

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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March 19, 2017

Jonas Cornelsen - Water, Dignity & Salvation

Worship Leader:
Accompanist:

Erna Freisen
Rosemary Bell

Music Leader:
Usher:

Veronica Dyck
Henry Neufeld

Last Sunday For Part 3 in his series on giving (continued from Part 1 on May 8 and Part 2 on Aug. 14 last year), Dr. J. Evan Kreider examined the ways that the early church raised funds for the poor in their midst, the needy in other churches, and for missionary works. According to each person's financial ability, they were called to generously send relief to feed their fellow believers. Failing to provide for family members earned special condemnation, while enthusiastic donations were lauded. Tithing a fixed percentage of our income is not supported by New Testament scripture, but rather, let each of us give as we have decided in our heart, not out of regret or compulsion (Cor. 9:7). [KH]

Hear the message on your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/giving-in-the-early-church-part3/>

PGIMF News

March 26

A reading from Carl Gregg

Toward a Liberation Theology of Disability

April 2

Dr. Nasir Zaidi

Moral and Spiritual Messages of Jesus Christ in
Islamic Resources

April 9

Laura Eriksson

Lent VI

April 16

Service of songs & Prayers

Easter Sunday

Potluck lunch Please remember following next Sunday's service we will have potluck lunch. Please bring your favourite dish to share and little extra for guests.

Anabaptism: Beliefs and Practices. PGIMF offers a free 10 week course beginning Thursday, March 16 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.

Correction

Lois Funk's phone is not as printed in the directory. It should be
Xxx-xxx-xxxx

Wider Church

West Point Grey Lenten Prayer Vigils

Wednesdays at noon, for ½ hour, soup and bread lunch afterward (most weeks)

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.

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)

Women's Inspirational Day 2017 This year Marlene Kropf – author of the “Faith Travels” Bible Study Guide will walk us through an exploration of Lamentations 3:22-24 in a workshop entitled Who Am I Now? Trusting God In Life's Transitions. Cost: \$20 includes lunch, Saturday, May 6 from 10am-2:30pm (Sign-in & Coffee at 9:30am) at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (3471 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford). Register at the door or at: www.mcbbc.ca/womens-ministry

St. Philip's Lenten series presents Walking the Way of the Cross with Mary, which includes a performance of Pergolesi's Stabat Mater with soloists and baroque chamber orchestra as well as a short lecture preceding the work. The performance will occur at St. Philip's Anglican (3737 W. 237th Ave, Vancouver) on the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25th at 2pm. Reservations can be made by emailing mmurray@stpdpunbar.com. Admission by donation. Suggested amount: \$20

Friday evening coffee house talent SHOWCASE at Menno Simons Centre

Calling performers and participants to a fun evening of entertainment and sharing at the Menno Simons Centre Chapel on Friday March 24 from 8pm - 10 pm. Members and friends of PGIMF and Menno Simons Centre are invited to share and showcase their talents with an opportunity to share a tune or song, or a poem, story, theatre or even a joke. Sign up with Doug or Curtis ahead of time, or just show up. Volunteers: Please let us know if you can help with setup and a bit of decorating, and coffee house type food and drinks. Contact: Doug Medley at (contact info available upon request from webmaster)

A Lenten Retreat 2017: Esther Hisza invites you to a spiritual retreat Praying with Jesus through the Landscapes of Life. Join Soulstream spiritual directors Mei Chang, Marcia Fretheim and Rod Janz Saturday April 1 for a retreat offering instruction, periods of silence and contemplation, and reflective group sharing using three different prayer practices. Runs 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, at St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church (9887 Cameron St. Burnaby). Cost \$50, lunch provided. For more information or to register see <https://soulstream.org/lenten-retreat-2017/>

BCMB Convention the BCMB annual convention and AGM will be held April 28-29, 2017 at Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford. The theme this year is: All we need in Christ (John 15:7). Registration now available at www.bcmb.org. Cost to attend will be \$35/per person for both days. A Celebration banquet will be hosted on the Friday evening, which is included in the registration fee.

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are

almost ready to stone me.' ⁵The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' [NRSV]

John 4:5-42

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and

truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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