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Fall Sermon Series: **Judges and Ruth** "In Search of a Good King"

Today:

Iov Banks "Deborah and Jael" Judges 4

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Ordinary Time

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ



SURROUNDING OUR **SERVICES TODAY:**

10:30AM **Morning Congregation**

Worship - followed by tea and

coffee in the Lower Hall

Korean Presbyterian Church 1-4 PM

NO EVENING SERVICES

(Retreat at Deroche)

LOOKING AHEAD TO **NEXT SUNDAY:**

Tim Dickau will preach from Judges 6-8

10:30AM Morning Congregation

Worship – followed by soup

in the Lower Hall

Korean Presbyterian Church 1-4 PM

4:30PM **Evening Congregation**

Worship

As part of our commitment to learning together about the history of Indigenous-Settler relations on this land, particularly where the Christian Church has been involved in perpetuating injustice, we are beginning each service with words that remind us that the land in and around Vancouver was taken over, sold, and settled without the consent of the Coast Salish peoples who have always lived here and have historic title to it.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, 7pm	Streams of Justice – meeting in Room 8
Wed, 6:30am	Morning Prayers at Stillpointe – 1575 Salsbury Drive, ground level red door
Wed, 9:30-12pm	<u>CLEAN Break</u> Laundry Program at Washing Wells – Contact <u>christina chiu@hotmail.com</u> for more info.
Wed, 9:30-1pm	MOMS - Mothers Offering Mentorship & Support
Thursday, 5pm	<u>Crossroads Community Meal</u> All are welcome! Doors open at 5pm. Seating to dine at 6:30pm. For more info, email: <u>crossroads@gcbchurch.ca</u>
Friday, 3:30-6pm	Eastside Story Guild – Guild Fridays
Friday, 7pm	Youth Group – downstairs in the Youth Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 29 & 30	<u>Protection Plan Training</u> – September 29, 7pm; OR
	September 30, 9:30am OR 1pm; in Lower Hall
Oct. 1, 1:30pm	Baptisms at Cates Park
Oct. 11, 7pm	Parent Conversation – See details below
Oct. 15	<u>Newcomer's Meal</u> – If you are new to Grandview and would like to learn more, join Pastor Tim and others after the service (AM and PM) for a meal.
Oct. 18, 7pm	<u>Widsom-seeking dialogue</u> – See more below
Oct. 20, 6pm	Protection Plan Training (for youth volunteers 12-18 years) – in Room 8
Oct. 25, 6:30pm	<u>Family Business Meeting</u> – Come and hear notes from the external review that happened in June, and more

CHURCH NEWS

Pray for:

- Aaron Lautzenhiser's father, recent cancer diagnosis

Parent Conversation – All parents of children birth through 18 are welcome to join in a facilitated conversation about the faith formation of our children (while enjoying chocolate and hot beverages). <u>Wednesday October 11, 7:15-9:15pm at 2016 E. 3rd Ave</u>. Please RSVP to <u>melanie@gcbchurch.ca</u>.

Congregational Art Project – This fall season, we are inviting YOU to contribute to our art! There will be a basket in the foyer to receive small (~20cmx20cm) pieces of fabric (preferably greens, but not a requirement) that represent you and your life in some way. These will be sewn together onto the Ordinary Time banners in the sanctuary. This project is meant to represent the diversity and woven together-ness of our community. So bring those scraps and let's make some art!

<u>Newcomers classes</u> – If you are new to Grandview, you are invited to join our newcomers classes on Oct. 22, 29, and Nov. 6. There will be a class held at 9:15am (before AM service) and 6:15pm (after PM service) on those Sundays in Room 8.

