST invites you to the Apostles' Creed Chapel Series, weekly noon-time lectures exploring the themes of the creed phrase by phrase, with teachers and pastors from across traditions such as Ray Aldred, Ken Shigematsu & Rabbi Laura Duhan Kaplan. Thursdays noon - 1:00pm from Sept. 27th at the Chapel of the Epiphany (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC). See the livestream at <https://vst.edu/event/apostles-creed-chapel-series>

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶⁻³⁹ One of the Pharisees asked him over for a meal. He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down at the dinner table. Just then a woman of the village, the town harlot, having learned that Jesus was a guest in the home of the Pharisee, came with a bottle of very expensive perfume and stood at his feet, weeping, raining tears on his feet. Letting down her hair, she dried his feet, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man was the prophet I thought he was, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is falling all over him."

⁴⁰ Jesus said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Oh? Tell me."

⁴¹⁻⁴² "Two men were in debt to a banker. One owed five hundred silver pieces, the other fifty. Neither of them could pay up, and so the banker canceled both debts. Which of the two would be more grateful?"

⁴³⁻⁴⁷ Simon answered, "I suppose the one who was forgiven the most."

"That's right," said Jesus. Then turning to the woman, but speaking to Simon, he said, "Do you see this woman? I came to your home; you provided no water for my feet, but she rained tears on my feet and dried them with her hair. You gave me no greeting, but from the time I arrived she hasn't quit kissing my feet. You provided nothing for freshening up, but she has soothed my feet with perfume. Impressive, isn't it? She was forgiven many, many sins, and so she is very, very grateful. If the forgiveness is minimal, the gratitude is minimal."

⁴⁸ Then he spoke to her: "I forgive your sins."

⁴⁹ That set the dinner guests talking behind his back: "Who does he think he is, forgiving sins!"

⁵⁰ He ignored them and said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." [The Message]

Matthew 25: 44-46

⁴⁴ "Then those 'goats' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn't help?'

⁴⁵ "He will answer them, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to

someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.'

⁴⁶ "Then those 'goats' will be herded to their eternal doom, but the 'sheep' to their eternal reward." [The Message]

Matthew 20:16

¹⁶ "Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first." [The Message]