

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 11, 2019

## Aslam Bulbulia & Shagufta Pasta - *The Sacrifice* Eid al-Adha

Worship Leader: Michael Despotovic  
Accompanist: Ruth Enns

Song Leader: Travis Martin  
Usher: Henry Neufeld

**Last Sunday** Angelika Dawson, communications manager for Communitas Care Services, spoke on the relevance of Psalm 88 (The Message) to those suffering with issues of mental health. Although Psalm 88 is a deep lament and an expression of utter despair, this Psalm gives us three gifts: #1 it shows us what deep, dark despair looks like, #2 it gives us a voice in the darkness, #3 in that darkness, an expression of deep faith. Psalm 88 gives us permission to express our despair without judgment and in doing so, enables us to deepen our relationship with God. [JL]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/hello-darkness-my-old-friend/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

August 18	Young Tae Choi	Loneliness and the Arts
August 25	Karl Brown	Pinning Down a Theme
September 1	Jodi Spargur	People of the covenant
September 8	April Yamasaki & Friends	MSC Residents Welcome BBQ

**Alumnus concert!** Friday, Aug 16, 7:30 pm, Menno Simons Centre chapel: Caspian Ensemble in Concert (Silas Friesen and siblings). Featuring trumpet, piano, strings, and voice from baroque to contemporary. \$20 adults / \$10 students.

### Wider Church

**MCC-BC Festival for World Relief** The Pedaling for Hope Cyclathon begins at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 14, 2019. The ride is one way to raise funds in support of MCC's work around the world, this year funds raised are going to support Livelihood projects in DR Congo.

**Regent College** Regrets the passing of Dal Schindell, curator of the Lookout Gallery, and director of publications, marketing and outreach as well as part-time faculty member. Survived by wife Kit (a distant colleague of some PGIMFers at Providence Health Care), the memorial will be at Kerrisdale Presbyterian (2733 W. 41<sup>st</sup> ave, Vancouver) on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Wear a bow tie if you have one!

## Humour corner

### Mennonite Cooking to Be Rebranded as 'Keto Diet'

In an effort to capitalize on the latest fad diet, the ladies at the local Mennonite church have decided to rebrand 'The EMMC Ladies Cookbook' as simply 'Cooking Keto.' The ladies decided to make the change when they found out that the ketogenic diet is nothing but cheese, meat, and fat. "Oma's formavorscht and schinkefleisch are incredibly high in protein and fat!" said Mrs. Friesen. "And schmaunt fat? I mean it's got the word 'fat' in the name. What could more Keto than that!" Health experts plan to study the Mennonite population to examine the long term effects of eating nothing but meat.

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

## Genesis 21: 14-21

Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy.

She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is

the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt. [NIV]

## Genesis 22: 1-19

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

When they reached the place God had told him

about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba. [NIV]

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

[...]

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was

past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. [NIV]

## Luke 12:32-40

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It

will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.” [NIV]