

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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September 1, 2019

Jodi Spargur - Covenant Paths to Reconciliation

Worship Leader: Paul Thiessen
Accompanist: Curtis Funk

Song Leader: Curtis Funk
Usher: Ed Epp

Last Sunday Karl Brown spoke about how wonder and awe bring us closer to God and how we must encourage it in our lives. When Jesus instantly healed the bent-over woman (Luke 13), the synagogue leader obsessed over the sabbath rulebook instead of recognizing the miracle. We can build up our sense of wonder by thinking of everything we see as if it's for the first time, or potentially the last time, rather than exercising our sense of greed. Wonderful things come into our lives when we pay attention to the myriad amazing creations of God. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/wonder-and-awe-2019/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 8	April Yamasaki & Friends	MSC Residents Welcome BBQ
September 15	J. Evan Kreider	Teach Us to Pray
September 22	Curtis Funk	TBA
September 29	Anne-Marie Ellithorpe	Friendship and Non-Violent Resistance

Address change: Effective August 30, Henry & Tena Neufeld will move to (address information available from webmaster upon request). Phone number and email unchanged.

Address change: Effective immediately, Deberah Shears is at (address information available from webmaster upon request), and the best phone number to reach her is at (redacted). Summer address is: (address information available from webmaster upon request)

PGIMF Site Visit: Saturday, Sept. 7, 11:00 a.m. In the search for a new home, the Transition Committee has scheduled a visit to Menno Court (1750 E 41st. Ave, near Victoria Dr.) in east Vancouver. Parking is ok on the south side of 41st. It's about half a block walk south on Bruce St. to reach Menno Court. Owned by the Mennonite Senior Citizens Society of BC, Menno Court offers independent living for seniors. We'd like as many as possible to attend and view this facility.

Discussion meeting Brief congregational meeting after the service on September 15th to open the discussion about a new home for PGIMF.

Food Group lists The new food groups have begun for September. Everyone on the food group lists should have received an e-mail with their place in the queue. There are printed food group lists in the flyer slot at the back of the church. Please sign up with your food group leader when the email comes around.

Wider Church

MCC-BC Festival for World Relief Coins add up. Each year, spare change collected by churches, children and families adds up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's work around the world. Spread the word.; label containers for spare change, or create your own containers to gather contributions. Make announcements by telling stories about the difference their coins will make in water, food, or education. Collect coins during offering time. Last - bring them to the MCC Relief Sale September 13-14 at the Abbotsford Tradex.

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

Psalm 81:10-16

One: ¹⁰ I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
All **Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**

One ¹¹ 'But my people did not listen to my voice;
All **Israel would not submit to me.**

One ¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts,
All **to follow their own counsels.**

One ¹³ O that my people would listen to me,
All **that Israel would walk in my ways!**

One ¹⁴ Then I would quickly subdue their enemies,
All **and turn my hand against their foes.**

One ¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
All **and their doom would last for ever.**

One ¹⁶ I would feed you with the finest of the wheat,
All **and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15,16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

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¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 4:16-29

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'
²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the

synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'
²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' ²³He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."'
²⁴ And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; [NRSV]