

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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October 30th, 2016

Amy Anderson - Habakkuk: Living with the Questions

Worship Leader: Kevin Hiebert
Accompanist: Andre Pekovich

Song Leader: Veronica Dyck
Usher: Erna Friesen

Last Sunday Annika Krause (AMBS and SFU grad) shared her freshly-baked bread and the story from Joel 2:23-32 of God rescuing the land and the people from economic, psychological, and social trauma (see *You Are My People* by Stulman & Kim). Psalm 65 praises God for watering the earth and blessing its growth. We sang #455 from the hymnal about Christ, the Bread of Life, whose broken body feeds the hunger of our hearts. When the smell of bread reminds us of God's abundant provision, will we be thankful and consider sharing a "grain offering" with our local food bank? [KH]

Listen to her message in your favourite browser at <http://pgimf.org/service/blessings-raining-down-and-rising-up/>

PGIMF News

November 5	Thomas Bergen	Parable of the Prodigal God
November 13	Peace Sunday	Service of readings and prayers
November 20	Jonas Cornelsen	Ecclesiastes
November 27	Henry Neufeld	Refugees / 1 st Advent

PGIMF church list is now available on-line at the church website in the members area, and printed copies are available in the back of the church by the mailboxes. There are several new entries. Please note, the mailboxes will be reorganized shortly so please make sure you look in the correct one.

Upcoming Church Calendar: Please note: there will be no church on Christmas Day (December 25th) or New Year's Day (January 1st) this year, so all giving must be complete by December 18th.

...and Baby makes Three! Former PGIMFers Carl and Carolyn welcomed a new addition to their family at the end of September - a baby girl! More information as it comes in.

Wider Church

Regent College Lunchtime Lecture C. S. Lewis's famous Disagreement with Augustine on Love features Regent Scholar-in-residence Jason Lepojärvi. Augustine recounts a heart-breaking story of the loss of his unnamed friend in the Confessions. In *The Four Loves*, Lewis firmly rejects what he took to be the moral of the story: that vulnerability is a sign of misplaced or distorted love. This is the only time Lewis publicly disagrees with Augustine—whom he calls "a great saint and a great thinker to whom my own glad debts are incalculable"—on an important issue concerning love. All are welcome to bring their lunch, enjoy the lecture, and engage in a brief Q & A period afterward. Wednesday, Nov 2, 2016 at 12:00pm - 1:00 pm

Mennonite Historical Society of BC The MHSBC presents its Annual Fundraising Event A Small Sign of Life & Love: Letters from the Soviet Union During the Khrushchev Thaw on Sunday, November 13th at 3:00 pm at King Road MB Church (32068 King Road, Abbotsford) followed by faspas and dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 and available from the office at 604-853-6177 or online at www.mhsbc.com. Everyone welcome!

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—Curtis Funk (604-992-6913); *Worship*—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);
Congregational Care—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); *Recording Secretary*—Diane Ehling (604-904-1380);
Music—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); *At Large*—Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); Travis Martin (604-603-7843);
Finance—Janice Kreider; *Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)*—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

Snow Days

This weekly reminder asks you to check your e-mail by 8:30 on Sunday mornings when snow is expected or has fallen, to find out if the service has been cancelled. The worship leader for each Sunday will be responsible for checking the conditions (walks shovelled, road conditions, etc.) in the area of the church with an appropriate person (residence coordinators or other church members in West Point Grey) and will "call off" the service as decided in their sole discretion.

Regent, UBC and SFU lecture Dr. Tom McLeish, professor of physics at Durham University, is a passionate advocate for the integration of faith and science. From Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, McLeish will deliver a five-part lecture series in the Lower Mainland, entitled Faith and Wisdom in Science. His recent book of the same title explores the connections between biblical wisdom literature and the history of scientific investigation. On November 1, Dr. McLeish will be in Room 100 at Regent College for the second lecture in this five-part series. Join the wider community from 7:30 - 9:30 pm to examine the historical relationship between science and religion. If you like, begin the series on Monday October 31st at 3:30 pm at SFU, and continue it on Wednesday November 2nd at 4:00 pm at UBC in Woodward IRC 6. For all the details, please see <http://www.casca.ca/mcleish-2016/>.

Mennonite Church Canada Timely words? Check out November's edition of The Parish Paper which asks, "Does Your Congregation Suffer from Anxiety?" See: <http://www.commonword.ca/go/788>

Mennonite World Conference - Columbia votes The Columbian peace accord so recently rejected was intensely debated in all quarters, including the churches, and certainly among the Anabaptist churches belonging to Mennonite World Conference (MWC). Find out the story behind the justice movement of some churches at <http://www.mwc-cmm.org/content/road-peace-after-plebiscite-colombia?language=en>

Theatre of the Beat On Nov. 25, the critically acclaimed drama troupe, Theatre of the Beat will present Forgiven/Forgotten at Killarney Park MB Church (6426 Kerr St, Vancouver). This thought-provoking play explores Restorative Justice & how Christians are called to respond to those in need. This fast-paced drama follows a family after they learn that an individual recently released from prison is interested in joining their church. The play artfully engages audiences in concepts of Restorative Justice and the unique power church communities have to heal people and relationships harmed by crime. Free admission.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

[...]

