

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Hospital: **Lena Regier**

Peace Arch: **Odell Childe** - fell and broke her hip; rehab

Gerhard (Martha) **Rutsch** - is at home

Rosa Isaac - is at home

Marilyn (Bill) **Bramwell** - pray for patience and peace as she waits for further chemo treatments.

Joel Chambers - son of **Martha & Lindsay Chambers** - check page 12 in the Bridge for an extensive update.

Susie Harms - is home from Peace Arch Hospital. She thanks the church for all your prayers

Jake (Mary) **Janzen** - is home and doing much better.

Tina Krause - is not well.

Notes of Sympathy

John Isaac brother of **Art Isaac & Kay Thiessen**, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2020.



Anne Willms, Tabor Home, passed away Thursday December 3, 2020

Our sincere condolences to family and friends

Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for sending cards of encouragement, for the calls and prayers for my family and me at this time of saying good bye to Hans. May God bless you all.

Sending my love **Ursula Enns**.

THIS WEEK

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

Today *9:00 am Pastor George

*10:15 am Pastor Scott

*7:00 pm Virtual Night of Carols

Wednesday *9:00 am Rebroadcast - German Bible Study

*10:00 am Rebroadcast of Psalm 40

English Bible Study

New Study starts on January 6 on Psalm 52

Thursday 12:00 noon Office Closed - Christmas Eve

Friday Office Closed - Christmas Day

Sunday, December 27, 2020

*9:00 am Doyle Klaassen

*10:15 am Pastor Scott

*** for now only on TV and Online**

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Und das Wort ward Fleisch und wohnte unter uns,
und wir sahen seine Herrlichkeit, eine Herrlichkeit
als des eingeborenen Sohnes vom Vater, voller
Gnade und Wahrheit.“*

Johannes 1:14

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet:

Pastor George

Gesang: # 76 Nun ist sie erschienen
Heil'ge Nacht, hei'ge Nacht

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet

Pastor George

Gesang: # 68 Deinen Königsthron

Botschaft: „Verheißungen vom Kommen Jesus im
Stammbaum“

Matthäus 1:1-17 Pastor George

Schlusslied: # 555 O Gott, sei gelobt!

DIESE WOCHE

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

Heute Abend *7:00 Uhr Virtual Night of Carols

Mittwoch *9:00 Uhr Wiederholung Deutsche Bibelstunde

*10:00 Uhr Wiederholung Englische Bibelstunde
Psalm 40

Donnerstag 12:00 Uhr Bürogeschlossen

Freitag Bürogeschlossen - Weihnachtstag

Nächsten Sonntag, den 27. Dezember, 2020

*9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen

*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

*** Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen**

New Address

Judy Pearse - c/o Christina Sadler - # 40 - 3054 Trafalgar St.
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Sunday, December 20, 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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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm (closed at noon for one hour)

Family Worship Service

10:15 am

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



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Luke 2:20

PRELUDE:	Doug Johnson
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Scott
MEDLEY:	Angels From the Realms of Glory Angels We Have Heard on High Peace, Peace
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Pastor Walter
QUARTET:	Come, Lord Jesus Be Born in Me
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor George
MUSICAL MEDITATION:	I Know a Name/That Beautiful Name Doug Johnson
MESSAGE:	"Christmas - Don't Make It Up" Luke 2:1-20 Pastor Scott
QUARTET:	The Birthday of a King
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Scott

All Sunday Services and 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.



Bumping into Christmas by Pastor Scott

I've done this 65 times, so you'd think I would be proficient by now. For 65 years I have celebrated the Christmas season. Granted, the first few times, I was pretty much unaware. But it didn't take me long to figure out that this season is special. There were dazzling lights and festive songs, stories and secrets, gifts and goosebumps. A tree was planted in our living room! So early in my toddling years, I discovered the wonder of Christmas. Every Christmas has carried the wonder of Jesus, but it hasn't always been easy. In fact, some years are a struggle. My challenge is simply this. Sometimes I find Christmas. Sometimes Christmas has to find me.

Often I am looking for Christmas. I am sparked by the calendar and prompted with the coming of Advent. I have the usual routine of putting up lights and creating a gift list. But since I shepherd a flock, there's congregational preaching and programming to set in place and I've done it for 45 years. The narrative of Christmas doesn't change, so I ask myself, "How many fresh ways can I squeeze this story?" That's why I chase Christmas. I pursue the qualities of the season, the fruit of Yuletide. Looking for joy. Hunting for hope. Pursuing peace. Reaching for the nearness of Emmanuel. Of course those are worthy pursuits anytime, but Christmas presents a unique challenge because, "What is Christmas without them?" But these gifts can be elusive. If I am the only pastor you've heard say this, let me whisper a truth. The season doesn't always sync with my soul. "Joy to the World" is not always sung from a happy heart. The prayer for peace on earth, can be uttered from a troubled spirit. So I chase Christmas. Like Magi on a quest, I look for Jesus. In mercy, God is gracious to my probing. In ways that I can't predict, by stars set by Him, Christmas is found. That's the way of the Magi. But there is another path. The way of the shepherds.

In my nightfall, when I am too befuddled or fatigued to explore the riches of the Nativity, God extends His Hand. In a song, a memory, a Scripture or kindness from both family and friend, God shows up. He arrives even when I am not looking. If I am not mistaken, this year, especially this year, we need God to come to us. We can't perform the rituals of our normal Christmas customs. The traditions we employ to find joy of the season are removed from us. We wonder how Christmas will be. Can it be Christmas? But the Bethlehem story is clear. God reaches to earth. He came to find us. He comes to find us. Today, more than others, that is our prayer. Let Christmas come. Whether He is found by our hungry spirits or we are lifted to His heart of mercy; joy, peace, love and grace - these are ours. Because every year, every day, in every way, Christmas comes. Christ comes.

Upper Room

- **Christmas Inspiration Literature - examples**
 - Advent Devotionals from MB Seminary
 - Booklet with ten devotionals from Our Daily Bread
- Unser Täglich Brot - Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Täglich Brot - Januar Großdruck
- Our Daily Bread - December/January/February
- Our Daily Bread - January/February/March Large Print
- Today - November/December
- December Bridge
- December Multiply

December 20th 7:00 PM: A Virtual Night of Carols on TV and Live Stream.

Though we cannot gather for a Hymn Sing, due to technology we can partially re-live Hymn Sing. Tune in and be re-inspired by the songs about our Wonderful Saviour. This 1 hour program will feature Christmas Carols by a variety of groups, our Chancel Choir and The Singing Men.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – There will be 3 services:

- ★ Christmas Eve, December 24 at 3 pm and 5 pm
- ★ Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 am, 3 pm & 7 pm
Night of Carols re-broadcasted on TV
- ★ Christmas Day - "Christmas at Our House With Brian Doerksen" - Watch for Times
- ★ Sunday, December 27 – 9:00 am German Service
10:15 am English Service

Staff Christmas Photo and Recent added Photos

- an envelope with your name has:
 - photo of church staff
 - card from pastors
 - recent photos to add to your photo Album

Archway Abbotsford Food Bank

Please help our local Abbotsford Food bank by bringing non-perishable food to our church or give a donation - designate Abbotsford Food Bank, by tomorrow December 21. This will be featured in the virtual Night of Carols.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, December 13, 2020 our offering total was \$17,506.50. This brings our 2020 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$529,507.52. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2020 is approximately \$45,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time. Please remember our needs for the TV fund.