

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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November 16th, 2008

Peace Sunday

Welcome to our Sunday service at Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today our service will be led in worship by Karl Brown, in song by Paul Thiessen, Ruth Enns will accompany on the piano, and Erika Hannan is your usher. Later we will hear from **Garry Janzen**, Executive Minister for MC-BC whose sermon will be entitled *Faith in an Unpredictable World* from Judges 4:1-10. Please join us in the lounge after the service for coffee and fellowship.


Last Sunday On November 9, 2008, Angelika Dawson (MCC-BC, Communications and Teaching, and a former reporter to various Mennonite papers) began our Peace Sunday by recalling the story of Isaac's family struggle to get water in Palestine. After enemies filled Abraham's old wells with sand (essentially a declaration of war), Isaac moved and his men dug a new well. After it was captured by locals, he moved and dug again, and finally was allowed to use his own well for his families and herds. Even in antiquity, water was a scarce resource. Today this is more true than ever. Angelika then told of her visit to Cambodia, how the farmers she met learned to cooperate in making crucial decisions about sharing water from a local dam recently restored. Now there is no more fighting or water stealing. Like the story of Isaac in Genesis 26, these people found peaceful ways to share their precious water. How do we respond when we are faced with conflict? Could we, like Isaac, possibly walk away from our sources of wealth which make conflict with others, and trust that we will still be sustained by our God? [JEK] {For more photos and commentary from Angelika's trip with MCC to Cambodia and Laos as seen in the Peace Sunday service, please follow the link: (available from webmaster)}

PGIMF News

Upcoming speakers

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| November 23 | Rosie Perera | Eernity Sunday |
| November 30 | Evan Kreider | 1 st Advent |
| December 7 | Janice Kreider | 2 nd Advent |
| December 14 | Sing-along Messiah | 3 rd Advent |

Book study *A Generous Orthodoxy* study/discussion group meets at Helmut Lemke's home on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 10:00 a.m., all welcome.

 Peter & Helga Neudorf have had a new e-mail address for some time - (available from webmaster) - so please update your address lists. Also note new attenders on the church list - you can update your e-mail addresses here:

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

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

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)

Prayer concerns (available from webmaster)

The Wider Church

MBMSI As you pray today for Erica Ray, MBMS International worker to Mexico, pray that people would be touched to support her through finances and prayer so she would be able to leave for Guadalajara, Mexico to work with the Matthew Team.

MCC is increasing its relief and peace work in eastern Congo where violence is driving hundreds of thousands from their homes. MCC is providing food and other relief supplies and is working with partner churches at peace building. To learn more or to contribute to these efforts visit mcc.org/donate or call 1-888-622-6337. Cheques can be made out to MCC BC, marked for *Congo Emergency Assistance* and sent to Box 2038 Abbotsford BC V2T 3T8.

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

St Phillip's invites you to hear Nancy Ammerman, Professor of Sociology of Religion at Boston University speaking on "Liberal Christian: On not being an Oxymoron" on Saturday November 22nd at 7:30 pm at St Phillip's Anglican Church, 27817 W. 27th Ave Vancouver. Free admission.

Opera Appassionata The Christmas Story, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke will be performed as a pageant by singers and musicians of Opera Appassionata under the direction of Frank Klassen. This is a family event and proceeds will go to the Union Gospel Mission to feed the poor. Come to see and hear the "Christmas Oratorio" by Heinrich Schütz at the venue of your choice: Dec. 6 at 7pm - St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1573 East 18th Ave; Dec. 7 at 3pm - Martin Luther Church, 505 East 46th Ave; Dec. 13 at 3pm - Immanuel Baptist Church, 109 East 40th Ave. Tickets \$20, s/s \$15 - Early Bird Special and Group Rates available. Call 604.321.6674 for information and reservations or see us on-line at www.operaappassionata.org.

FMC Burns Lake Signs! Garry Janzen, Executive Minister of Mennonite Church - BC invites you to join the van of people going up to Burns Lake to celebrate their signing of the MCBC Covenant, leaving early Saturday morning from Abbotsford on November 22nd (it is a 13 hour trip). They will worship with First Mennonite Church, Burns Lake on Sunday morning (November 23rd), and return early Monday morning (November 24th) to Abbotsford. The 15 passenger van is ½ full at this point so let's get on board! Garry will accept more people until the last minute, but would prefer hearing from you sooner rather than later! Also, a second driver with a Class 4 license or higher is especially welcome. Please respond to Janette at the MCBC office, (available from webmaster)

Royal Christmas Feast at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church. The King and Queen have summoned the good people of your congregation to a festive Olde English Christmas feast on Dec. 6th & 7th. The feasting, entertainment, Christmas fellowship and jovial good times will take place at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church, which for this occasion, has been transformed into a castle banquet hall. The Royal feast will feature roast pork and a myriad of tasty morsels, fit for the season. The dinner theatre projection will feature traditions that are well remembered and some traditions that are new, along with entertainment of jesters, minstrels, treats and madrigal singers. Seating at the Royal Castle is limited so tickets (\$20/Adult \$15 / 8-12yrs \$5 childcare) should be secured early by calling 604-826-2445 or e-mailing (available from webmaster)

Judges 4:1-10

Deborah and Barak

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

⁴ At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, ‘The Lord, the

God of Israel, commands you, “Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”’ ⁸Barak said to her, ‘If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.’ ⁹And she said, ‘I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.’ Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. ¹⁰Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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