

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Worship Leader:
Accompanist:

Laura Eriksson
Curtis Funk

Music Worship:
Usher:

Andre Pekovich
Edward Epp

Last Sunday Thomas Bergen (Menno Simons Centre Residence Coordinator), continued his series on Mark with the tension between our desire for physical health and the holistic healing ministry of Jesus, which emphasized spiritual restoration. Jesus is known as a healer, in part because of the many stories of his healing work in the Gospel of Mark, and also because modern Christians pray in Christ's name for God to heal them. May we learn to see God in the miracles of medicine and value our bodies, trusting in Christ's ultimate victory over death. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/jesus-the-healing-one/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

November 4

J. Evan Kreider

"...and I believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the age to come"

November 11

Thomas Bergen

Mark series: Jesus the Authoritative One

November 18

Veronica Dyck

Lectionary

November 25

Janet Boldt

TBA

Wider Church

Regent College Sharing from the story of his own loss, and pastoral insights, Dr. Ross Hastings will offer some insights into how we adapt to our losses of many kinds, and the grief it brings in the Living Well Forum in a talk entitled Where do broken hearts go? Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018 at 12:00PM - 1:00 PM in room 100.

Symphony of Hymns This fundraising concert for MCBC's church health connections and outreach ministries takes place Saturday November 10th at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church (7155 Sherbrooke St., Vancouver) at 7:00 pm and features Gail Suderman, Calvin Dyck and Christopher Lee on the clarinet. Offering taken.

In Memoriam At the age of 85 Eugene Peterson joined the Triune God's most intimate presence October 22nd at 6:30 am. The funeral will be live-streamed from First Presbyterian in Kalispell MT on Saturday November 3rd at 1:00pm (Mountain Standard Time) in order to allow the many whose lives he touched to pay their final respects. Read a more extensive obituary at the Regent College homepage at:

<https://www.regent-college.edu/about-us/news/2018/remembering-eugene-peterson>

Making of a Hymnal Read a fascinating blog post by Melodie Davis on the making of the new Mennonite hymnal Voices Together in a post at Third Way Café at <http://thirdway.com/behind-scenes-making-hymnal/>

MHSBC The Mennonite Historical Society of BC presents Hans Werner in a talk entitled Caught in the Middle: Mennonites in Stalin's & Hitler's Armies. Sunday November 4th at 2:30 pm at Level Ground Church (31216 King Rd., Abbotsford). Free admission, special music and coffee served.

VST - The Apostles' Creed you are invited to join the noontime reflections on the apostles' creed, a different phrase from the creed every Thursday at noon featuring a faith leader from Vancouver's wide spectrum of churches. Thursday November 1st at noon features He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God with Dr. Bob Paul. Chapel of the Epiphany, (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC)

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);
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)

Snow days announcement

This reminder asks you to check your e-mail by 8:30 on Sunday mornings when snow is expected or has fallen, to find out if the service has been cancelled. The worship leader for each Sunday will be responsible for checking the conditions (walks shovelled, road conditions, etc.) in the area of the church with an appropriate person (residence coordinators or other church members in West Point Grey) and will "call off" the service as decided in their sole discretion.

Partings The end of this November sees **Willard Metzger** officially leaving his position as Executive Minister for Mennonite Church Canada, having spent eight years representing MC Canada to the Canadian Council of Churches, the EFC and other conferences in a time of major transition. And June 2019 will see the retirement of AMBS President **Sara Wenger Shenk** who has served since 2010. Shenk visited PGIMF in 2016 on a cross-continent tour, doubtless visiting fellow AMBS board member and sometime PGIMF attender Gerda Krause.

Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹ God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. [NRSV]

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its

place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' ²⁴ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed. [NRSV]

Ecclesiastes 3:11, 14

"God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of humankind, yet, they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

I know that everything God does will endure forever: nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does this so humankind will revere him."

1Cor. 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come."

A Word of Prayer

Holy One,
untamed
by the names
I give you,
in the silence
name me,
that I may know
who I am,
hear the truth
you have put into me,
trust the love
you have for me,
which you call me to live out
with my sisters and brothers
in your human family. AMEN

- Sing the Story #143

Humour Corner

Suspicious Package Mailed To Joel Osteen Found To Contain Bible

HOUSTON, TX—A suspicious package mailed to Joel Osteen and intercepted by Lakewood Church security was found to contain a copy of the Christian Bible, sources confirmed Wednesday.

"We noticed right away the package didn't feel right," said Lakewood's head of security. "It was about the right weight to contain the 66 books of the Bible, and sure enough, there it was." A special Bible squad was called in to extract the package from the premises and dispose of it, making sure Osteen remained safe from the knowledge of the gospel.

Osteen stated he had a "bad feeling" when he went into the office this morning and began hissing, "It burnss ussss!" about the time the suspicious package was delivered to Lakewood's mail room. "I usually have a really positive feeling, but hoo boy—I just knew something wasn't right when I went into work this morning."

Several prosperity gospel preachers decried the attempted terrorism. "This is not how we deal with each other civilly in this country," said Creflo Dollar. "Mailing one of us Word-Faith teachers a copy of the Bibles is simply beyond the pale." Benny Hinn agreed, and also claimed to have received a MacArthur Study Bible in the mail several weeks ago. "I still have the singe marks on my hands," he said.

- The Babylon Bee