

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: www.pgimf.org

January 13, 2019

Worship Leader:	Henry Klippenstein - The Road to Character	Music Worship:	Andre Pekovich
Accompanist:	J. Evan Kreider	Usher:	Ed Epp
	Rosemary Bell		

Last Sunday On Epiphany Sunday, John Klassen, Ph.D. (Professor Emeritus of History at TWU) spoke on the history of God and God's people, from Genesis to Revelation. Throughout the intertwining of good and evil by humankind, after periodic rebukes, God is quick to return to mercy – a comingling of punishment and grace. The final words of the Bible include an inclusive call to let anyone who wishes take the free gift of the water of life (Rev. 22:17). [KH]

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

January 20	Annika Krause	Fellowship By One and the Same Spirit
January 27	Annika Krause	Fellowship is Like Oil on the Head
February 3, 10	Andrea Perrett	TBA (Series)

Church list updates Catherine has moved to a new place in Louisiana - you can find her at (personal information removed - see webmaster for details) She retains the same e-mail address.

Wider Church

Pacific Theatre Ensemble Theatre Company invites you to their production of A Prayer for Owen Meany - a child of the 1960s with a divine mission, or so he thinks. Runs January 18-February 9 - tickets \$15-\$36.50 at 604-731-5518 or online at www.pacifictheatre.org.

Mennonite Heritage Museum You are invited to a book-launch of a new memoir by Liz Jansen Crash Landing: The Long Road Home about unexpected detours, and following the signs back to your origins. Free event, booksigning, and refreshments. Thursday January 17th at 7:00 pm at the Museum (1818 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford. More info at www.mennonitemuseum.org or at 604-758-5667

Dark Glass Theatre - billets wanted The upcoming production of The Amish Project needs homes to billet women actors for a few days from February 17-24. Angela Konrad, Artistic Director of Dark Glass Theatre (the theatre company) is reaching out to friends who live in the city for people who could host an actor or two for a week in February. If you can offer a space close to Granville Island, please call Angela at (phone number available from webmaster on request).

Acts 1:12-14

RETURNING TO JERUSALEM

So, they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas, son of James.

They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer, the women included. Also Jesus' mother, Mary, and his brothers.

- The Message

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)

Proverbs 2:1-15 and 20-22

MAKE INSIGHT YOUR PRIORITY

¹⁻⁵ Good friend, take to heart what I am telling you;
Collect my counsels and guard them with your life.
Tune your ears to the world of Wisdom;
Set your hearts on a life of understanding.
That's right - if you make Insight your priority,
And won't take no for an answer,
Searching for it like a prospector panning for gold,
Like an adventurer on a treasure hunt,
Believe me, before you know it Fear-of-God will be
yours;
You'll have come upon the Knowledge of God.

⁶⁻⁸ And here's why: God gives out Wisdom free,
Is plainspoken in knowledge and Understanding.
He's a rich mine of Common Sense for those who live
well,
Personal bodyguard to the candid and sincere.
He keeps his eye on all who live honestly,
And pays special attention to his loyally committed
ones.

⁹⁻¹⁵ So now you can pick out what's true and fair,
Find all the good trails!

Lady Wisdom will be your close friend,
And Brother Knowledge your pleasant companion.
Good Sense will scout ahead for danger,
Insight will keep an eye out for you.
They'll keep you from making wrong turns,
Or following the bad directions
Of those who are lost themselves
and can't tell a trail from a tumbleweed,
These losers who make a game of evil
And throw parties to celebrate perversity,
Traveling paths that go nowhere,
Wandering in a maze of detours and dead ends....

[...]

²⁰⁻²² So-join the company of good men and women,
Keep your feet on tried and true paths.
It's the men who walk straight who will settle this
land,
The women with integrity who will last here.
The corrupt will lose their lives;
The dishonest will be gone for good.
- The Message

Ephesians 4:1-7, 14-16

TO BE MATURE

¹⁻³ In light of all this, here is what I want you to do.
While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I
want you to get out there and walk - better yet, run! -
on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any
of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want
anyone strolling off, down some path that goes
nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and
discipline - not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring
yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at
noticing differences and quick at mending fences.

⁴⁻⁶ You were all called to travel on the same road and
in the same direction, so stay together, both
outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master one
faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who
rules over all, works through all, and is present in all.
Everything you are and think and do is permeated
with Oneness.

⁷ But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak
and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ,
each of us is given his own gift ...

[...]

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll
not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who
are an easy mark for imposters. God wants us to grow
up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love - like
Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ,
who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in
step with each other. His very breath and blood flow
through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up
healthy in God, robust in love.

- The Message