

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today our service will be led in worship by John Friesen in song by Veronica Dyck, Ruth Enns will accompany on the piano, and Erika Hannan is your usher. Later we will hear from **Don Teichroeb** who will continue our summer series on the Parables of Jesus with the second in the series - Parables of Generosity. *Although parents are requested to make their own arrangements for child care during the service if they feel their children don't wish to remain in the chapel during the service, we welcome your suggestions for church-provided care if you feel your child is ready for sitting or instruction from one of our many angels who are called to care.* Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Last Sunday Brian Burtchett, a Regent grad and wired-world-worker at UBC opened the summer series on parables with the Parables of Compassion, which Brian pointed out had more to do with “lost-ness” than anything else. The celebratory nature of the parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin were contrasted with the very difficult news of the return of the Lost Son. It is easy to rejoice over the return of items or animals, but when the lost one plays a great part in their own “lost-ness” as does the Prodigal and his brother, it becomes much more difficult to celebrate the return. Brian updated the parable to modern times with some heart-wrenching examples of prodigals and their families, and without pointing fingers, allowed people to see how current attitudes to those on the Downtown Eastside are the antithesis of what Jesus calls us to. [AP]

Our thoughts go with Wes Smith, whose cousin passed away suddenly from cancer at 26, leaving a wife and child..

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Upcoming speakers

July 20	Ruth Enns	Parables III - Humility
July 27	Paul Thiessen	Parables IV - No Action
August 3	Janice Kreider	Parables V - Self-defeating Action I
August 10	Veronica Dyck	Parables VI - Self-defeating Action II

The Wider Church

MBMSI As you remember Liana Penner this week, MBMS International worker teaching English in Peru, pray that she would have many opportunities to share the Gospel with her students and their families. Pray for her involvement in the Trujillo MB Church.

The **Regent College** Free Lectures series continues next Monday, July 14th with Roger Lundin speaking on *Nimble Believing: The Play of Doubt and Faith in Modern Language*. Then, on Wednesday July 16th, Philip Ryken will deliver a lecture entitled *Clive the Evangelist: The Personal Witness and Evangelistic Influence of C.S. Lewis*. The on Thursday July 17th, you can attend **Shorts Film Night** with Byron Lamarque. All lectures will be held in the chapel at Regent College and begins at 8:00 pm. Come early for a good seat.

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)

Camp Squeah is still in need of 2 assistant cooks - enthusiastic, team players who understand the value of contributing to a larger body of ministry starting now through the summer, and possibly into the Fall. Please contact Dave Wismath at 1-800-380-CAMP (2267) as soon as possible. And please add this as a prayer concern.

Pacific Theatre presents Metamorphoses, a play based on the Myths of Ovid. Shows Tues-Fri 8pm, Sat 7pm & 9:30pm from July 31 to August 16th at Pacific Theatre, 1440 West 12th Avenue. Tickets: Tues-Thurs \$20/\$18 (Tues 2 for 1) Fri-Sat \$25/\$23.

The Refugee Food Bank at Sherbrooke urgently needs volunteers during the summer. Even giving one hour a week to pack and hand out groceries would help them out. Please call Sherbrooke Church at 604-327-3913.

Matthew 20:1-16

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the

last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?" ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.' [NRSV]

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?" ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?" ³⁹And when was it that we saw you

sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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