

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Char Siemens & Jon Nofziger - Peace & Hope: Stories from the Ancient Church

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Usher:

Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday Rev. Harold Munn (of St. John the Divine, St. Anselm's, and VST), spoke on Action, Beauty and Community from passages in Isaiah and Mark. At a local level we can see God working, but at a global scale it isn't clear how God's purposes are being served. God used the Persian conqueror Cyrus the Great to help the Jews return from Babylon to rebuild the Temple. While Titans like Trump and Putin clash and things fall apart, will our faith community engage with the world, or have nothing to say and be no better than a hobby? Our collective actions in response to God's calling can truly make the world beautiful again! [KH]

Hear the message on your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/current-world-affairs-who-is-in-charge/>

PGIMF News

March 5

Thomas Bergen

Cruciformity

March 12

J. Evan Kreider

Lent II

March 19

TBA

Lent III

March 26

TBA

Lent IV

Abendmusik Join the Abendmusik Vesper Choir at 7:30 p.m. for an hour of Choral Vespers for the season of Lent. Saturday, March 11, 2017, Emmanuel Free Reformed Church, 3386 Mount Lehman Road, Abbotsford, and Sunday, March 12, 2017, **St. Philip's Anglican Church**, 3737 West 27th Avenue, Vancouver (note the location change!) All donations go to support the Menno Simons Centre.

Church retreat at Camp Luther Seeking volunteers for the Camp Committee to help put on the next church retreat at Camp Luther May 26-28. Looking for a theme, activities and persons to help put on the event. See Diane or Andre for more information.

Treasurer's note

Donation receipts are in your mailboxes at the back.

Church e-mail list If you're a visitor and would like to be on the church e-mail list to keep up to date on upcoming events or news and information of interest to the church and the conference, please send an e-mail to info@pgimf.org with your request. The list is rigorously monitored for spam.

Friday Group will continue on March 3, at 10 a.m., studying McLaren's book, The Great Spiritual Migration. Conversation will focus on chapter three. We meet in the Education Building at First United Mennonite Church, 659 East 52nd St. All are welcome.

Anabaptism: Beliefs and Practices. PGIMF offers a free 10 week course beginning Thursday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The class will meet weekly at the Menno Simons Centre. All are welcome. Class size is limited. Annika Krause will be the instructor. Contact Curtis Funk to reserve your place. See the flyer in your mailbox.

Wider Church

Regent College Regent's annual Academic Symposium, organized by the Regent College Student Association, is a chance to hear 6 papers from some of the newest voices in the theological world. The authors of the papers will have 20-30 minutes to present their papers on arts, philosophy, biblical study or social action, followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. Attendees receive a booklet with all the papers. Questions to David Paul at rcsavpac@regent-college.edu. Cost and registration: \$5 at the door. Tea & coffee provided.

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.

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Finance—Janice Kreider; *Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)*—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

West Point Grey "Lenten Prayer Series

Wednesdays at noon, for ½ hour, soup and brea lunch after (most weeks)
Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
Mar 1 - 12:00 pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic, 2465 Crown St.

Lenten Prayer Vigils

March 8 - St. "Anselm's Anglican Church, 5210 University Blvd
March 15 - West Piont Grey United Church, 4595 W. 8th Ave
Mar 22 - St. Helen's Anglican Church, 4405 W. 8th Ave
March 29 - Point Grey "Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, 4000 W. 11th Ave.
Apr 5 - West Point Grey Baptist Church, 4509 W. 11th Ave.

Asian Cultural Event Celebrate traditional Asian dance with a concert in honour of the master Japanese dancer Fujima Yuko on Sunday Februar 26th at 2pm at Carousel Theatre Studio, 1411 Cartwright St., (Granville Island) Vancouver. Admission by donation at the door.

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that

the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. [NRSV]

Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. [NRSV]

Matthew 17:1-9

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;

with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' [NRSV]

John 1:1-5

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into

being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. [NRSV]