¹ I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴ Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith. [NRSV]

Psalm 119:137-144

¹³⁷ You are righteous, O Lord,
and your judgements are right.
¹³⁸ You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
¹³⁹ My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

¹⁴¹ I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴ Your decrees are righteous for ever;
give me understanding that I may live. [NRSV]

2Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.
Thanksgiving

³ We must always give thanks to God for you,
brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is
growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you
for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves
boast of you among the churches of God for your

steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions
and the afflictions that you are enduring.

[...]

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, asking that our
God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by
his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹²so
that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in
you, and you in him, according to the grace of our
God and the Lord Jesus Christ. [NRSV]

Luke 19:1-10

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A
man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief
tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who
Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not,
because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and
climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was
going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the
place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus,
hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house
today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to

welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and
said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a
sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord,
'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the
poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I
will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to
him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because
he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man
came to seek out and to save the lost.' [NRSV]

Fact Sheet: MCC Refugee Food Bank at the Sherbrooke Mennonite Church
Janice Kreider, October 21, 2016

Though not housed in our fellowship, PGIMF has been involved with the MCC Refugee Food Bank at the Sherbrooke Mennonite Church from the beginning. Beyond supplying food to refugees, the Thursday morning food bank is a supportive community-building event. Connections are made over coffee and conversation, involving the refugees, former refugees, pastors (James Wittenberg and Jorge Hoajaca), Kingcrest's ESL program, and community workers, supported by numerous PGIMF volunteers including:

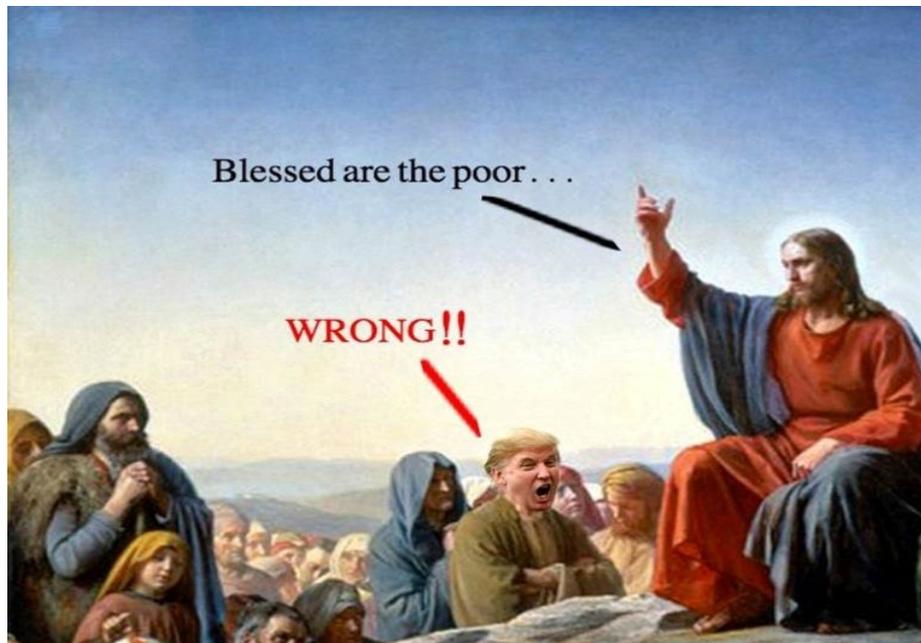
- Edwin Hintz, the first chair of the committee, frequented the food bank to support the volunteers until he became too ill.
- Elvira Teichroeb's mother, Helen Dyck, was an early and long-time volunteer, leading moderator Don Teichroeb to solicit PGIMF's financial and personal support.
- Annie Funk volunteered for many years.
- Current volunteers include Catherine Cooper, Janice Kreider, and Hannelore Schowalter.

The food bank's current budget of \$16,000 relies on donations from individuals and churches, on an annual contribution of \$5,000 from MCC, and for some years on its carry-over balance. PGIMF has donated \$1,200 annually for many years. However, the client list has greatly increased in the last year, the cost of groceries continues to rise, and now the carry-over balance is gone.

Though Program Chair Shirley Hsu plans to ask MCC for a larger contribution, more support is needed. Past fundraisers included surplus sales from Linens & Things, and FUMC Spanish Church's various efforts, but are too few. The last place the food bank can turn to is to churches and individuals. At the last PGIMF church board meeting, the discussion included increasing the church's giving, but the board elected to encourage individual donors to show their support by donating to **Sherbrooke Mennonite Church Refugee Food Bank** (please note exact wording!) and giving it to one of the current volunteers, or mailing it to

Sherbrooke Mennonite Church
7155 Sherbrooke St.
Vancouver, BC V5X 4E3

You are welcome to drop in and see what is happening. Thank you for your support and generosity!



Serpent on the Mount