Wisdom-seeking dialogue – On October 18th at 7pm in the lower hall, we will be picking up a conversation started eight years ago regarding same-sex relationships, seeking God's wisdom in discerning where we are in this journey as a church and where we are going. While some in our community have been here for this entire journey, others have more recently joined us. On this evening, we hope to welcome those who are newer to the church into both the story of our discussion and the experience we have had of engaging in a dialogue with others holding many differing perspectives. You are welcome to participate in this night of seeking wisdom together. More information and readings to come.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Looking for Volunteers! Join us for some hands-on Creation care at Beulah Garden Homes Society on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 14</u>, 9am-3pm. Lunch provided. Come for an hour or two, or all day. We will be getting the Wellness Garden areas in shape for the winter. No gardening experience required. All levels of ability welcome. Contact Ute Warkentin for more information or to RSVP. utecwarkentin@gmail.com or 604-561-5013

<u>Mothers' Retreat</u> – This half day, contemplative retreat is an opportunity to pause in the busyness of life and enter into a quiet rest with God. This guided retreat weaves together times of quiet reflection, meditative readings, creative expression and group sharing. <u>Date</u>: Sept 30, 2017; <u>Time</u>: 9 am to 12:30 pm; <u>Venue</u>: Stillpointe Urban Retreat; <u>Suggested offering</u>: \$20 Email <u>waimeichange@gmail.com</u> to register.

<u>Our Stories Shape Us:</u> - On September 30, Regent College is hosting a one-day conference on the history, faith, and practice of the indigenous church in Canada for churches and individuals who want to learn about or enter into the conversation about reconciliation in Canada. For more information, you can email <u>confereces@regent-college.edu</u> or visit the Regent College website.

Refugee documentary screening: To continue our journey of learning more about what refugees new-to-Canada face as they make their homes here, First Christian Reformed Church (11th and Victoria Dr.) will be showing the National Film Board documentary "19 Days" on Saturday, September 30, at 7:00 pm. This short (25 minute) film "follows several refugee families during their first 19 days in Canada, as they navigate an unfamiliar terrain that

has suddenly become their home." The showing will be followed by a panel discussion with speakers who recently arrived in Canada as refugees. Contact Dena Nicolai at dena@van1crc.org or 604-928-3094 with questions or for more information.

Ride for Refuge – Saturday, September 30th is the Ride for Refuge! Join one of three Grandview teams or give to the Kinbrace campaign to support a wider, warmer welcome for refugee claimants in Vancouver. This is a family-friendly event taking place in Richmond with multiple ride/walk distances to choose from. We're also looking for bikes of all sizes to borrow! Contact Anika Barlow: anikaeb@gmail.com or 778-985-9045. www.rideforrefuge.org

Kinbrace Thanksgiving Dinner - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Monday, October 9th - Just down the street is a community called "Kinbrace" that welcomes refugee claimants new to Vancouver. Every year Kinbrace hosts a thanksgiving feast in the GCBC lower hall. This event continues each year thanks to the support of volunteers from the GCBC community. We are looking for volunteers again this year to help out for shifts of approx 2 hours. Opportunities include: set up, washing dishes, working in the kitchen or organizing an activity for the Kinbrace Kids. Please contact emily@kinbrace.ca if you are interested to help. Thank you!

Envisioning a New Space for Creatives and Thinkers to Work – In Vancouver, where space is at a premium and people live in close proximity, finding time and space to focus on your creative practice can be a challenge. An opportunity has opened up that has great potential to offer creatives and thinkers quiet focus, where they write, design, do art, read, or simply rest in preparation for their next engagement with the world. I would like to know if there is interest and capacity in our community for this vision. If you are interested in exploring this possibility, please contact Meagan Dallimore for more details at 778-859-4250 or mkdallimore@gmail.com.

Theological Reading Group – Interested in learning about other communities who are forming monastic-type orders and some reasons why this is happening? Why not join our theological reading group for our next night of discussion by reading Jonathan Wilson Hartgrove's book entitled *New Monasticism: What it has to say to today's Church*. Meeting on Friday, November 16th, 7pm at Emma Gray's house. For more info, talk to Emma (emmakeely@gmail.com) or Tim D. (tim@gcbchurch.ca).

FREE: Front-facing car seat good until 2019. Please contact Jennifer Moore if you or someone you know could use this. jmofromto@gmail.com.

Babysitter needed – Craig Boyd (AM congregation) is looking for a babysitter for Tessa, 5 years old, on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. Ideal for teen or older sibling with babysitting experience who wants a few weekly hours of paid work. We live near Clinton Park at Grant St. If interested, you can talk to Craig at service or via email craig@precisionathletics.ca or phone 604-723-4317.