

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Membership Sunday

Pentecost

Worship Leader: Andre Pekovich
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Music Worship: Curtis Funk
Usher: Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday Hephzibah ("Hepsi") Chand, a graduate of Regent College in pastoral studies, spoke on Jesus counter-intuitive parable of the vineyard workers. In the parable, the housekeeper not only paid the workers who worked one hour first, he paid them the same amount as the first batch of workers. It is really easy and unwise for the 'hard-working' Christians to become jealous when Jesus shows compassion for "last-minute" Christians. [JL]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service> <https://pgimf.org/service/the-last-shall-be-first/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

June 16	Henry Neufeld	Stories of Transformation
June 23	***No Service at PGIMF***	Worship in the Park, Ecumenical Service
June 30	***No service at PGIMF***	Joint service with Mennonite Church Canada assembly
July 7	Steve Heinrichs	

Mennonite Church Canada Annual Assembly To allow everyone the chance to attend the MC Canada annual assembly Ignite! in Abbotsford at the Ramada Inn on Highway 1, the service for Sunday June 30th will be cancelled. Pre-registration is a must for this service, though it is free. The service begins at 9:30 am for approximately two hours, and you can also register for a lunch to follow (extra cost). Register at <http://ignitegathering2019.ca/> and see the church e-mail for carpool arrangements for rides.

Address Change

On June 1st, Henry and Louise Klippenstein moved to (a new place - address and phone number available from webmaster upon request)

Pop-up church choir Join people of other West Point Grey congregations at the annual worship Service in the Park June 23rd at 10:00 am and serve in the pop-up choir for which WPG United musical director Eileen Padgett has written an anthem for the occasion. See Rosie for details or to help.

Cookies and Care also for the Service in the Park on Sunday June 23rd, we are looking for someone to volunteer to bring 22 dozen cookies or squares to the service for coffee afterwards. See Rosie if you can help.

Wider Church

Concert tonight! Rebecca Ruthven invites you to a chamber music concert that she'll be playing in this afternoon at 4pm at St Philip's Anglican church (W. 27th & Dunbar). The program includes a Mendelssohn string quartet, a Mozart flute quartet, and a Bach orchestral suite. Admission is by donation.

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)

Our fellowship gives thanks for the gift of meeting on the unceded lands of the
Musqueam, Tsleil-Watuth and Squamish peoples

Canadian Mennonite Digital issues for the summer slowdown. The magazine will print one issue in July and one in August during our annual summer slowdown but subscribers are eligible to receive a digital issue by email at two week intervals. If you already receive digital delivery throughout the year, you do not need to sign up again. To add digital issues to your subscription, please email (address available upon request) and include your name, address and subscription number (see your mailing label; it begins with an A).

My friend Titus from Uganda (who has visited our church once) is looking for a nice basement suite in Vancouver to share with one or two friends of his starting Sept 1. Anybody know anyone who has one to rent? - Rosie

MCC-BC Hosting Opportunity Take this opportunity for cultural exchange by opening your home to a vibrant Christian international young adult service worker through MCC BC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Hosts needed in Surrey and South Vancouver for 5-11 months starting in mid August/September. A basic hosting allowance is available. Contact Jessica at (email address available from webmaster upon request) or at 604-850-6639 for more details including more about the Vancouver service worker - Gui from Chad, a 24-year old Christian who likes basketball, playing guitar and reading.

Mentioning the Unmentionable: **A Mental Health Seminar** -- All are welcome to join pastor Lydia Cruttwell at Peace Church on 52nd (659 East 52nd Ave.) on Saturday June 15th from 9:30 - 11:30am to learn from Sue Nickel (author of Be Held: Daily Inspiration When Facing Depression) on understanding mental health from a bio-psycho-social-spiritual perspective. Free admission.

Treaty Talk 2019: Walk for Common Ground Andrea d'Souza, MSC resident, Indigenous Studies student, and PGIMF attender is in the middle of her walk from Edmonton to Calgary to be complete June 14th together with other Canadians and First Nations members in Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory. She is walking to increase her understanding of the relationship Canadians have to indigenous communities, to share knowledge with settlers, and to facilitate conversations with all. She raised the funds for her walk in a GoFundMe campaign that is now complete, but now seeks donations to cover the cost of equipment for the trip that has already been purchased. If you can help, please contact her directly at (email address available from webmaster on request) Contributors from Vancouver will be invited to an evening of sharing stories and experiences from the walk and a film screening of Treaty Talk: Sharing the River, during the weekend of June 21-23 at UBC. Exact date time and location TBD.

Acts 2:37-47

The First Converts

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and

fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. [NRSV]

Call of Welcome

Lord, we welcome our (brother/sister) _____ who loves you into our fellowship; let us together rejoice with them, support them, guide them, listen to them, and call out their gifts for the love of your church, to your eternal glory.

Covenant of Gratitude

WE BELIEVE in God, Creator and Sustainer
and in Christ Jesus his Son, our Lord
and in the Holy Spirit, the companion of every believer.

WE RESOLVE to be a worshipping community
of Christ's disciples whose life together
illustrates God's mercy as we care for one another.

WE DECLARE that God calls us to be faithful caretakers
of the resources and gifts which each has received
from God's bountiful hand.

WE COMMIT ourselves to making visible God's kingdom
by calling people to faith in Christ
and by promoting justice and peace in God's world.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE with joy that only by God's grace
can we live this new life in Christ
and to that newness of life we commit ourselves.
Common Word resource, Waterloo North church, 2001

Gratitude

Thanks for the thoughtful send-off.
We felt very loved and blessed and are so grateful.
Thank you too, for the money gift for our journey.
We will add it to our "life enrichment" budget...to
include fun adventures and Edmonton explorations.

Peace,
Thomas and Cara.

You say you care about the poor? Then tell me, what are their names?

- Gustavo Gutierrez, Peruvian theologian