

# POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**Today:** Welcome to Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship. This morning, our service will be led by Kevin Hiebert, Andre Pekovich will lead us in song, Ruth Enns will accompany on the piano and Henry Neufeld is your usher. Today our service "Seek peace and pursue it" takes its inspiration from 1 Corinthians 14:26 – "What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church." (thanks Henry K.) Sunday school is finished for the season, and parents are requested to make their own arrangements for child care during the service. Please join us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the lounge.

**Last Sunday** On August 13, 2006 Anne Scarrow spoke on "A conversation in prayer". Regardless of whether of our prayers are articulate or contain only the single word, "Help!" God understands and responds. Using the story of Solomon dedicating the temple (2 Chron. 6-7), Anne analyzed Solomon's prayer. Solomon asked that God would watch over the believers day and night (6:20), hearing their cries (even their inarticulate prayers), forgive those who prayed (6:21), creating a spirit of forgiveness among the people (6:22). He also asked that believers be restored through prayer after feeling defeated by enemies (6:25) and that when 'heaven is shut' and lives seem dry, that rain will be sent. He included foreigners by asking that their prayers also be heard (6:32) and also any prayers offered by people far away from Jerusalem who turned in faith towards the temple (6:29). God answered Solomon's very public prayer in the quiet of the night (7:12) rather than during the great spectacle of worship accompanied by the slaughtering of thousands of animals for sacrifice. God promised Solomon to hear and answer prayers. Anne concluded that this generous promise extends to us. [JEK].

## PGIMF News:

Please join us for pre-service hymn singing at 9:45 as we work our way through the book from 1 to 658.

## **Upcoming speakers**

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| August 27    | Janet Boldt   | -                                  |
| September 3  | Donna Stewart | -                                  |
| September 10 | -             | MSC welcome BBQ                    |
| September 17 | -             | PGIMF 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary |

**Food groups** New food groups are being formed for the upcoming year beginning in September. If you would like to lead a food group, or would like to make a change in your food group assignment, let Hannelore Schowalter know. Also, if you are new to the church and are not yet in a food group, or if you know someone who is new, please inform Hannelore.

**Menno Simons Centre** cleanup day! Please come out on Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> to put the final polish on the centre! Much work has been done this summer by some students and contractors, but it needs final touches, especially in the bathrooms. Coffee and goodies at 9:00 am, pizza lunch, and finished in the early afternoon.

## **The Wider Church**

### **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*—Erna Friesen (604-266-7819);  
*Pastoral Care*—Herb Reesor (604-224-5245); John Friesen (604-266-7819) *Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430)  
*Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)*—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

**CBC** Do you have a thirst for knowledge? Do you desire to learn and grow in your spiritual journey? There is still time to apply for studies at Columbia Bible College this September. Courses in Theology, Biblical Studies, Psychology, Worship, and more are available as day or evening classes. Flexible scheduling allows for full time, part time or casual studies. Please visit our website or contact us for more information at [www.columbiabc.edu](http://www.columbiabc.edu) by e-mail at [edited by webmaster](mailto:edited_by_webmaster) or by phone at 604-853-3358 ext 306

### **Psalm 34:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. <sup>10</sup>The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. <sup>11</sup>Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good? <sup>13</sup>Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. <sup>14</sup>Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

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### **Proverbs 9:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>'You that are simple, turn in here!' To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.'

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### **Ephesians 5:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father

at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### **John 6:51-58**

<sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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