

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Today: Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our service will be led by Diane Schartner; Eric Hannan will be leading us in song and ___ will be accompanying on the piano. Later we will hear from Don Teichroeb, the moderator of our fellowship. Mark Northey will be in charge of Sunday School, and Katy Garden and Carrie Wiebe will be with the toddlers. Please stay with us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Last Sunday: Last Sunday, Wayne Northey (M2W2 and father of Mark) spoke on "A Halting Spiritual Quest..." He sees himself as living in three distinct Christian worlds, the largest one encompassing all Christians, the minority within it including the evangelical world which does not follow pacifism and finally the very small minority of Christians who espouse pacifism and reconciliation. At Regent College, he was profoundly influenced by John Howard Yoder's Politics of Jesus, which persuaded Wayne to change his life and thinking, seeing Jesus as wanting us to change the wrongs of society (as Jesus tried to do), particularly with regard to social, economic and justice issues. With the rediscovery of Justinian Law by 12th-c. Europe, philosophies of state justice emerged in which the law often looks at 'offenders' offending against the state rather than individuals. Consequently, the state is satisfied by prison terms, but the individuals' are not addressed. By contrast, Wayne stated that "restorative justice wants to teach people that harming other people (not the more abstract state) is wrong". In his thinking, he draws authority and inspiration from both the Old and New Testaments, as well as from Karl Barth and others. He believes that the cross, not the sword, "shows us the grain of the universe". While we cannot hope to change the world at large, nor even the firm beliefs of other evangelicals, we can work on our little 'demonstration plots' which show others how these ideas can be lived out. If those little 'demonstration plots' are successful, people will start asking us useful questions. He sadly noted, however, that we have a very long way to go, for most evangelical Christians unknowingly view one of their favourite quotations of Jesus as follows: For God so loved the world (except for our enemies) that he gave his only begotten son (except for our enemies), that whosoever believes on him (except . . .) will not perish (except . . .) but have everlasting life (except for our enemies). [JEK]

More information and more of Wayne's writing are available on <http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/fulltext/northey.pdf> or <http://www.sfu.ca/cfrj/fulltext/northey2.pdf> or at www.emory.edu/COLLEGE/RELIGION/faculty/smith/vr/wayne.html

PGIMF News:

Please join us for pre-service hymn singing at 9:45 as we work our way through the book from 1 to 658.

Upcoming speakers

June 20	Service in the Park	Ecumenical service
June 27	Margaret Carey	
July 4	J. Evan Kreider	Canada and USA - destiny in God's hands
July 11	Brian McConaghy	

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Thanks for the great support during the months of May and June. July and August still remain to be filled, so if you enjoy the coffee and goodies after the service please put your name forward on the sign up sheet posted at the bulletin board near the mail boxes. - HEATHER SCHNEIDERREIT

Church Directory Please see the new church directory posted on the wall in the hallway and make any corrections that need to be made. Also, if you are in contact with our members away, please check their information too, and if okay, mark with a check mark. Otherwise, Andre will contact all members from away to confirm their information.



Last Sunday the congregation attended a meeting after the service with Stephanie Jones of **MCC refugee desk**, to discuss the possibility of the church sponsoring refugees. Much information was gained from the meeting. Those who feel strongly that the church should move forward with this issue in some form are requested to **contact Paul Thiessen**, so that support can be gauged. All decisions to move forward will be made unanimously at a future congregational meeting

Marlow and Vicki Ramsey are **Mennonite Church Canada missionaries in Mongolia**. They plan to attend our service on June 27 and are willing to talk about their work briefly after coffee. We expect it will be particularly interesting for the congregation to hear our attenders Oyun and Puji chatter to the missionaries in their native tongue. Thanks to Henry Neufeldt for arranging this.

New church positions begin July 1. All outgoing and incoming church officers and spouses are cordially invited to a turnover potluck at the Teichroeb's Wednesday June 23 at 6:30 pm.

