

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mission Hospital: **Lena Regier**

Peace Arch: **Odell Childe** - broke her hip; she is now in rehab.

**Rudy** (Elsie) **Frose** - had a heart attack on Thursday, January 7.

**Jake** (Sarah) **Martens** - pacemaker surgery January 7. He is at home and doing well. Thanks for your prayers.

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

**Liese Giesbrecht** - pray that Liese will adjust to life in Tabor.

**Erika** (John) **Klassen** - severe health struggles.

**Earl Andres** - brother of **Bill & Janet Andres** has stage four lung cancer that has metastasized to the brain and adrenal gland.

### Notes of Sympathy

**Tina Krause**, mother of **Esther Larsen**, passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021. A private funeral service will be held at Woodlawn Funeral Chapel on Monday, January 11.

**Tina Redfern**, passed away on Saturday, January 2, 2021. A private funeral service will be held at Henderson's Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 12.

Both Funeral will be able to be seen at a later date.

**Mary Warkentin**, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021

*Our sincere condolences to family and friends*

## 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

**Wednesday** \*9:00 am German Bible Study  
\*10:00 am English Bible Study - Psalm 53

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

\*9:00 am Pastor George  
\*10:15 am Pastor Scott  
**\* for now only on TV and Online**

## Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Glaube an den Herrn Jesus,  
so wirst du und dein Haus selig.“  
Apostelgeschichte 16:31*

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: # 4 Mächtige Ströme des Segens  
# 5 Das ist eine sel'ge Stunde

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet Pastor George

Gesang: # 317 Weiß ich den Weg auch nicht

Botschaft: „Führung Gottes“  
Apostelgeschichte 16:9-40 Pastor George

Schlusslied: # 317 Weiß ich den Weg auch nicht

## DIESE WOCHE

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

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

**Mittwoch** \*9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde-Doyle Klaassen  
\*10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde-Pastor Walter - Psalm 53

**Nächsten Sonntag, den 17. Januar, 2021**

\*9:00 Uhr Pastor George  
\*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott  
**\* Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen**

## Sunday, January 10, 2021 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

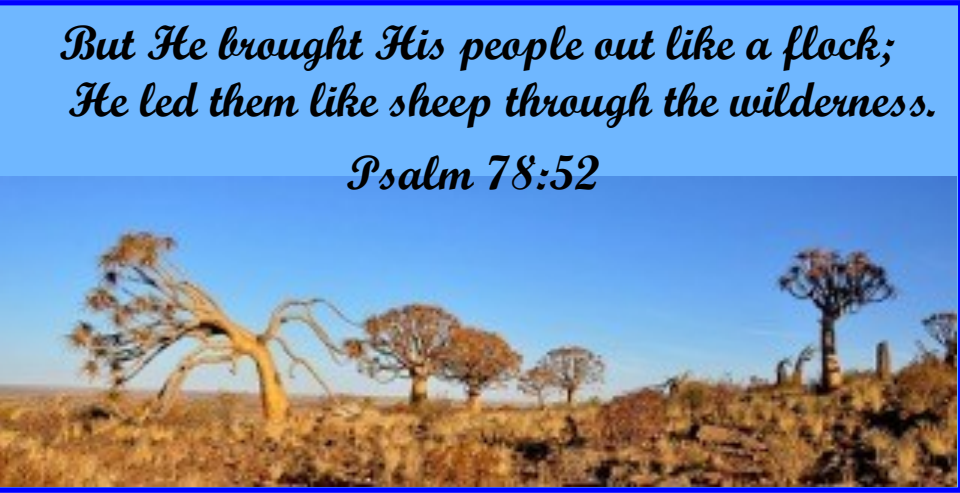
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PRELUDE:	Wes Heinrichs	
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor George	
HYMNS:	He Hideth My Soul A Shelter in the Time of Storm Hiding in Thee	
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Lorraine Dick	
MUSICAL MEDITATION:	Under His Wings	Eldon McBride
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor Walter	
HYMN:	Be Still and Know	
MESSAGE:	"Wilderness Grace" Psalm 78:52	Pastor Scott
HYMN:	God Leads Us Along	
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Scott	

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



Wilderness Grace by Scott Tolhurst

Preachers should choose their sermons carefully. The words have a way of becoming real. Since God knows that you don’t learn to ride a bicycle in theory, He has a habit of putting preachers into the content of their messages. I confess that I am not always sure whether the sermon is the cause or the fruit of my personal state. I do know this. The truth spoken comes out of the truth being lived. I begin today a series of sermons on wilderness. It is both what I say and where I am. I know I am not alone.

Wilderness can be a place - a desert, jungle or tundra. But for most of us, it is more likely to be a state of mind, heart or spirit. You experience a wilderness state when you feel lost, don’t know what to do or where to turn. When you are depleted of personal resources, you taste the wasteland. When silence and isolation smother all other sound, you are standing in the soul’s hinterland. Nothing I’ve described sounds pleasant, so we attempt to avoid the wilderness. Just stay out of it! It can’t be done.

We assume wilderness is the consequence of our failures or mistakes and therefore avoidable. While we may stumble into wilderness, that is not the whole answer. Barren land is a tool of God and seems to be one of His favourites. Wilderness is not our path because we are lost. It’s where we are led. Wilderness is the space between Egypt and the Promised Land. Israel walked through the desert to reach milk and honey. The forty years were not mandatory, but the path through was. For Abraham, Moriah was the place of sacrifice and testing. For Moses, badland was the grooming ground where God stripped him of his past and shaped him for the future. The back country of isolation provided preparation for the public ministry of both John the Baptist and Jesus. Clearly, the wilderness is not incidental for saints. And it can’t be rushed.

Those who walk in the wilderness want to hurry through it. Struggle and disorientation feed our desire to escape. But if wilderness is where God has us, He has us there for a reason. Regardless of the cause, purpose is always in God’s Hands. So we become pilgrims of hard places. Pilgrims of dry ground require patience. They must resist the urge to turn around and head for what’s familiar. Egypt is not a substitute for home. Pilgrim’s faith grip says there is no such thing as a God forsaken place. Even if He be just a glimmer of light or a whiff of smoke - He is there. Pilgrims understand wilderness grace. The grace of manna’s provision or shelter found in the cleft of a Rock. The grace of endurance and daily strength. Most of all, pilgrims know it’s not for them to find their way out of wilderness. We are sought and found by the grace of rescue.

Upper Room

There is a ‘new look’ to the book and literature tables in the Upper Room. Please come during office hours and peruse what is now on offer. It is all FREE!

- Unser Tglich Brot - Januar / Februar / Mrz
- Unser Tglich Brot - Januar Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December/January/February
- Our Daily Bread - January/February/March Large Print
- Today - January/February
- January Bridge
- January Multiply Daily Prayer Guide
- Gideon Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Canada Watch

AGM...February 20, 2021

Looking Back with Thanksgiving  
Looking Ahead with Hope and Vision  
There will be no disagreement that the year 2020 was not as planned nor envisioned, yet God blessed in new ways - often unexpected and beyond what we anticipated.  
A word to leaders - reports are due on, **CHANGE OF DATE January 15, 2021**. The reason for the change of date is that the reports will be available for council meeting, January 19.  
The reports will reflect the changes of ministry in the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The full AGM report booklet will be available on February 6, 2021.

**ADOVOKATE Life & Education Services Society:**  
(formerly Right to Life) is looking to hire a 4-5 day/week bookkeeper/office manager who is passionate about their cause. Contact details in our office.

**Financial Update**  
Last Sunday, January 3, 2021 our offering total was \$7,180.00. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$7,180.00. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.