

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Jeremy Funk - God the Human Being

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Last Sunday Dr. Julianne Funk (Ph.D., peace scholar and lecturer at the University of Zurich) shared how Mennonite contributions to international peacemaking have a Biblical basis in the Sermon on the Mount. She gave us examples from her personal experience of the six key attributes of Mennonite peace-making practice, and referenced John Paul Lederach's writings in support of long-term perspectives and the empowerment of local leaders. Breaking the cycle of violence requires an embrace of paradox: upholding truth and mercy so that justice and peace may kiss (Psalm 85:10 in translation). [KH]

Listen to the message at <https://pgimf.org/service/creative-nonviolence/>
and view the accompanying slideshow at the same link

Scriptures for Today

Psalm 41

Isaiah 56:1-8

Romans 14:1-19

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

August 5	John Hodges	What is Man?
August 12	John Klassen	A History Lesson
August 19	Amy Anderson	The Love of God
August 26	Michael Despotovic	Testimony

Seeking your opinion The new congregational coordinator wonders if anyone at PGIMF ever looks at our bulletin board by the stairs

ParticipACTION at PGIMF Our community seeks visitors and friends who want to make a deeper commitment to us. If you wish to join a mailing list, get on the formal church contact list, offer your testimony, or become a member, please contact any member of the church board (see bottom of page) to begin.

Wider Church

Regent College Public lectures Bruce Longenecker (Baylor) compares historical devotion to Greco-Roman deities with Paul's devotion to the One God in a talk entitled Beyond the Mysteries: Paul's Proclamation on Monday July 30th at 7:30 pm. Return on Tuesday the 31st at 7:30 pm for a book launch of Don Lewis's In Darkest London as he opens a window on urban life and mission in Victoria London. Return on Wednesday August 1st at 7:30 pm for the last of the Summer Series with David Bebbington (Stirling) in a fascinating talk on William Carey, the Founding Father of the Baptist Missionary Society in 1790s England. His talk, Architect of Modern Missions: The Achievement of William Carey takes place, like all the other lectures, in the Chapel at Regent College.

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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Psalm 41

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ Happy are those who consider the poor;
the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.
² The Lord protects them and keeps them alive;
they are called happy in the land.
You do not give them up to the will of their
enemies.
³ The Lord sustains them on their sickbed;
in their illness you heal all their infirmities. (Cont'd)
- ⁴ As for me, I said, 'O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'
⁵ My enemies wonder in malice
when I will die, and my name perish.
⁶ And when they come to see me, they utter empty
words,
while their hearts gather mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.
⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

- ⁸ They think that a deadly thing has fastened on me,
that I will not rise again from where I lie.
⁹ Even my bosom friend in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted the heel against me.
¹⁰ But you, O Lord, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them.
- ¹¹ By this I know that you are pleased with me;
because my enemy has not triumphed over me.
¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence for ever.
- ¹³ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.
Amen and Amen. [NRSV]

Isaiah 56:1-8

- ¹ Thus says the Lord:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.
- ² Happy is the mortal who does this,
the one who holds it fast,
who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it,
and refrains from doing any evil.
- ³ Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say,
'The Lord will surely separate me from his people';
and do not let the eunuch say,
'I am just a dry tree.'
⁴ For thus says the Lord:
To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,
who choose the things that please me
and hold fast my covenant,
⁵ I will give, in my house and within my walls,
a monument and a name

better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting name
that shall not be cut off.

- ⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.
⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered. [NRSV]

Romans 14:1-19

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

¹³Let us therefore no longer pass judgement on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. ¹⁵If your brother or sister is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let your good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. ¹⁹Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. [NRSV]

Humour Corner

Couple Seeks New Church Where They Can Experience Deeper, More Reliable Connection To WiFi

VANCOUVER — Local couple Brandon and Heidi Sause recently expressed frustration that in their search for a church home, they haven't been able to find a church with a deep, long-lasting, authentic connection to WiFi. The couple had recently left their previous church home when they felt less and less connected to the WiFi. Now trying out a new church every Sunday, the couple has taken specific note of churches who provide them with something more than "stale teaching and flashy worship band performances." They are on a journey to bring their connection with WiFi to the next level.

"I don't like to sit around and bash the church, but it's very disconnected," said Brandon after a recent visit to another local Vancouver church. Heidi made a similar remark, stating that, "churches are destined to grow stagnant, irrelevant, and lifeless without a profound and robust connection to good WiFi."

Many have criticized churches for remaining stuck in their old ways, refusing to see a lack of WiFi connection as a sign that they are not allowing for growth. When one local church pastor was asked about his WiFi connection he replied, "my wife and I are very well connected," only further displaying the lack of basic understanding many pastors have of what is really important to young people seeking a church home.

The Sause family says they will continue their search next Sunday. "Despite the lack of connectivity in many churches, we mustn't let that affect our commitment to find a solid, powerful link to the Internet. We serve a connected God, not a savior of shallow and unreliable connectivity to WiFi."