

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter

Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today, our service will be led by Henry Neufeld and Erna Friesen is your usher. Later we will hear from Jeanette Hanson whose topic will be *Adventures in Being a Global Church* from Ephesians. 3:7-12. Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee and fellowship.

**Last Sunday** Last Sunday Jesse Nickel dealt with Paul's text urging Roman Christians to present their bodies as living sacrifices and not be formed by the present age; rather be transformed. (Rom. 12) These words, in a letter written to a church made up largely of Gentiles, address the platonic view with a distinct line between the spiritual and the physical; the body was viewed as a prison longing for release. The body is important; Jesus took on the form of a human body. Paul encourages the Romans not to conform to the present age but to live as members of the new kingdom that Jesus introduced. The world pushes us to want more of everything; our challenge is to be continually transformed rather than conformed. The discussion centered on how we use our bodies in worship and on the matter of not being conformed to the present age. What would a transformed life look like? (HN)

## PGIMF News

### Upcoming speakers

May 10	Bruce Hiebert	The Invisible Christ who journeys with us
May 17	Andre Pekovich	Service of worship and prayer
May 24	Camp Luther	-
May 31	Charles Paris	Pentecost

**Summer coffee signup.** Thank you to all the food groups who made this year's coffee and fellowship following the services such a success. Please help us carry it on informally through the summer, and see the coffee signup list at the back of the church.

**Camp Luther** You are invited to join us at Camp Luther for our church retreat on May 22-24 weekend to share fun, fellowship and things in the theme of GREEN. The weekend features Saturday morning workshop "green" sessions on caring for our environment with various members presenting on topics such as interior design, green architectural building, composting and green landscaping, and the fashion of green. Friday night features a fun ice-breaker event with Diane. There will be a clothing and accessories exchange on Saturday afternoon, and what ever is left over we will take to an organization that can use the clothes, so for spring cleanup, clean your closets here. We intend to provide child care for families so that they are encouraged to come for the weekend. Former church attenders are especially invited to attend, and we encourage all of you to make a special effort to invite them. Thank you.- Diane Ehling, Erika Hannan, Luciana Hinman and Andre Pekovich.

## The Wider Church

**MBMSI** Jason & Andrea Edwards are MBMS International workers at the Pan American Christian Academy in

### **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 (604-323-5065) *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)


*Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)*—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

Brazil. Pray for wisdom for Andrea as she leads a small group for teenage girls who struggle with the effects of bullying, rumours, etc. Pray too for Jason as he mentors young men in what it means to be a Christian.

**MCC** "*Life at the Edge*" Gloria Nafziger will share stories about Palestinian refugees living in camps on the Syria/Iraq border, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Banquet Room, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 3471 Clearbrook Rd. Abbotsford . Sponsored by MCC BC. For more information contact Jennifer Mpungu at MCC BC 604-850-6639 or toll free 1 888 622 6337 or email (available from webmaster)

**Mennonite Disaster Service** continues to attend meetings with other non government agencies and Manitoba EMO to determine where the needs for flood cleanup and repair will be and if volunteers will be needed. Please call the MDS office at 261-1274 if you can offer your name or a group available to volunteer and/or if you become aware of any needs for volunteer help in your neighbourhood. MDS is aware that many areas of the province have been affected in some ways by this flood. Although the government will be providing funding for both cleanup and repair, MDS wants to be ready to fill in the gaps where needs are not being met, which often come to the forefront only weeks after the disaster and media has moved on.

**Regent College Free Lectures** You are invited to hear Cherith Fee Nordling speaking on *Teaching and Admonishing One Another through Worship by the Spirit* Wednesday, May 13, 8:00pm in the Chapel at Regent College. Come early for a good seat as these always fill up.

 **MC Canada Annual Convention** *Saskatoon 2009*: Plan to join this gathered discerning community of God on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan June 5-7 (Pre-Assembly Conference June 4). Choose your delegates, prepare to participate in what God is doing in the world, and get ready to "Live Inside Out." Please let Don or Andre know if you plan to attend, and register on-line or download a registration packet at [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/695](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/695). You can download the Assembly Report/Workbooks now available at <http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/saskatoon2009/>.

**MCBC** PGIMF is invited to worship with Mennonites across the province at the **MCBC joint service** held May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10328 - 168<sup>th</sup> St. Surrey. Meal tickets (\$12 adult, \$10 under 11s) will be available soon and you are requested to stay for dinner after the service. Weather permitting, bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. An offering will be taken during the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to attend after the PGIMF retreat is finished.

### **MCBC Joint Worship Service**

PGIMF will worship with Mennonites across the province for the Mennonite Church-BC Joint Service, May 24 at 4:00 pm at the Chandos Pattison Auditorium, 10238 168 Street, Surrey. Please stay for the meal afterward (Adult \$12, 10 and under \$10) - meal tickets required so that ample food can be pre-ordered.

*Menu: Herb & Garlic Roast Chicken Breast,  
Vegetarian Rotini, Nugget Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables  
Rolls, Salad, & Assorted Squares/Tarts  
Coffee/Tea, Water, Pop and Juice*

Weather permitting: bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on, however, please note that there will be tables and chairs set up inside. An offering will be taken during the Worship Service.

We encourage everyone to attend! Please let Andrew know soon if you plan to attend so he can pre-order meal tickets.

## **Ephesians 3:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;

<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. [NRSV]