Sundaes on Sunday Please join the social committee in welcoming summer weather to our fellowship with an ice-cream party today at 6:30 pm. Bring your own home-made ice cream or toppings or cookies to share as we gather in the Lodge at the Klippensteins. Coffee and tea provided, maps available from the

Cristobal Berrio has a brother who is coming to Vancouver to live and take ESL next week and is looking for a place to rent in Kitsilano or Point Grey that will be inexpensive. Cristobal would like him to be near so he can support him in finding his way around this strange new city. Any help you can give will be welcome

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MBMSI GOD IS AT WORK IN GUADALAJARA. Please pray today for *Alfredo and Sandra Beltran*, MBMS International workers from Colombia, who have recently answered God's call to Guadalajara, Mexico. Ask God to cover them with a special mantle of encouragement, as they give leadership to a new team of workers, establishing MB churches in this city.

Jazz In The Chapel! In honour of fathers, Marineview Chapel features "Songs from the Swing Era" at the Chapel (4000 West 41st. Ave. near Crown) on Father's Day, Sunday June 20th, from 2 - 4 pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbours and hear a five-piece Swing Band plus 2-3 singers as well as a Special Hawaiian Group. Free admission, coffee and dessert.

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Jean Vanier, founder of the l'Arche communities will be in Vancouver and will give a talk entitled, "Community: Healing the Heart, Mending the World" on Sunday evening, July 18th, at St. Andrew's Wesley Church in downtown Vancouver. Although this talk is intended for pastors and space is limited, if you are interested, please email to Steve Thiessen at _____ and you will receive an invitation. Since this is by invitation only, please respond asap as the space is limited.

Regent College Thursday, June 17 8:00 pm **ADRIAN PLASS** *Clearing Away the Rubbish* Tickets: \$5.00 from the Regent Bookstore. How we love to make life complicated! So much of what we do looks worthwhile, but unless its roots are in reality it's just another piece of rubbish. **ADRIAN PLASS** is well known for his ability to strip away the veneer of hypocrisy. He will encourage us to rediscover an uncluttered pathway to the truth. Booksigning will follow the event.

MCC, Columbia Bible College and Trinity Western University invite you to attend an all-candidates forum at Columbia Bible College on Monday June 14 and at Trinity Western University on Tuesday June 22 both at 7:30pm. Candidates and the community will engage on issues related to Canada's role in the world, particularly as it pertains to the building of more safe and peaceful communities at home and around the globe. Topics will include: the current situation in Iraq, ballistic missile defense, the war on terrorism, the role of Canada's military as well as other human security concerns. Time will be given for questions from the audience. For more information, contact MCC BC at (604) 850 6639 or 1 888 622 6337.

The **BC Conference of MB Churches** invites you to our: **OPEN HOUSE!** Friday, June 25, 2004 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Thoreau Building, #101-32310 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC V2T 1X1 (Directly across from Abbotsford City Hall) Tours & light refreshments will be available. Come one and all!

The Alchemist

My Master an elixir hath that turns
All base and worthless substances to gold.
From rubble stones He fashions palaces
Most beautiful and stately to behold.
He garners with a craftsman's skilled care
All that we break, and weeping cast away.
His eyes see uncut opals in the rock
And shapely vessels in our trampled clay.
The sum of life's lost opportunities.
The broken friendships, and the wasted years.
These are His raw materials; His hands
Rest on the fragments, weld them with His tears.

A patient Alchemist! He bides His time
Broods while the south winds breathe, the North winds
blow,
And weary self, at enmity with self,
Works out its own destruction, bitter slow.

Then when our dreams have dwindled into smoke
Our gallant highways petered out in mire,
Our airy castles crumbled into dust,
Leaving us stripped of all save fierce desire.

He comes, with feet deliberate and slow,
Who counts a contrite heart His sacrifice.
(No other bidders rise to stake their claims,
He only on our ruins sets a price.)
And stooping very low engraves with care
His Name, indelible, upon our dust;
And from the ashes of our self-despair
Kindles a flame of hope and humble trust,
He seeks no second site on which to build,
But on the old foundation, stone by stone,
Cementing sad experience with grace,
Fashions a stronger temple of His own.

-- Patricia St John

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