

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 15th, 2010

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Our service this Sunday will be led by Veronica Dyck, we will be led in song by Lisa-Dawn Kiltbau, accompanied at the piano by Ruth Enns, and Erika Hannan is your usher. Later we will continue our summer series on the book of Job with a message from Andre Pekovich from Chps 15-31. 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, Henry Neufeld continue our series on Job with a vivid and entertaining summary of the dialogue of the ten chapters of Job (Chs 4 - 14). Drawing from Peterson's *The Message*, Henry had four readers act the parts of Job, and his three friends, showing Job's despair as even his friends seemed to leave him in undeserved guilt and sin. Henry noted a distinction between pain and suffering - suffering happens in the mind and the mind decides what the pain means, and whether it is deserved. Job suffers because he can make no sense of the pain he is in. Henry further noted that traditional theology falls down flat when it comes to Job - he was doing everything right when he began to suffer. What is he to do to end the suffering? Human reasoning can give no satisfactory answer to this. There are lessons for us in this story - what do we do when bad things happen to good people? Do we assume that because people we meet have had bad things happen, that they must themselves be bad? Are we fixers, looking for sufferers to fix? Or are we humans, walking alongside? [AP]

PGIMF News

Upcoming speakers

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
September 13	J. Evan Kreider	MSC Student welcome service & BBQ

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 Johann & Hedi Matthies serve on MBMSI's Church Planting Resource team in Europe. They believe the time is right for encouraging mature congregations to daughter churches. They are actively seeking individuals who are ready to be mobilized as ministers of the gospel. Please pray for Johann & Hedi as they build relationships, challenge churches and equip people for ministry.

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 grieves the loss of Glen Lapp who, along with other members of a medical team, was killed in a shooting incident in Afghanistan. The team was providing eye care and medical help in Afghanistan at the invitation of local communities there. Please pray with us for Glen's family and the families of other team members who were killed. Pray with us for the people of Afghanistan and for peace in that country. To read a press release, please visit mcc.org

On August 29th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm Mennonite Japanese Christian Fellowship will be having a special 10th Anniversary celebration. There will be a worship service and pot-luck meal with a chance for people to share. We'd be happy for anyone who has the time to join us.

Gerald Neufeld
Mennonite Japanese Christian Fellowship

MCC Relief Sale and Festival Got Treasures? MCC BC is accepting material donations for our MCC Festival, Auction and Relief Sale in September. Items for live and silent auctions are needed as are items for the garage sale. So as you're spring cleaning - keep MCC in mind! Donations can be brought to the MCC Material Resource Centre, 31414 Marshall Road in Abbotsford. For those outside of Abbotsford, please contact Dora Hoepfner to discuss donations - 604 807 8734

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

MDS Youth Project in Swift Current, SK, featured thirteen eager volunteers from Glencross, Manitoba, together with the long-termers, who put in a week of hard work and made great progress on the Rock Solid Refuge facility. Tin roofing was put on two-thirds of the roof. That allowed us to put fiberglass insulation into some of the outer walls without getting wet during a rain. Please consider MDS when planning your mission service or donations. Contributions may be sent to Unit 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6 or by phone at (800) 241-8111

Psalm 32

The Joy of Forgiveness

Of David. A Maskil.

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³ While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Selah

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Selah

⁶ Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.

⁷ You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Selah

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

⁹ Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,

else it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

[NRSV]

John 9:1-7; 13-17; 24-34

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

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¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This

man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

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²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has

spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. [NRSV]