

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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December 17th, 2006
3rd Advent

Today: Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our service will be led by Henry Hildebrand, Ann Marie Neudorf will lead us in song, and Erika Hannan is your usher. Later we will hear from Ken Peters who will be speaking from John 1:1-14. For now parents are requested to make their own arrangements for child care during the service if they do not feel their children wish to remain in the chapel during the service. Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the dining room after the service in the lounge.

Last Sunday We held our annual tradition of a readinger... a rendition of Handel's Messiah. With several guests and soloists (special thanks to you - you know who you are!) and a moving accompanying service written and delivered by Evan Kreider, our worship was made meaningful in the performance of this classic that pays homage to the wonders God wrought in the miracle of the birth of the Christ-child. A tremendous thank-you to all who participated.

PGIMF News:

Upcoming speakers

December 24	Christmas carols	4 th Advent
December 31	-	Sylvestre
January 7	John Friesen	Epiphany
January 14	-	-

Parking You are requested to help the Menno Simons Centre be a good neighbour in the neighbourhood. To enable house residents to park in front of their own houses, you are requested not to park on the north side of 11th Ave., but instead to park on the south side of 11th Ave or on Crown St. while attending services. Thank you.

From the treasurer. There are only 3 Sundays left to complete your giving for the year 2006, and after this service, there will be only 2 Sundays left. Merry Christmas!

The Wider Church

MCC's Christmas Giving Catalogue is filled with wonderful gift ideas that will make a difference in the lives of those in need all around the world. Perfect for the person who has everything! Visit www.mcc.org/christmas for more information

Church members having a "moving" experience

Rosie Perera has a new address (available from webmaster) Her phone number remains the same.

Janet Boldt and Ernie Doerksen have moved to (available from webmaster) Their phone number remains the same as well.

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*—Erna Friesen (604-266-7819);
Pastoral Care—John Friesen (604-266-7819) *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)
Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

MCC BC is accepting applications for Human Resources Director and for Executive Director, now that Laura Loewen has tendered her resignation effective June 2007. Detailed job descriptions can be found at www.mcc.org/bc or contact Wayne Bremner at (604) 850 6639, 1 888 622 6337

CMU You are invited to a time of shared learning and worship with teachers from Columbia Bible College and Canadian Mennonite University entitle "The Mind or Christ". Please see the bulletin board in the hall for details on the workshops featuring John J Friesen on *Peace*, Gary Yamasaki on *Reading the Bible like you Watch a Movie*, Tim Rogalski on *Celebrating the Wonders of God*, and Chris Huebner on *Curing the body of Christ - Medical Ethics and the Church*. Please call the Peace Church at 604-278-0111 or email cmu@cmu.ca with numbers and class selections by Friday, January 12th so arrangements can be made.

Camp Squeah welcomes applications for the position of full time Program Director. The position will be for a mature Christian. A self-starter, motivated, organized, and capable of creating a positive sense of motivation and belonging within the Squeah/MCBC community, the Program Director must be camper-focussed and an excellent role model to all. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, managing all program delivery within Camp Squeah's Summer Camp and Outdoor Education programs. For more information, including a detailed job description visit www.squeah.com or contact Rob Tiessen, c/o Camp Squeah, #4-27915 TransCanada Hwy, Hope, BC, V0X 1L0 or e-mail. rob@camp-squeah.com Processing of applications begins January 15th, 2007.

MDS is looking for skilled, long-term leadership at a number of their sites from March to May, 2007. If you have an interest in volunteering for three weeks or more, contact Cathie Kearsley (US volunteers) at (717) 859-2210 or Evelyn Peters-Rojas (Canadian volunteers) at (866) 261-1274 (Toll Free).

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens

everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.