OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Regional Hospital - **Jake (Mary) Janzen** waiting for more tests.

Maple Ridge Hospital - Victor (Jean) Ritchie Mission Hospital: **Gerhard** (Martha) Rutsch

Marilyn (Bill) **Bramwell -** recurrence of NH Lymphoma now in stage three; recovering from radiation; chemo treatments later. **Joel Chambers -** son of **Martha & Lindsay Chambers -**

chemotherapy started on Monday, October 5th. **Glen Klassen**, brother of **Les & Doris Klassen** - encountering problems with his chemotherapy treatments

Note of Sympathy

Henry Giesbrecht, brother of Mary Giesbrecht and Joy (Larry) Locken passed away on Sunday, November 15.

His memorial service is on Thursday, November 26, 11:30 am in the Bakerview MB Church (Because of Covid 19 protocol by invitation only.) May God give comfort to this grieving family.

Marie Balzer passed away Monday, November 16, 2020.

Viewing for Marie Balzer is Wednesday, 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm at Woodlawn Funeral Home and the burial service is at 2:30 pm in

the Maclure Rd. Mennonite Cemetery

Margo (Margaret) Unrau passed away Wednesday, November

11, 2020. Graveside service will be at the Plum Coulee Cemetery, Manitoba. Details on Wiebe Funeral Homes Ltd. Website.

Erna Wall sister of Lena Regier, aunt to Werner (Betty)
Schroeder passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

THIS WEEK

All Sunday Services & Bible Studies are on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website.

Today *9:00 am Pastor George

*10:15 am Pastor Scott

Tuesday 9:00 am Church Council - via ZOOM

1:00 pm MAiD presentation by MB Seminary

- via ZOOM

Wednesday *9:00 am German Bible Study

*10:00 am English Bible Study

Saturday 8:00 am NO Men's Prayer Fellowship

Sunday, November 29, 2020

*9:00 am Pastor George *10:15 am Pastor Scott

* for now only on TV and On Line

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

"Dein Wort ward meine Speise, so oft ich's empfing, und dein Wort ist meines Herzens Freude und Trost; denn ich bin ja nach deinem Namen genannt, Herr Gott Zebaoth." Jeremia 15:16

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet:

Pastor George

Gesang:

1 Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier # 5 Das ist eine sel'ge Stunde

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet

Pastor George

Gesang:

303 Sollt es gleich bisweilen scheinen

Botschaft:

"Der allgegenwärtige Gott"

Amos 9:1-10

Pastor George

Schlusslied: #303 Sollt es gleich bisweilen scheinen

DIESE WOCHE

Alle Gottesdienste und Bibelstunden werden über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen.

Mittwoch *9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde

*10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde

Dienstag 9:00 Uhr Vorberat über ZOOM

Samstag 8:00 Uhr Keine Männer Gebetsstunde

Nächsten Sonntag, den 29. November, 2020

*9:00 Uhr Pastor George *10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

* Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen

Sunday, November 22, 2020 Clearbrook MB Church



These Sunday services will be available on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website

9:00 am German Worship Service 10:15 am Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst
Walter & Edith Wiens
George & Mary Baier
Fred & Hani Ekkert

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Family Worship Service

10:15 am

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Matthew 5:7



PRELUDE: The Name of Jesus Doug Johnson

INVOCATION/WELCOME: Pastor George

HYMNS: What Mercy and Divine Compassion

I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord

QUARTET: Jesus is my Song of Grace

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Scott

QUARTET: Lord Have Mercy

(Solo: Kristin Barkman)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Walter

HYMN: Jesus Son of Mercy

MESSAGE: "Under the Pouting Tree"

Jonah 4 Pastor Scott

HYMN: Teach me Thy Way, Oh Lord

BENEDICTION: Pastor Scott

All Sunday Services & Wednesday Bible Studies are Transmitted on Television and Livestream

To watch our Church Services - go to the Clearbrook MB Church Website and click on Watch Live.



