

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org)

July 14, 2019

## Laura Sportack - *The Indirection of Joy*

**Worship Leader:**  
**Accompanist:**

Travis Martin  
Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:**  
**Usher:**

Angela Ruthven  
Edward Epp

**Last Sunday** Steve Heinrichs (Director, Indigenous-Settler Relations for Mennonite Church Canada) reminded us that one of the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) is for faith groups to support the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Steve was challenged to find concrete ways to embody his conviction that reconciliation is critical for the church to fully recognize that God became poor in Jesus. With other church leaders, Steve discerned that he was called to accept the invitation from the Tsleil-Waututh to support the defense of their land and water against the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion. How much is reconciliation worth to us, and what are we doing about it? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/god-who-became-poor>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

July 21	Matthia Langone	TBA
July 28	TBA	TBA
August 4	Angelika Dawson	Hello Darkness, My Old Friend
August 11	J. Evan Kreider	TBA

### Wider Church

**Regent College** The summer free lecture series continues investigating the proper place for technology in our formative places - schools, places of worship and homes. Writer, editor and teacher Andy Crouch will help us determine the proper place and use of technology in his lecture Putting Technology in its Proper Place on Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 pm in the chapel at Regent College. Free admission.

### Quilt Auction Goes Digital

Canadian Mennonite, July 3, 2019

Over the last 53 years, the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale has raised more than \$12 million for relief, development and peacemaking efforts around the world by Mennonite Central Committee. In that time, in addition to favourites like doughnuts, strawberry pies and spring rolls, more than 10,000 quilts have been pieced, quilted, donated and auctioned off at the New Hamburg sales.

This year, 210 quilts were donated for sale at the late May event at the New Hamburg fairgrounds. But for the first time, prospective buyers could watch the sale and place their bids online. Organizers decided to add the use of modern technology to the well-known sale, hoping to attract a wider audience of potential bidders and generate better prices for the handcrafted works of art.

According to John Reimer, the relief sale's chair, the

focus this year was to prove that the technology would work. "The trial passed all our goals and we will continue with it next year," he said. Six quilts were purchased by online bidders.

Reimer noted that there were not enough online bids to significantly increase the prices on the quilts this year, but he hopes that in three to five years, with improvements to the system and wider marketing of the auction, the prices paid for quilts will rise. This year, the feature quilt, "Little brown church," described as a giant puzzle with more than 3,000 pieces, sold for \$3,200, the highest bid at the sale.

Preliminary estimates put the total profits from the two-day sale at just over \$260,000, which is down from the previous year's total of \$314,000.

### 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*

**MCC-BC AGM - \*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*** The MCC-BC Annual Meeting is on October 19, 2019, 8:30 to 2:30 at King Road MB Church in Abbotsford. The focus will be on Vietnam and the 40th Anniversary of the Refugee Sponsorship Program. Contact the office 604-850-6639 for more information; registration opens August 1st. PGIMF requires representatives!

**Mennonite Heritage Museum** See the Abbotsford MCC Quilts on display all summer at the gallery at the Mennonite Heritage Museum (1818 Clearbrook Rd., Abbotsford). This gallery display of fabric arts will be auction at the MCC Relief Sale and Auction to be held this year on September 13-14.

## Call to Worship

Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us  
day by day and year by year,

**We give you our thanks.**

For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests,  
coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings,  
For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life,  
For needs met and desires fulfilled,

**We give you our thanks.**

For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit,  
For homes which supply shelter, which nurture  
order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

**We give you our thanks.**

With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven,  
With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life,  
With music which declares your everlasting goodness,  
With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

**We worship you with joy.**

With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents,  
With words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit,  
With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community,  
With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

**We worship you with joy.**

With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves,  
With deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger,  
With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace,  
With family and friends distant and nearby,

**We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.**

**Alleluia. Amen.**

## Psalm 25:1-10

*Of David.*

<sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly  
treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your  
steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

[NRSV]

## Deuteronomy 30:9-16

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord your God will make you most  
prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the  
fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and  
the crops of your land. The Lord will again delight in  
you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in  
your ancestors, <sup>10</sup> if you obey the Lord your God and  
keep his commands and decrees that are written in  
this Book of the Law and turn to the Lord your God  
with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup> Now what I am commanding you today is not too  
difficult for you or beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not up in  
heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend  
into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may

obey it?"<sup>13</sup> Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have  
to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it  
to us so we may obey it?" <sup>14</sup> No, the word is very near  
you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may  
obey it.

<sup>15</sup> See, I set before you today life and prosperity,  
death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to  
love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him,  
and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then  
you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will  
bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

[NIV]

## Luke 10:30-36

'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

<sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil

and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

<sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' [NRSV]

## Colossians 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. [NRSV]