

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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November 30th, 2008

1st Advent

Welcome to our Sunday service at Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. Today our service will be led in worship by Henry Neufeld in a service composed and led by Evan Kreider, and communion will be served. We will be led in song by Erna Friesen, Andre Pekovich will accompany on the piano, and Edward Epp is your usher. Please join us in the dining room after the service for lunch and fellowship, and guests are always welcome - please stay for lunch!

Last Sunday In her sermon last Sunday *How then shall we age?* Rosie Perera noted that spirituality and aging are closely related. With aging our lives become simpler, and we also face more challenges as our minds and bodies change. With a number of pensioners present, Rosie expressed appreciation for the collective wisdom and maturity of the congregation, complementing several that have written their memoirs. The passing of wisdom to the next generation while reviewing and reflecting on one's life is important. Rosie quoted the psalmist: "They will still bear fruit in old age." Rosie encouraged younger people to appreciate the elders and to hear their stories. Aging gracefully is possible, even when facing difficulties. Rosie commented that her Dad is "happier than ever" caring for his wife who has Alzheimers. Responses to the sermon included comments about aging being different today because people live longer which is due to genes, luck and new medical procedures. It was noted that some old people live with regrets and unresolved issues from their past. (HN)

Study/discussion of *A Generous Orthodoxy* at Klippensteins on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am

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Upcoming speakers

December 7	Janice Kreider	2 nd Advent
December 14	Sing-along Messiah	3 rd Advent
December 21	Songs of Christmas	4 th Advent
December 28	-	1 st Sunday of Christmas

Abendmusik Vesper Choir's Advent Vespers

You and your friends are invited to Abendmusik's annual Advent Vespers, 60 minutes of uninterrupted choral singing, congregational hymns, meditative responsive readings and prayers appropriate to the season. The sixteen-voice choir is conducted by Andrea Siemens.

Abbotsford

Saturday, December 6, 2008, 8:00 pm
Emmanuel Free Reformed Church
3386 Mount Lehman Road

Vancouver

Sunday, December 7, 2008, 8:00 pm
Knox United Church
5600 Balaclava at West 41st Ave.

Please feel free to bring friends who might appreciate this type of music and opportunity for reflection--no applause, no sermon, no announcements. During one hymn, an offering will be taken to support the Choir and the Menno Simons Centre, a residence for the 22 Christian university students attending UBC and Regent College.

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)

Travis Martin, a UBC student, will be heading home to Ontario mid-December and in early January will be traveling to the Netherlands for an 8-month school exchange. He has a few pieces of furniture (mattress, desk), a bike and some boxes that he is hoping to store in Vancouver until next September. If you have extra storage space, even if it's for only a few of the items, please find him after the service or contact him by email: (available from webmaster) or phone: 604-603-7843.

The Wider Church

MBMSI Pray today with Doris Goertz, that God would make a way for her to serve with Pastor Shuto from the Amagasaki MB Church in Japan. Pray that the needed finances would come in for her to be able to go

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, visit mcc.org. To contribute to these efforts visit mcc.org/donate or call 604 850 6639 or 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

Pacific Theatre presents a host of Christmas events for you and your family, beginning with *Jesus, My Boy*, running from November 28-December 27. David Adams plays one of history's forgotten characters - Joseph, stepfather to the Son of God - in a gently comic reminiscence about parenthood, carpentry and the coming of the Messiah in an earthy, plain-spoken "gospel according to Joseph". Tix \$11 - 34. Also, don't miss the *Christmas Presence*, five evenings of indelible stories, stirring songs, inspiring poetry, and outrageous comedy. In the past, these Pacific Theatre favourites have featured a wide range of performing artists, including Carolyn Arends, Ron Reed, Allen des Noyers, Leora Cashe, Michael Hart, Sheree Plett, Spencer Capier, and Nelson Boschman. Begin your holiday season with some of the finest artists in the province! Christmas Presence plays on the North Shore on December 21 at Sutherland Church, and three shows at Pacific Theatre December 14, 15, and 16 (Dec. 14 and 15 sold out). All shows at 8pm. Tix \$11-22. Call the PT Box Office at 604.731.5518 or email (available from webmaster).

This holiday season, the **Vancouver Cantata Singers** will join the Vancouver Chamber Choir and the Vancouver Chamber Orchestra for a performance of Handel's Messiah featuring Shannon Mercer, soprano; Robin Blaze, countertenor; Frédéric Antoun, tenor; Joshua Hopkins, bass; and special guest conductor Bernard Labadie. Friday, December 12th at 8:00pm & Saturday, December 13th at 8:00pm at the Orpheum. Single tickets (\$18-44) to Handel's Messiah are available through Ticketmaster at 604.280.3311 or online at www.ticketmaster.ca.

Join the **Vancouver Cantata Singers** this holiday season for two delightful afternoon concerts of Christmas music brimming with yuletide joy. Escape from the cold and warm your heart with sparkling carols, both traditional and contemporary. Saturday's concert is on December 20th at 2:00pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral, tickets \$12. Sunday's FREE concert held December 21st at 2:00pm at St. James Anglican, 303 East Cordova Street will fill up quickly so come early. Single tickets to A Christmas Reprise are available through the Cantata Singers office by phone at 604.730.8856, in person at Sikora's Classical Records (432 West Hastings Street, Vancouver) or online.

Regent College is pleased to present Dennis Danielson and his new book Paradise Lost : Parallel Prose Edition on the Celebrating his 400th Anniversary of the birth of John Milton. All events on Tuesday, December 9 - book signing at 12:00pm, public reading at 1:30pm, in room 100 at Regent College.

Remembering Thomas Merton on the 40th anniversary of his death, Dec. 10, 7:30 pm An evening of reflections, poetry and contemplative music Location: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2465 Crown Street @ West 10th Ave. Please join the Thomas Merton Society of Canada and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church to honour the memory of this great monk and writer for an evening of reflections, poetry and contemplative music. All are welcome! Info: 604-669-2546 or email (available from webmaster) or see www.merton.ca.