

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 Henry Hildebrand: Eric Hannan will be leading us in song and Edward Kehler will be accompanying on the piano. Later we will hear a message from Evan Kreider entitled "Our friends, our prayers, our God". Cynthia Friesen and Wally Braul are in charge of children's church. Please stay with us after the service for a coffee.

Also today: November 17 is The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide. Its primary focus is the work of intercessory prayer and citizen action on behalf of persecuted communities of the Christian faith. Also encouraged is prayer for the souls of the oppressors, the nations that promote persecution, and those who ignore it. You are encouraged to pray for Christians all over the world today. More information available at <http://www.idop.ca/>.

Last Sunday: A meaningful liturgical service to commemorate Peace Sunday was led by Veronica Dyck. It was based on the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective chapter on "Peace, Justice, and Nonresistance":

"We believe that peace is the will of God. God created the world in peace, and God's peace is most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our peace and the peace of the whole world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation, and practicing nonresistance even in the face of violence and warfare."

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.

Benefit concert for the Graduate Christian Union featuring Nola Shantz, Michael Hart and friends. "In Christ We Live and Create" Saturday November 23, 8:00 pm. Chapel of the Epiphany, Vancouver School of Theology. Tickets \$8.00 in advance from Subcetera Box Office in SUB 822_2711, \$10.00 at the door, or by donation. For more info contact Nola Shantz 221_2473

Heather Schneidereit asks "Does anyone have an 8mm digital video camera. If you have one or knows someone who has one, please let me know. I would like to help a friend convert her two wedding videos (8mm digital cassette) into a video cassette (VHS). Hope you can help me help someone. Thanks, Heather"

Devotional booklets are again available from Herb. See Herb or Sue Dudoward.

Carolyn Good and her husband Chuck recently had a fire which gutted their kitchen. They had to ask their tenant to move out and move into the basement themselves. There was no insurance on contents. Ron Jantzen is sure whatever help they get would be appreciated.

Upcoming speakers

Nov 24	J. Evan Kreider	Remembering 'All Souls' in music and prayer (Potluck)
Dec 1		1 st Advent
Dec 8	Eric Hannan	2 nd Advent
Dec 15	Eric Hannan	3 rd Advent "Messiah"

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Pastoral Concerns—Herb Reesor (604-224-5245), Sue Dudoward (604-876-4114)
Worship—Henry Neufeld (604-946-3961); *Music*—Eric Hannan (604-325-5065)

Prayer requests:

[Confidential - ask the webmaster for details.]

The Wider Church

From MBMS International: MISSION TO MEXICO. Gordon and Dora Isaak are MBMS International missionaries in Mexico. They ask your prayers as they focus on young families and youth in a new community of faith that has begun. Together with national workers, they disciple and train new leaders.

Canadian Conference of MB Churches Prayer requests: Please pray for the Executive Planning Team of NYC'05 as they meet to begin putting the details in place for the next National Youth Conference to be held in Southern Ontario. Please also pray for a reasonably priced location to be made available for the next National Youth conference in 2005.

MDS: The Restoring Hope Project has produced a Sept. 11 one_year anniversary video. VHS or DVD copies are available. Call (717) 859_2210 to order copies or for more information go to <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/hope.html>.

Peace March March with thousands of other Vancouverites to say "No to War on Iraq" today. Starting at 12 noon, you can begin to gather at Peace Flame, Burrard & 1st Ave. OR Sea Bus Terminal, Cordova & Richards. March to Sunset Beach for a rally with music & speakers at 2pm. Guest Speaker: Felicity Arbuthnot, a British journalist social and environmental journalist, who has visited Iraq 24 times since the Gulf War. Join a broad based group of people of conscience: community organizations, church groups, unions, students, peace activists, academics, professionals and many more in this march for peace.

Relief kits wanted: Hannelore is collecting items for an MCC relief kit. New items wanted include 4 bars bath soap; 1 plastic bottle shampoo; 10 cups powdered laundry detergent; 1 squeeze-tube toothpaste; 4 adult-size toothbrushes; 4 bath towels; 1 hairbrush, 1 wide-toothed comb; 1 fingernail clipper; 1 box adhesive bandages; 1 box sanitary pads. Kids are welcome to participate too. See Hannelore for more information.

Regent College lectures; On November 21, R. Paul Stevens speaks on Vocational Discernment in a Post_Vocational Era from the book "Seven Days of Faith", offering insights to developing a subversive spirituality.

Financial Update: Mennonite Church Canada. "We deeply appreciate the support received to date. As of October 31st, \$2.2 million have been entrusted to the mission of MC Canada of the \$5 million needed to fulfill our commitments in this fiscal year, ending January 31/03. While it is the pattern of our partners to give major gifts in the last part of the year, we ask for your continued prayerful support as we seek God's peace and provision in the fulfillment of our vision."

Penny Power's contribution this year was very successful this year - over \$5,000, which when matched 3:1 by CIDA enabled over 70 water cisterns to be constructed in Brazil for communities and families in Brazil. MCC thanks all the churches and especially the kids for their efforts.

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