

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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January 31th, 2010

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Our service this Sunday will be led by Andrea Siemens; we will be led in song by Paul Thiessen, accompanied by Rosemary Bell, and Henry Neufeld will be your usher. Later we will hear from Laura Eriksson whose talk is entitled "What do you know by heart?" from 1st Corinthians 13. Please join us in the dining room after the service for potluck lunch - everyone is invited and there is always plenty of food. You are further invited to remain for our congregational meeting after the service. *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 Paul Thiessen spoke on the lectionary texts Nehemiah 8, Psalm 19 and Luke 4 to illustrate how Jesus' teaching both followed in the footsteps of earlier wisdom that relied heavily not so much on adherence to the letter of scripture, but also to the interpretation of scripture, and fulfilled the needs of mystery and wisdom in worship. Paul contrasted modern worship with his time in Ukraine where it felt more like performance than teaching, yet satisfied the need for closeness with God. [AP]

PGIMF News

Upcoming speakers

February 7	John Konrad	Mood disorders and the church's response
February 14	Karl Brown	Surprise!
February 21	J. Evan Kreider	Lent I
February 28	Charis Weathers	Lent II

The Wider Church

MBMSI Amberly Hulzebos has been teaching ESL in Japan for the last 5 years as well as serving at two churches in the Osaka area. Please pray for a new Moms and preschool class called Caterpillar Club, with which she is working in her neighbourhood.

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

Regent College Free Lectures Come to Regent College Tuesday

January 19th to hear Rikk Watts speak on the topic *History,*

Hermeneutics, and Talk about God: From the Greeks to the Gospels in this free lecture. Then on Thursday January 21st, you can hear Don Lewis speaking on *Behind the Balfour Declaration of 1917: Understanding Evangelical Support for a Jewish Homeland* which should be an excellent primer on Christian Zionist thought. All lectures held in the chapel at 7:30 pm - come early for a good seat!

Communitas Supportive Care Society will host a conference with Tom and Christine Sine of Mustard Seed Associates on March 20 at Seven Oaks Alliance (2575 Gladwin Rd, Abbotsford) to talk with delegates about the challenges churches and faith-based agencies face today and trends in the future in caring for those who are not able to care for themselves. For more information, see the brochure on the bulletin board in the hall.

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 Fundraising Banquets You are invited to join MCC-BC for two evenings of good food, story telling and music on the theme *Water is Life: New Hope in the Name of Christ*, and help raise funds for MCC water projects around the world. MCC BC Executive Director Wayne Bremner and Resource Development Director Phil Schafran will be sharing stories from recent visits to Kenya and Mozambique. Also featured are the Watchmen Four male quartet. Tickets are \$15 and are available from the MCC BC office and host churches. Tickets will also be available at Thrift Shops and other churches – call our office for details. February 5 – Bakerview MB Church 2285 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford; and February 6 – Fraserview MB Church 11295 Mellis Drive, Richmond

The 'Devil' Writes Pat Robertson A Letter
By Frank James

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune published a letter from Satan to evangelist Pat Robertson, responding to his comment that Haiti's persistent troubles, including the earthquake, are due to a pact the nation made with Mephistopheles. Actually, it wasn't Satan who wrote the letter but Lilly Coyle of Minneapolis writing in the persona of the hellish one. I think she got it down pretty well. What say you?

Dear Pat Robertson,

I know that you know that all press is good press, so I appreciate the shout-out. And you make God look like a big mean bully who kicks people when they are down, so I'm all over that action. But when you say that Haiti has made a pact with me, it is totally humiliating. I may be evil incarnate, but I'm no welcher. The way you put it, making a deal with me leaves folks desperate and impoverished.

Sure, in the afterlife, but when I strike bargains with people, they first get something here on earth -- glamour, beauty, talent, wealth, fame, glory, a golden fiddle. Those Haitians have nothing, and I mean nothing. And that was before the earthquake. Haven't you seen "Crossroads"? Or "Damn Yankees"?

If I had a thing going with Haiti, there'd be lots of banks, skyscrapers, SUVs, exclusive night clubs, Botox -- that kind of thing. An 80 percent poverty rate is so not my style. Nothing against it -- I'm just saying: Not how I roll.

You're doing great work, Pat, and I don't want to clip your wings -- just, come on, you're making me look bad. And not the good kind of bad. Keep blaming God. That's working. But leave me out of it, please. Or we may need to renegotiate your own contract.

Best, Satan
Lily Coyle, Minneapolis