

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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**August 25, 2002**

**Today:** Welcome to our worship service. Today's service is led by Veronica Dyck, with singing led by Sue Greenstreet and Sue Dudoward accompanying on the piano. Later, Janice Kreider will be speaking to us on "Preparation for Flight" (from Exodus 11-12). Please feel free to remain with us after the service for coffee and fellowship in the dining area.

**Last Sunday:** Last Sunday Mark Greenstreet dealt with the plagues facing the Egyptians. Mark stressed that the Exodus rendition is not a historical account but rather a liturgy for the Passover. Just as we know the Christmas and Easter stories, the Jews know the Passover story. The genealogy in Exodus 6 marks a major transition point in the life of the Jewish people: from patriarchs to the fulfillment of promises. Pharaoh's challenge - "Who is God that I should obey him?" - begins the unjust repression of the Jewish people. The plagues come in three cycles with three plagues in each cycle. Mark noted that Pharaoh took the initiative in hardening his heart in response to the plagues. Pharaoh was seen as a god (descendant of the sun gods), and the plagues refute Pharaoh's claim to divinity. Themes from this passage include God's sovereignty, God as deliverer, and God's command of nature. Mark drew a parallel between the Exodus plagues and the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bulls of the Book of Revelation. In Revelation John uses the same pattern as in Exodus and instead of Egyptians dying, God's son dies; instead of the blood of the Nile, we have the blood of Jesus. The response to all of this is worship: the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and he will reign forever and ever. (HN)

### **PGIMF News:**

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

Fall Cleanup at the Menno Simons Centre, Saturday August 31. Never mind the patio - we have to get the rest of the building back into shape for the students and for our 16th Anniversary next week! Bring your cleaning clothes and polish the kitchen to a high shine! Pizza lunch is provided.

Penny Power - this is the countdown! Three more weeks! On September 8, bring your spare change in whatever containers you have for a special offering for the kids to collect for penny power. It will be commissioned at the service that day, and taken to the Relief Sale the next Saturday September 14.

Back to (Sunday) School day is September 8 for the kids. Adults, get your dibs in early on a teaching/caring session with either the toddlers, young kids or older kids. Contact Nubia or Nadine to get on the list.

Patio Project: The best-laid plans of mice and men will go awry. We are looking for a new glass installer to finish the room before we can have the carpenter, electrician and flooring workers complete their tasks. It would be ironic but not very likely to have it finished by Labour Day - nevertheless we will press on.

For sale: Stroller/car seat, Bumper Jumper, Bath seat, baby change pad, roller blades (size 8.) See Tena or Henry. 946-3961.

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## Upcoming speakers

September 1	J. Evan Kreider		16 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PGIMF (Communion)
September 8	Mark Greenstreet	Romans 1	“Why and What We Believe”
September 15	Sue Dudoward	Ex. 15-17	“God Provides”
September 22	Erna Friesen	Ex. 18-19	“Moses becomes Judge”

## The Wider Church

MBMS prayer concerns: **TEACHING IN THAILAND.** *Ricky and Karen Sanchez* are MBMS International missionaries in Thailand. They ask for prayer as they teach English in various places with hopes of relationships being formed and student’s hearts to be opened to Jesus. Pray especially for Karen, 7 months pregnant with their fourth child

We have a barista (besides Edward Kehler) for the relief sale who actually knows how to make a latte semi-sweet with triple foam, half-dip on the side, sprinkles and a kitchen sink, extra hot. The sale (in the Tradex at Abby airport) is a fabulous, newish building with loads of parking, air conditioning and tons of space. There will be a kids fair this year unlike any other. For your coffee education session or to help out at the booth, contact Hannelore Schowalter at 879-0007.

Saturday Night Prayer service at Sherbrook Mennonite Church, 7155 Sherbrooke St. on Saturday September 7 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome for singing, praying and sharing.

**On the lighter side:** Henry Neufeld points out that if you took the same excuses that people use for not going to church and applied them to other important areas of life, you'd realize how inconsistent we can be in our logic.

### Reasons Not To Wash

*by Ralph Milton*

\* I was forced to as a child. \* People who make soap are only after your money. \* I wash on special occasions like Christmas and Easter. \* People who wash are hypocrites - they think they are cleaner than everyone else. \* There are so many different kinds of soap; I can't decide which one is best. \* I used to wash, but it got boring so I stopped. \* None of my friends wash. \* The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer. \* I'll start washing when I get older and dirtier. \* I can't spare the time.

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