

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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September 2, 2018

J. Evan Kreider - Psalms for these Sad Distracted Times

**Worship Leader:** Alice Klassen  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:** Curtis Funk  
**Usher:** Chris Skinner

**Last Sunday** Last Sunday Michael Despotovic offered his testimony of his walk with God in an engaging message that unfortunately ended in a damaged recording which cannot now be heard. The testimony was followed by a group presentation from people from Hizmet, an ecumenical social justice organization begun in Turkey and followed by a delicious lunch served by the Hizmet volunteers.

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 9	Steve Klassen	Student Potluck Barbeque
September 16	Thomas Bergen	Mark
September 23	Joy Rudder	Stories to Share
September 30	Henry Krause	Reconciliation and Orange Shirt day

**Potluck picnic after church** Join friends at Spanish Banks in a potluck lunch created by the Yang and Lee families. Enjoy sandwiches and bring your favourite picnic dish - see Chan for the exact location.

**Potluck BBQ Next Sunday!** Please note: Next Sunday service (September 9) is our annual service welcoming the returning residents to the Menno Simons Centre. The service, featuring Steve Klassen of the MARK Centre will be followed by a potluck barbeque with sausage and veggie burgers. Please bring a salad or dessert as you feel led and bring your friends and guests! All welcome!

### Scriptures for Today

Psalm 1  
Psalm 12  
Psalm 15  
Psalm 100

**Church Directory** Please take a moment to look at the church directory on the wall in the hall and make any corrections to your own or anyone else's entry you are sure of. Newcomers and those who have attended for a while, please take this opportunity to add your name to the list and become eligible for your own church mailbox full of "junque mail" as well as signing on for a multitude of opportunities to participate in congregational life and in our services. Please note: we protect your personal information in accord with our privacy policy available on-line at [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org).

**Magazines wanted** If people have any of the following magazines they would like to donate to the Patients' Library at St Paul's Hospital, they can give them to Evan. Especially wanted are: National Geographic, People, Us Weekly, Variety, Billboard, Fashion, Elle, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, InStyle, Marie Claire, GQ, Women's Health, Men's Health, Shape, Alive, Chatelaine, ESPN, Sporting News, The Hockey News, Sportsnet Magazine, Canadian Health & Lifestyle, Fitness and Shape.

### Wider Church

**MCBC Service Peace & Justice committee** You are invited to the SPJ committee's presentation at Langley Mennonite Church (20997 - 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, Langley) featuring Sr. Lisa Pires in a talk entitled "We Teach Life, Sir". Lisa is a CPT member volunteering in Hebron since October 2017, and will return to Hebron in Mid-September. Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 pm. RSVP please to Henry Krause at (e-mail available from webmaster)

### RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we 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 not be recorded.

**Moderator**—Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); **Worship**—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);  
**Congregational Care**—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); **Recording Secretary**--- Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);  
**Music**—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); **At Large**—Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
**Finance** — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator** — Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

**Mennonite Historical Society of BC** The MHSBC hold its annual fall fundraiser Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at King Road MB Church (32068 King Rd, Abbotsford) featuring Royden Loewen (U.Winnipeg) speaking on The Mennonite Farmer and the State: Friend or Foe in the Global Context. Tickets \$15 at the society's office at 604-853-6177 or on-line at [www.mhsbc.com](http://www.mhsbc.com)

**Dispatches from Rwanda** Wayne Northey, longtime peace worker and representative for M2W2 has authored a series of blog posts from his attendance at the International CURE Conference for human rights and prison reform. Read more on-line at Church for Vancouver at of the dispatches online at Church for Vancouver's website at <https://churchforvancouver.ca>

**Mennonite Disaster Service** Weekly Volunteer Opportunities in Williams Lake cleaning up after the 2017 Wildfires. Workers are needed for the cleanup and rebuilding on the following dates:

- Sept 2-8; up to 3 people
- Sept 23-29; up to 2 people
- Sept 30-Oct 6; up to 5 people
- Oct 7-13; up to 5 people

**MCC AGM** The MCC-BC Annual General Meeting takes place September 29<sup>th</sup> at South Langley Mennonite Church (20098-22nd Ave, Langley). This important meeting requires church representation every year to ensure our voice is heard. Registration (\$10) online at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>. Ed Epp is one of the delegates for PGIMF and offers rides to anyone attending who can make it out to White Rock.

