

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Third Sunday in Lent

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Last Sunday Menno Simons Centre alumnus Kevin Hiebert explored the conflict raised in students reared on a Creationist interpretation of Biblical texts when they come up against scientific evidence in university classes and debates. In a talk entitled "Perfectly Placed Artifacts", Kevin noted that popular religionists such as the Hembree family (JOY TV) offer arguments laced with fallacies to support positions favouring revealed truth and over-simplified history, while dismissing the evidence of archaeology, sociology, biology, geology and history. Yet scientists since before Darwin have for centuries allowed faith to inform science without abolishing it. In the best scientific tradition, Kevin dismissed the interfering God of young-earth archaeology and intelligent design, favouring instead our God the Creator and Sustainer, whose care for us best supports our development as humans while keeping the findings of science in perspective. Kevin cites Isaac Asimov's Guide to the Bible (1969) as signal support in this, calling on 1 Cor. 13:10-11 in helping us put away childish things in favour of the full knowledge God offers. [AP].

Potluck next week!
Remember that next Sunday is Potluck - please bring a dish to share and a friend to share it with.

You can hear the audio recording of this service at <https://pgimf.org/service/perfectly-placed-artifacts/>.
You can also read the text of Kevin's talk - send an e-mail to Andre if you want a copy.

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

March 31	Jeff Borden	Recovery from Addiction
April 7	Thomas Bergen	Mark Series: The Identity of Jesus
April 14	Anita Fast	Holy S*#! / Passion Sunday
April 21	Service of readings and songs	Easter Sunday

Wider Church

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 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)

Regent College The Regent Bookstore presents Regent alum Matthew Bates in a series of three lectures on gospel, salvation, and discipleship. On Friday March 29 at 7:30 pm he begins with 1: Renovating the Gospel in which bates says the gospel today has been reduced to trusting in Jesus's work on the cross. Yet this is not how the Bible frames the gospel. On Saturday March 30 at 9:30 am he continues with 2: Saved by Allegiance Alone, faith being too slippery a word, preferring allegiance. Later on Saturday at 10:45 am he completes the trilogy with 3: Practicing Gospel Allegiance Today to offer practical steps to cultivate greater allegiance to Jesus the king. All events free.

Save the Date!
Don't book your holiday for Saturday August 24th - all are invited to celebrate the wedding of Stephanie and Chan at St. Philip's Anglican Church. More details follow.

MCBC Womens' Day This day of coming together invites women in MCBC churches and their friends to hear Sarah Bessey inspire with "Awake My Soul". Saturday May 4th at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (3471 Clearbrook Rd, Abbotsford). Cost: \$30 before April 15, \$40 after. More info at www.mcbc.ca/womens-ministry.

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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MCBC Service Peace & Justice committee The committee invites you do your part to help pass Bill C-262 to implement the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples. This stand is a key step in reconciliation with our aboriginal neighbours. Besides writing letters to your MP (MCC-BC has a template letter you can use on their website to do this), you are particularly invited to show your solidarity by participating in a special Interfaith Rally next Saturday April 6th from 1-3 pm at the CBC Building (300 Hamilton St, Vancouver). Word of this multi-faith event is going out to all churches and religious institutions, so if you can't come, please pray.

Call to Worship

Leader: God of wilderness and water,
People: **your Son was baptized and tempted as we are.**
Leader: Guide us through this season,
People: **that we may not avoid struggle,**
Leader: but open ourselves to blessing,
People: **through the cleansing depths of repentance**
Leader: and the heaven-rending words of the Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

concluding with:

Shape us and transform us by your grace,
that we may grow in wisdom and in
confidence,
never faltering until we have done all that
you desire
to bring your realm of shalom to fulfillment.
Amen.

Psalms 121:1-8 (KJV)

¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ² My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. ³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord

is thy shade upon thy right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. ⁸ The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. [KJV]

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and

nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. [NRSV]

Luke 10:38-42

'As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him in her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat down at the feet of the Lord and listened to his teaching. Martha was upset over all the work she had to do, so she came and said, "Lord, don't you care

that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and troubled over so many things, but just one is needed. Mary has chosen the right thing, and it will not be taken away from her." [GNT]