

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org)

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Easter Sunday

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Our service today will be led by J. Evan Kreider, and Maire Neudorf will lead us in song, Ruth Enns will accompany at the piano, and Erna Friesen is your usher. Thank you to all who joined us earlier in the morning for our annual Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast in the dining room.

**Last Sunday** Last Sunday John Friesen focused on the scapegoat concept as described in Leviticus 16. The scapegoat was a goat that was allowed to escape into the wilderness after the priest had laid the sins of the people upon it as part of the "Day of Atonement" activities. The scapegoat is a person or group (usually innocent) made to take the blame for the fault of another, a strategy that's endemic in society: in churches, universities, and families. It's important to distinguish between blame and scapegoating. John described Jesus taking the role of the scapegoat, "behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." The resurrection released Jesus from the role of the scapegoat. Jesus calls us to a new relationship with God and with each other, we are to exercise mercy, not violence. (HN)

### PGIMF News

April 15

Carl Friesen

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter

April 22

Andre Pekovich

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter

April 29

Rabbi David Mivasair

The Prophetic voice of Judaism

May 6

Hannah Dutko

TBA

### The Wider Church

**MB Mission** Liana Penner is serving in Peru, teaching English at a school and helping at Trujillo Church. Pray that Liana will be an inspiration to her students and fellow teachers, and that many people will be drawn to Jesus through her ministry.

**MCC** August 20-25: Come camping with MCC BC! Connecting People and Place is an opportunity to tour the traditional territories of the Kwagwiltz people on northern Vancouver Island, to experience their culture, and to learn about their environment. We will also spend a day in the forest with Mennonite forester Harold Macy. For more information visit [bc.mcc.org/whatwedo/campingtrip](http://bc.mcc.org/whatwedo/campingtrip) or email Darryl at the office (e-mail available from webmaster)

**Vancouver Cantata Singers** presents *The Atrium Concert*: Music for split choir and brass from the Renaissance to the 20th century, with Canada's foremost trombone ensemble, I Tromboni. All of the music in this concert, including major works of Giovanni Gabrieli was composed to be performed antiphonally, that is, from all sides, back and forth across the listener. Sunday in Victoria, and Monday, April 23rd at 8:00pm at the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre, 818 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver. Tickets \$30-\$25 (with \$10 student rush seats at the door) available from <http://www.vancouvercantatasingers.com/> or call 604-730-8856.

**St. Helen's Anglican Church** will be having a Spring Plant and White Elephant Sale on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a Master Gardener Clinic., pants, books cards, raffle, baked good, household items, and other novelties. This year's new addition includes a dollar store. Everyone will welcome. Admission is free.

### **Email Contacts**

This may have been reported this before, but it's worth repeating:  
Peter & Helga Neudorf can be contacted at (available from webmaster)  
Geoff Vanderkooy and Karen Buschert have pretty much given up on their joint e-mail addresses and each has one's own.  
Karen is at (available from webmaster) and Geoff is at (available from webmaster)

### **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.

**Regent College** presents The Conference on Aging: The Next Generation - Thinking Together about Aging featuring Maxine Hancock, James Houston, Margaret Somerville, and J.I. Packer. A weekend with the finest minds asks questions and explores aging in four sessions:

- Session 1: “Courageous Aging: Finding a Path beyond Denial or Despair”
- Session 2: “The Challenge of Aging for the Culture and the Church”
- Session 3: “An Aging Society as a Litmus Test of Our Ethics”
- Session 4: “Toward the Blessed Hope: An Eschatology for the Aging”

May 18-19, 2012 (6-9pm Friday and 8:30-4:30 Saturday) and Advance registration brings early bird discount until April 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see <http://conferences.regent-college.edu/aging/index.php>

**2012 BCMB Convention** The Annual Convention will be held at Broadway MB Church in Chilliwack this May 4-5 with the theme is "Enable Your Servants" for 2 days of worship, reporting, inspiration and prayer. We are encouraged to send 3 delegates this year. The cost to attend convention is \$20/person and will include a light breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks on Saturday. Two documents are currently available (see Andre for a copy):

1. 2012 Convention Agenda (Official Report book will be more detailed)
2. 2012 Convention Recommendations

All attachments will also be uploaded onto the BCMB website for any delegates to review. Just go to [www.bcmb.org](http://www.bcmb.org), - *Events* tab, and look for *Convention Materials*. You can also register for the Convention there. Please feel free to download any of the documents from the Conference web page, and if assistance is needed, please call the Conference office at 604-853-6959.

**Mennonite Church Canada Assembly 2012** Assembly 2012 Early Bird registration deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Plan to attend *Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century*, Mennonite Church Canada's 2012 Assembly in Vancouver. There will be music, inspiration, friends, faith, and food. Save by signing up by May 15th! Details at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012).

**Mennonite Church BC** Come enjoy an evening of music with award-winning singer-songwriter Cheryl Bear and guitarist Brander McDonald, dessert will follow the concert. This event is a fundraiser to support the Mennonite Church BC's Indigenous Relations Coordinator position. Brander McDonald is working with MCBC churches to develop understanding of First Nations worldviews and to build healthy and healing relationships between Mennos and natives. Concert at Level Ground Mennonite Church on Saturday April 21, beginning at 7:00 pm.