**MCC-BC 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival for World Relief** On Friday September 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup>, MCC BC will be hosting its 49<sup>th</sup> annual Festival for World Relief - a weekend of food, fun and fundraising for MCC's work of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ. You and your congregation are invited to join together to raise funds for uprooted and vulnerable people locally and globally. In recent years, festivals have raised over \$1 million for refugee support here in BC and around the world, so thank you! More information at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>

**Pray 4 Rain** Please continue to pray for the people of Burns Lake First Mennonite Church where Pastor Rob of Church of the Way in nearby Granisle reports that many people in the Burns Lake area have been forced into evacuation because of the multitude of fires in that area. "It is a stressful, frustrating time for the area," says Pastor Rob, "specially when it doesn't seem all that can be done is being done in a timely manner. We're praying for a good rain."

## Psalm 12

One Help, O Lord, for there is no longer anyone who is godly;

**All The faithful have disappeared from humankind.**

**They utter lies to each other; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak.**

One May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that makes great boasts, those who say, "With our tongues we will prevail; our lips are our own—who is our master?"

**All "Because the poor are despoiled,**

**because the needy groan, I will now rise up," says the Lord; "I will place them in the safety for which they long."**

One The promises of the Lord are promises that are pure, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

**All You, O Lord, will protect us; you will guard us from this generation forever.**

One On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among humankind.

[NRSV]

## Psalm 15

One O Yahweh, who shall dwell in Your tent?  
Who shall live on Your holy mountain?  
**All** **Whoever lives with integrity,**  
**who practices justice,**  
One **who speaks the truth from the heart;**  
who does not deceive with the tongue,  
who causes no evil to a friend,  
and accepts no bribe against a neighbour;  
**All** **who detests the disobedient,**  
**but honours those who revere**

**Yahweh,**  
**and stands by an oath at any cost;**  
One who does not lend money at usury,  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent,  
**All** **Whoever does these shall never be removed.**

The Psalms in Inclusive Language,  
Joseph J. Arackal, trans.  
(Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 1993)

## Psalm 1

One Happy are those who do not follow  
the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of those who are scornful.  
**All** **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,**  
**and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
One They are like trees planted by streams  
of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,

and their leaves do not wither.  
In all they do, they prosper.  
**All** **The wicked are not so,**  
**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,**  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**  
One for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

[NRSV alt]

## Psalm 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures for ever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations. [NRSV]

## Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!
- <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
- <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
- <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!
- <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord! [NRSV]

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Healing God,  
We come before you  
broken, yet seeking wholeness,  
isolated, yet seeking community,  
overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity,  
shamed, yet seeking grace:  
God, we yearn for the healing you promise.

God of Justice,  
We come before you  
selfish, yet seeking a generous heart,  
arrogant, yet seeking humility,  
responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:  
God, we yearn for the justice you promise.

God of Peace,  
We come before you  
afraid, yet seeking assurance,  
agitated, yet seeking serenity,  
angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:  
God, we yearn for the peace you promise.

Knowing that through Christ  
All things are made new,  
we come to this communion table  
to be recreated through the bread and cup, and  
to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

God, we submit ourselves  
to renewal through you.  
This we pray through Jesus the Christ,  
our Lord and Savior. Amen.

## Wisdom Corner

Preferred pronouns : Thou & Thine

LONGWOOD, FL—Local King James Only adherent Ben Strickland recently had to explain to yet another acquaintance that his preferred pronouns are “thou” and “thine,” and not “he” and “his,” and he would appreciate it if they would remember that when addressing him, sources confirmed Tuesday. “It’s quite hurtful when people refer to me using modern pronouns, which trigger dark thoughts of perverted translations of the Bible which have been thrust upon mankind by Satan in order to deceive, and perpetuated by evil businessmen to attain their filthy lucre,” Strickland explained to his friend. “Verily I say unto thee, I’ve even updated my social media bios to reflect this fact.” Sources noted that Strickland went on to explain to his friend that he decided to go public with his new preferred pronouns after accepting Jesus into his heart when a “soul-winner” came to his door and explained to him the importance of using only the King James Bible after having him repeat the sinner’s prayer.

-Babylon Bee