

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 8th, 2010

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Our service this Sunday will be led by Kevin Hiebert, we will be led in song by Veronica Dyck, accompanied at the piano by Evan Kreider, and Edward Epp is your usher. Later we will continue our summer series on the book of Job with a message from Henry Neufeld. Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee, and fellowship. *Parents with small children, please note arrangements have been made for child-minding on the second and last Sundays of each month, and you are invited to contact other parents in the service, or any member of the church board for more information.*

Last Sunday Last Sunday, Kevin Hiebert introduced our four-Sunday series on the Book of Job. This is essentially an lengthy ancient poem addressing the realities of life (e.g., good and evil, the strained relationship between humans and God). Anonymous writers provided a mythological context by composing a fascinating parable (story) to surround the various sections of the poem like bookends. Grouped with the other poetic and wisdom writings in the Old Testament, this ancient poem asks questions such as, "Why does a good God allow suffering and evil?" At the beginning of the story, Job is portrayed as being so utterly God-fearing that he even offers sacrifices and prayers on behalf of his ten children after their parties, just in case any had fleeting 'thought sins' (a concept Jesus still needed to explain centuries later). The poem then asks, if God is all-powerful, why is there suffering, even for the truly righteous? If God is all-knowing, why are we (especially the righteous) not sufficiently warned? If God is truly all-benevolent, why is there so much evil in the world? The disasters, falling one after another in a miraculous succession, provide a literary device designed to portray supernatural intervention in the story. The stage is now set for us to explore the themes of this poetry. [JEK]

PGIMF News

Upcoming speakers

August 15	Andre Pekovich	Job Series III - It's not my fault!
August 22	Ruth Enns	Job Series IV - The religious answer
August 29	Karl Brown	Job Series V - The Lord Speaks
September 6	Deb Cameron Fawkes	The Social Gospel of Tommy Douglas

Summer coffee signup. Thank you to all the food groups who made this year's coffee and fellowship following the services such a success. Please help us carry it on informally through the summer, and see the coffee signup list at the back of the church.

The Wider Church

MBMSI Cynthia Friesen is witnessing God at work in great ways in Phuket, Thailand. As she and her house help, Jan, have been praying for their friends and neighbours, they are beginning to see growth in their small church plant. Pray that they would clearly communicate God's great love to these people.

PGIMF annual summer barbeque to be held August 15th after church at the Hannans. All welcome! Bring your friends!

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we now 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 continue to be not recorded.

Moderator—Don Teichroeb (604-221-8720); *Worship*—Henry Neufeld (604-946-3961);
Pastoral Care—Erika Hannan (604-325-5065); *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)
Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

MCC MCC BC Festival, Auction and Relief Sale September 10 & 11 has moved from the traditional 3rd weekend in September - please join us for another wonderful weekend at the Tradex! MCC BC is accepting material donations for the Auction and Relief Sale. Items for live and silent auctions are needed as are items for the garage sale. For more information, contact our office toll free at 1 888 622 6337 or visit bc.mcc.org

MCC Penny Power: MCC Penny Power Could Reach \$500,000! A generous donor to MCC has pledged up to \$50,000 to match all Penny Power donations received for Kenya sand dams. This is a one-to-one match on all funds received up to \$50,000, so there is the potential to raise \$100,000, which will then be matched 4:1 by CIDA for a total of \$500,000 for Kenya Sand dams! Join our annual coin drive and make a difference in the lives of Kenyan families. Learn more when you call Ruth at 1-888-622-6337 or visit www.bc.mcc.org/pennypower.

Please join us for **an evening of sight singing** some of the newest inspirational music available with clinician Gerry Van Wyck at the Long & McQuade Sacred Choral Reading Session, Thursday August 26th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Vancouver Community of Christ Church, 3333 Kaslo St. in Vancouver. Gerry van Wyck is music director of the Vancouver Island Opera and assistant conductor to the Vancouver Island Symphony as well as Artistic Director of the BC Boys Choir, and an instructor in music history at Vancouver Community college, among other things. He brings a wealth of interest and experience to this session. If you wish to register for this **free** Sacred Reading Session, please RSVP Crystal Bergman at 604-734-4886.

Greetings, MCBC congregations!

As correspondent for B.C. for "Canadian Mennonite" magazine, I am always on the lookout for stories to include in our magazine. I need your help! Can you please pass on suggestions to me for stories about people, programs, ministries that would be of interest to the wider church in Canada? Even if something you take for granted, or a small story, it could be developed into a news story or feature. I appreciate your help -- we want to keep our B.C. churches in the news.

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Psalm 28

*Prayer for Help and Thanksgiving for It.
Of David.*

¹ To you, O Lord, I call;
my rock, do not refuse to hear me,
for if you are silent to me,
I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.
² Hear the voice of my supplication,
as I cry to you for help,
as I lift up my hands
towards your most holy sanctuary.

³ Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who are workers of evil,
who speak peace with their neighbours,
while mischief is in their hearts.

⁴ Repay them according to their work,
and according to the evil of their deeds;

repay them according to the work of their hands;
render them their due reward.
⁵ Because they do not regard the works of the Lord,
or the work of his hands,
he will break them down and build them up no more.

⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
for he has heard the sound of my pleadings.
⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸ The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
⁹ O save your people, and bless your heritage;
be their shepherd, and carry them for ever.

[NRSV]