Grey by Pastor Scott

Repeatedly this week I have heard the ominous phrase, "dark winter." It's been spoken by doctors and health professionals on both sides of the border. It's been echoed as a warning by politicians and sighed by nurses exhausted by the demand. The phrase alludes to the threat of increased sickness and death during this pandemic. But it also whispers foreboding for schools, small business, restaurants and nursing homes. This paragraph is not meant as a prediction nor is it intended as pessimistic collapse. It is a reflection of what many fear and feel.

I feel it too. The shadows of what is and what could be, creep upon us from the horizon. The cloud is a blend of several realities. We are living through a once in a lifetime pandemic. Since it is "once in a lifetime" no one can know how it feels until it comes. We're not practiced for a pandemic. In addition, we all sense the loss of what has been familiar. Family visits, routine shopping, travel for respite, corporate worship and friends in your home - all of this has been altered. We grieve it. And just to make it deeper, this second wave overtakes us during the shortened days of winter. Even sunshine has hidden its face.

Now some of you will command me to cheer up. Voices tell me that the situation isn't so bad, (in fact it is overblown). Others point to the nearness of vaccines and predict fiscal recovery. Some smile and jump over the present into the future, where everything will be fine. To these well-intentioned solutions, I respond that it is unwise to diminish the danger to grasp a magic bullet answer or to rush over a difficult season. Grief and pain must have their way. Perhaps that is the ultimate lesson in this.

We pray for the grace of God, assured that He is delighted to give it. His grace comes as protection for families, vaccines for the population and table provision for homes. But greater grace may come shaped as endurance through a dark winter. Rather than simply granting a panacea for the pandemic, God will teach us how to live in the shadows.

The Biblical pattern of God is not to remove the struggle but to carry us in it. Ask Joseph, Daniel or Hannah. So if I expect God to part the clouds at first hint of a shower, I do not understand His ways. But even greater, this is the manner of God for Himself. He doesn't excuse Himself from the shadows. He bears our afflictions, grieves our losses and suffers our death. So, in place of instant rescues and simple solutions, He is what we need. We need Him to pace us through struggles without bitterness, divisions, accusations, delusions, or despair. The growing pains of a mature faith must face the winter, no matter how dark it seems. Undeniably, the sun will shine. This winter will pass. But, in the present shrunken light, He is near. That is enough.

Upper Room

- Unser Täglich Brot Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Täglich Brot November Groβdruck
- Our Daily Bread September/October/November
- Our Daily Bread January, February, March Large Print
- Today November/December
- November Bridge
- Daily Prayer Guide: Multiply October 2020
- Inspirational Cards

As directed by our provincial health authorities, we are suspending attendance to our worship services until further notice. Our Sunday services and weekly Bible studies will continue to be broadcast on TV and our Website. We share your sense of disappointment but trust in the care of God for us - body and soul. God remains in our midst. Peace

Christmas Presence: Ladies Fellowship

We regret to announce that we need to **CANCEL** this special Christmas event because of the increased COVID 19 directives. May God's presence be felt by

each of us - particularly the women who were looking forward to this celebration. You are welcome to give donations for the LifeHaven Women's Support Ministry - either give directly or through our church.

Phone Directories: Are ready to be picked up from the office.

Church Photo Album - This Tuesday is the day. Come by at your agreed time slot - you can also order professional photos.

Operation Christmas Child - a second "Thank You." On Monday we delivered 507 boxes of gifts, 481 by our church team and 26 came from individuals in our church. The third "Thank You" will be given by the children who will receive your gift of love.

MAiD - (Medical Assistance in Dying) - our MB Seminary is providing a biblical and compassionate response to the concern of MAiD - Tuesday, 1:00 pm - register on the MB Seminary website.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, November 15, 2020 our offering total was \$6,676.50. This brings our 2020 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$480,177.02. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2020 is approximately \$45,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.