

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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November 9th, 2008

Peace Sunday

Welcome to our Sunday service at Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today our service will be led in worship by Veronica Dyck, in song by Rosie Perera, Ruth Enns will accompany on the piano, and Hilda Unger is your usher. Later we will hear from Angelika Dawson. Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Last Sunday On November 2, 2008 Andre Pekovich created and led our morning service on the theme, "Recalling and Giving Thanks for the Radical Reformation and the Taufferjahr". Andre divided the service into seven sections (each including readings and a song), leading us through the story of the birth of Anabaptism in Switzerland, the split of the more radical reformers from those remaining with the state church, the resultant persecution and exile (either to other countries or to land thought to be unfarmable because it was above 1000 meters). We heard prayers by Zwingli, Blaurock, Baumann and others. The so-called "Radical Reformation" found itself dividing into different groups, including the Amish (and there were once 26 different kinds of Mennonites in Canada alone). In the 19th century, evangelists from the Reformed Church encouraged spiritual revival among the Anabaptists in Switzerland and elsewhere, the Swiss finally gave permission for Anabaptists to build their own churches and a seminary was established in Bienenberg. Finally, in 2003 representatives from the various Protestant Swiss movements met for prayer and confession for the centuries of persecution, offering official expressions of forgiveness on both sides, for both actions and attitudes. They also prayed that this sordid history no longer be a curse on Christians descending from either side of the divide. In 2007, Switzerland proclaimed a "Taufferjahr" ('Anabaptist Year'), celebrating the movement. Today there are only about 2,500 Anabaptists living in Switzerland, but the movement has grown to hundreds of thousands elsewhere, and its ideas--pacifism, believers studying scripture for themselves, and the separation of church and state--have profoundly influenced millions of people throughout the world. [JEK]

PGIME News

Upcoming speakers

November 16	Garry Janzen	Faith in an Unpredictable World
November 23	Rosie Perera	Eernity Sunday
November 30	Evan Kreider	1 st Advent
December 7	Janice Kreider	2 nd Advent

New church mailboxes Please note the new church list has now been updated and distributed by e-mail and will also be available in your new mailboxes. Please check the new mailbox list for your correct number. New attenders on the church list, please note you too have been given a mailbox. Please see Andre for questions.

Book study Wednesday morning discussion/study of A Generous Orthodoxy, pp. 1 – 46. First session on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m. at Henry & Tena Neufeld's home.

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 (604-325-5065); *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)
Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

Richard Stobbe and Charmaine Wiens
have a new address: {redacted}
and
have room if anyone's passing
through town!

☎ Please note new attenders on the church list - you can update your e-mail addresses with this list here:

- Rosemary & Christopher Bell are at (redacted)
- Brian Kelton at (redacted)
- Margarita Pinillos at (redacted)
- Chris Skinner at (redacted) and
- John Skinner is at (redacted)

Extra copies of the church list are available at the back by the mailslots.

The Wider Church

MBMSI As you remember John & Ev Wiens this week, MBMS International workers serving in Ukraine, pray that they will become more fluent in the language. Also pray for renewal and unity in the Balkovoy Church.

Regent College You are invited to a public lecture presented by the Regent College bookstore held in the Chapel at Regent College. This Monday November 10th, come hear author Denis O. Lamoreaux speaking on *Evolutionary Creation: A Christian Approach to Evolution* at 7:30 PM. Come early for a good seat as the room fills quickly.

MCC You are invited to the MCC AGM at Columbia Bible College featuring Emmanuel Lowilla from Sudan speaking on "*The Journey For Home: Walking with the Uprooted in the Name of Christ*". Churches are encouraged to appoint and send delegates - but you do not have to be a delegate to attend, guests are welcome! Registration \$10 at the door. Join us for stimulating story telling, inspiring workshops, great concerts and more. November 14&15. And you have one more chance to own a quilt! Join us at the meeting and bid on a beautiful quilt. Learn more when you visit www.mcc.org/bc/about/quilt.html or call toll free 1.888.622.6337 .

Fraser Valley Arts and Peace Festival at Columbia Bible College. November 13-16 Come and explore the theme: "In Search of Home" through creative music, storytelling, thought-provoking visual arts, engaging workshops, film and more. Get the details when you visit: www.mcc.org/bc/peace

Communitas Supportive Care Society (formerly MCC Supportive Care Services) invites you to attend our AGM and Celebration of 35 years to be held on November 14 at 6:30 pm at Bakerview MB Church (2285 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford, BC) focusing on the theme of *Grounded and Growing*, the evening will include stories, music, drumming and artwork. RSVP to 604.850.6608 or (available from webmaster).

Music for Remembrance St Philip's Anglican Church (3727 W. 27th Ave) features Henry Purcell's "Funeral Music of Queen Mary". Rupert Lang's "Kontakion" and poetry by Yeats, Hardy and Binyon. Michael Murray leads the choir of St Philip's Church with organ, brass quartet and tympani present this concert tonight at 7:30 pm. Admission by donation. More information at 604-228-3238.

'Film with Fran' in November is on Friday November 14th (not Nov. 7th as previously stated). *Amazing Grace* (2006) is a film about William Wilberforce, a Christian, who worked with other abolitionists, and who, as a member of parliament in 19th century England, helped to end the British trans-Atlantic slave trade. If you missed it when it first came out, see it now! 11571 Daniels Rd., Peace Mennonite church, Richmond. 7.00 pm. FREE! Same time, same place, 3 weeks later, on Fri. Dec. 5th, the movie is THE NATIVITY STORY.

Peace Sunday service Canadian Memorial United Church, (15th & Burrard) led by Neil Weisensel present a performance of Missa Gaia (Earth Mass) at 2 pm on Sunday, November 9. Featuring soloists Sal Ferreras, Brian Tate, Tony Nichols, and Rachel Landrecht, This multimedia performance by Paul Winter and Paul Halley combines varied rhythms and music to pay homage to the earth. Tickets \$15, \$10 S/S.

Taizé Service Sunday November 16th at 7:00 pm at Canadian Memorial United Church (15th & Burrard). All welcome.