

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Henry Krause - Orange is the New Colour for Reconciliation and Justice

Worship Leader:
Accompanist:

Rosie Perera
Rosemary Bell

Music Worship:
Usher:

Andre Pekovich
Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday Joy Rudder (chaplain in long-term care facilities and contract musician at Pine Grove) spoke on finding grace in unexpected places. Being raised in a home which treasured writing and literature, she became an accomplished writer, as her talk demonstrated so wonderfully. Patience, coupled with an open mind, a quiet listening ear, and a willingness to accept patients' love as they can best give it at their stage of life—these have been combined to create a Christ-like servant model for anyone living with or loving someone with mental challenges at life's end. Joy began with the verse, 'if you do it to one of the least of these, you have done it unto me.' [JEK]

Hear the message in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/stories-to-share-joy-rudder/>

**Scriptures for
Today**
Acts 8:26-40

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

October 7	Service of Readings and Prayers	Thanksgiving
October 14	Janice Kreider	Stories
October 21	Thomas Bergen	Mark series: Jesus, The Healing One
October 28	Henry Neufeld	TBA

Church Directory Last day to add your name to the church list to let everyone know how to contact you and to be called 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-BC Relief Sale Over 20,000 people attended the annual MCC British Columbia Festival for World Relief September 14 & 15 at the Abbotsford TRADEX which raised over \$1M to support uprooted people locally and around the world. The Bread of Life auction contributed over \$230,000 to the festival's fundraising total to support food security projects in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) which is assisting some of the 1.4 million people displaced by the conflict in the north east region, including over 2,100 people and families living in the Internally Displaced People site of the Poste in Minova in the eastern part of DRC. And 105 riders took part in the Saturday morning Pedaling for Hope cyclathon which raised over \$220,000 in support internally displaced people (IDP) in Syria. The remaining funds that contributed to the \$1M were raised through food, craft, and booth sales as well as other fundraising efforts held at the two-day festival and will support MCC's work with uprooted and vulnerable people, here in BC and around the world. (From MCC-BC news release)

MCC-BC Peace Desk features a public lecture by MCC Rep for DR Congo & Angola Dr. Mulanda Juma. 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.

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**—Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);
Finance — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

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), or see the livestream at: <https://vst.edu/event/apostles-creed-chapel-series>

Canadian Mennonite Survey All PGIMF attenders are invited to receive the Canadian Mennonite. Although the CM is not the official organ of Mennonite Church Canada (for that see their website), it does include news from the Mennonite churches across Canada. The conference is reviewing its communication strategy and has created a communications survey for members and participants of the churches. You are invited to complete the survey online before the end of October at : <https://mccanada.respondnow.ca/> If you prefer to complete the survey on paper, Janice can supply you with a copy. Thank you for your participation!

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)

²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. [NRSV]

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in

Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. [NSRV]

Call to Worship:

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.

We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love.

With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.

From Aboriginal Sunday Celebration and Thanksgiving Service, United Church of Canada.