

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Dori Zerbe Cornelsen - Not Simple At All

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Last Sunday J. Evan Kreider spoke on "Geist und Wurst" in reference to The Affair of the Sausages (1522) – the Swiss Reformation challenge to church-mandated fasting. Abstaining or fasting during Lent can help us focus on prayers of repentance, mourning, or healing. In the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday (after excluding the 6 Sundays), we might consider giving up certain foods or luxuries and donating the savings to charity. But the Biblical examples of fasting are clear that it must not be for show, and God's desire is that we loosen the bonds of injustice (Isaiah 58:6). [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/geist-und-wurst/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

March 3	Thomas Bergen	Mark: Jesus the Teaching One
March 10	Membership Sunday	
March 17	Kevin Hiebert	Perfectly Placed Artifacts
March 24	Heather Murray	TBA

Abendmusik Vespers Choir come hear the Lenten Vespers, an hour of contemplative music and worship for the Lenten soul March 9th at Emmanuel Free Reformed Church (3386 Mt. Lehman Rd, Abbotsford) and March 10 at St. Philip's Anglican Church (3737 W. 27th Ave, Vancouver). Services begin at 7:30 pm.

Wider Church

Regent College You are welcome to attend a free public lecture sponsored by the Templeton Foundation featuring David Clough in theological ethics entitled On Animals Volume II: The Challenge of Christian Animal Ethics. This lecture launches the second part of his landmark work analyzing our attitude and practices toward animals and how churches can engage with the ethics of creation care it touches on. Monday February 25 at 7:30 pm in Room 100 at Regent College. Free admission.

West Point Grey Lenten Prayer Series You are invited to celebrate the Lenten season with six noon-time periods of reflection and prayer of 30 minutes followed by a simple lunch at the hosting congregations:

- March 6 VST Epiphany Chapel (6030 Chancellor Blvd, UBC)
- March 13 St Helen's Anglican (4405 W. 8th Ave. Vancouver)
- March 20 West Point Grey United (4595 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver)
- March 27 St. Anselm's Anglican (5210 University Blvd, UBC)
- April 3 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic (2465 Crown St., Vancouver)
- April 10 West Point Grey Baptist (4509 W. 11th Ave. Vancouver)

MCC-BC Fundraising Banquets for MCC-BC have begun and the next ones are scheduled for Thursday February 21st at North Langley Mennonite Church, Thursday February 28th at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Abbotsford), and Friday March 1st at Peace Mennonite Church (Richmond). Get your tickets at www.mccbc.ca or call the office at 604-850-6639.

Pacific Theatre The new production of Jesus Freak begins March 1st and runs for 17 showings until March 23rd. This light-hearted play examines the severe reaction a typical laid-back westcoast family has to a daughter who becomes a Christian. Tickets \$20-35 at the box office or online at www.pacifictheatre.org

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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BCMB Annual Convention Registration now open for the BCMB annual gathering to be held April 26-27 at Willow Park Church, Kelowna. Come to do the business of the church and hear about multiplying churches at the all day business events, celebration services and dinners. Meet Elton DaSilva, National Director of CCMBC who will host a discussion on the new National Ministry model with time for Q&A - this event open to all. For details and to register, see <https://bcmb.org/event/bcmb-convention/>

PhotoVoice Project Refugee women have now been given a voice in their displacement and re-integration to Canadian society by a photo project on display at UBC and now at Knox United Church (5600 Balaclava, Vancouver) featuring one of the daughters of our sponsored family, the AlZazas. The photos capture the emotions, and memories of Muslim and Christian women from various backgrounds. Tuesday February 26 and 27, March 1, 6 and 8 from 1:30 - 8:30 - see poster in the hall for viewing details.

The Cultch The Cultch (York Theatre, 639 Commercial Dr., Vancouver) is not known for spiritual/religious entertainment, but this spring it features a number of plays with a Christian bent. Running February 20 March 11 is Children of God, a powerful musical about an Oji-Cree women whose family are sent to a residential school in northern Ontario, where her attempts to visit the kids never got past the school gate, and they never knew she came. An emotional performance with multidimensional characters. Tickets \$10-69 at www.tickets.thecultch.com

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all

the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

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¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. [NRSV]

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40

Of David.

¹ Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
² for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

³ Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴ Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶ He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

¹⁰ Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will
not be there.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight in abundant prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him. [NRSV]

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

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⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written,

'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. [NRSV]

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If

you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.' [NRSV]

Confession

Leader: Jesus, you are the Great Questioner.

**People: Keep our questions alive,
that we may always be seekers rather than settlers.**

Leader: Guard us well from the sin of settling in
with our answers hugged to our breasts.

**People: Make of us a wondering, far-sighted,
questioning, restless people.**

ALL: Give us the feet of pilgrims
on this journey unfinished. AMEN.