

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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February 14th, 2010
Transfiguration Sunday

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Our service this Sunday will be led by Veronica Dyck; we will be led in song by Andre Pekovich, accompanied by Deberah Shears, and Erika Hannan will be your usher. Later we will hear from Karl Brown whose message is entitled “The Critic’s Blessing”, from 2Corinthians 3:12-4:2. Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee and fellowship. *Parents with small children, please note that arrangements have been made for child-minding on the second and last Sundays of each month, and you are invited to contact any other parent in the service, or any member of the church board for more information.*

Last Sunday


NOTE: Most of this sermon summary has been redacted for privacy reasons. John assisted in setting up *The Living Room*, a ministry specifically to support mood-disorder-sufferers, in his Abbotsford area.

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PGIMF News

Upcoming speakers

February 21	J. Evan Kreider	Lent I/Communion
February 28	Charis Weathers	Lent II
March 7	Janice Kreider	Lent III
March 14	Barb Nickel	Lent IV

 You will find your receipts for donations in your mailboxes now - please take a moment and check all your mail as well.

The Wider Church

MCBC Churches MCBC has launched its new website and all church names and addresses have been ported over from the old website. Watch www.mcbc.ca for more information, details, weekly announcements and blogs.

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)

West Point Grey Lenten Prayer Vigils The West Point Grey churches present an ecumenical Lenten Prayer vigil series on Wednesdays at noon for 1/2 hour, each week at a different church in West Point Grey and a different focus of prayer. Please note the lead service for Ash Wednesday is an evening service. Below is the schedule of services.

Feb 17 - 7 pm	St. Helen's Anglican Church, 4405 W. 8th Ave. <i>Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service</i>
Feb 24 - noon	WPG United Church, 4595 W. 8th Ave. <i>Hope in the Midst of Change: The Future of the Church</i>
Mar 3 - noon	Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Catholic), 2465 Crown St. <i>"Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" Matt. 20:22</i>
Mar 10 - noon	WPG Baptist Church, 4509 W. 11 Ave. <i>The Cross Not Taken</i>
Mar 17 - noon	WPG Presbyterian, 4397 W. 12th Ave. <i>The Work of KAIROS</i>
Mar 24 - noon	Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, 4000 W. 11th Ave. <i>Prayer for Haiti</i>

All welcome to attend any or all sessions.

MBMSI Saji & Bindu together with Team 58:12 are preparing to enter a very restricted access country. Praise God for good team unity. Pray that the financial mountains of their required support will be moved as they work to raise awareness. Please be praying already for those who will hear the Gospel for the first time as a result of this team's ministry.

Regent College invites you to stop by during the 2010 Winter Olympics, just a few blocks away from UBC Thunderbird Arena, one of the major venues for the Games. On event days the doors are open to visitors from around the world as part of the More Than Gold program. See the Regent Website at http://www.regent-college.edu/events/more_than_gold.php for details on events and co-host University Chapel.

MCC hosts Richard Twiss, a Lakota First Nation follower of Jesus who is on a journey to discover and practice what it means to be authentic to both of these identities. His book "One Church, Many Tribes" has been widely acclaimed by leaders across the Christian spectrum. Join us at March 3rd at 7:00 pm at Peace Church, 11571 Daniels Road in Richmond for an evening with Richard that will include listening, dialogue and music. For more info contact Darryl Klassen 604 850 6639 or toll free 1 888 622 6337.

Thomas Merton Peace Conference *Fulfillment through Interfaith Engagement*, March 5th from 7:00-9:00 pm, and Saturday March 6 from 9:00-5:00, features keynote speaker Dr. Bonnie Thurston, former Professor of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as well as Bill Apel & Andrew Webber, Jerene Broadway, Barry Cooke, Ron Dart, Donald Grayston, Susan McCaslin, and Ray McGinnis. The conference ends with a contemplative service on peace, led by gemma (Karin Dart & Cathy Hardy). Cost: \$50 (TMSC members) for full day or \$30 half day; \$55 (non-members) for full day or \$30 half day including refreshments and lunch. All workshops held at Canadian Memorial Centre for Peace, 1825 W. 16th Ave in Vancouver. For more information or registration, please contact the Thomas Merton Society of Canada at (redacted) or 604-669-2546.

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in

commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. [NRSV]

Luke 9:28-43

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.

And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷ On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. ³⁹Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³And all were astounded at the greatness of God. [NRSV]

2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the

Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. [NRSV]