

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Abbotsford Hospital - Helen Bergen, Cecile Friesen,  
Ben Loewen, Neil & Ann Matthies**

**Helen Bergen** - Bevan Lodge

**Lillian Dyck** - at home

**Erika (John) Klassen** - at home

**Kay Neufeld** - at home

**Barry (Katherine) Smeeth** - recovering from cancer surgery

### Notes of Sympathy



Our beloved **Pastor George Baier** passed away at home on Sunday evening, November 21, 2021. The service took place on Friday, November 26.

*Our sincere condolences to his wife Mary, family and friends.*

### Note of Thanks

Thank you to all who have prayed for my son, Wes. The Lord has answered. Wes got news from his doctor on Monday that his cancer is in remission! PTL! Pray now that God will give success in the next step. He is to have a bone marrow transplant on December 15th.

**Art Isaac**

### Phone Number Correction

**Mary Block** phone: 604-859-6106

## THIS WEEK

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

**Today** 9:00 am Doyle Klaassen  
10:15 am Pastor Scott

**Wednesday** 9:00 am German Bible Study  
10:00 am English Bible Study - Psalm 91

**Sunday, December 5, 2021 - Joined Service**

9:00 am Doyle Klaassen -  
on TV & Livestream only  
10:15 am Pastor Scott

## Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Er ist erschienen, um unsere Sünden  
hinwegzunehmen.“  
1 Johannes 3:5*

Vorspiel: Doug Johnson

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Scott

Gebet: Doyle Klaassen

Gesang: Bleibend is Deine Treu

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: # 347 Teures Wort in dunklen Zeiten

Botschaft: „Warum Gott Mensch wurde“  
Doyle Klaassen

Schlusslied: # 280 Faß meine Hand!

## DIESE WOCHE

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

**Heute** 9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen  
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

**Mittwoch** 9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde  
10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde - Psalm 91

**Nächsten Sonntag, den 5. December, 2021** - es wird kein Deutscher Gottesdienst im Gemeindesaal stattfinden. Es wird jedoch ein Deutscher Gottesdienst um 9:00 Uhr über Fernsehen und Internet ausgestrahlt werden. Alle sind zum Abendmahl um 10:15 Uhr im Englischen Gottesdienst eingeladen.

10.15 Uhr Pastor Scott

*Sunday, November 28, 2021*  
**Clearbrook MB Church**



### First Advent

### Sunday

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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*I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.*  
*2 Corinthians 11:2*



- PRELUDE:

Doug Johnson
- INVOCATION/WELCOME:

Pastor Scott
- READINGS:

Micah 5:2, 4; Luke 2:15-18 - Bethlehem
- HYMNS:

# 123 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
# 124 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
- VOICES OF APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR GEORGE:

Pastor Scott  
Doyle Klaassen Brake Bible School, Germany  
Greg Laing Multiply
- QUARTET:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem
- VOICES OF APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR GEORGE:

Eldon DeFehr Church Council  
Pastoral Staff
- ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Scott
- HYMN:

# 369 O Jesus, I Have Promised
- MESSAGE:

“Essentials for Godly Leaders”  
2 Corinthians 10:1-10 Pastor Scott
- HYMN:

# 374 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go
- BENEDICTION:

Pastor Scott

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Showing the Way by Pastor Scott

I had hoped to move these paragraphs to more sunny territory, but our clouds and shadows linger. This week, we have suffered the loss of one of our pastors. Sunday night, Jesus escorted Pastor George into his rest and reward. Our shock could not be greater. Our hearts ache for Mary and the family. Pray for the grace of His comfort. Now, we all have to bridge the space between what we thought would be and what is. The Shepherd will lead us.

Pastor George was our pastor thrice over! He has served our congregation in different decades and in various capacities. The fact that his ministry was repeated with us, proves the affection and appeal held by the congregation. My friendship with George was more recent than many but depth of appreciation can be mined quickly. I will miss his invitations to coffee breaks. His energy and friendly engagement were an office stability. Conversations with George were saturated with his optimistic wisdom.

When ministry problems or barriers arose, George was able to explore creative and flexible resolutions. It’s been a privilege to team with him. But even if I set the ministry context aside, his impact for me abides. More than anything, I will miss his modelling of what senior years can be.


At 85, George shook off the mantle of senior stereotypes. Rather than retiring into golf and travel, George used his gifts, experience and energy for kingdom contributions. He toyed with retirement three times and found that it didn’t fit; so he continued. He never got lost in nostalgia. His service was not a replay of yesterday. He remained relevant and engaged with today, always aiming for tomorrow. George was not immune to the effects of aging, but neither was he consumed by them. He looked through life’s challenges and focused on God’s grace. I do not bestow sainthood upon George, but I am personally grateful. Here is why.

I have an idea of what I want to be in my more senior years. But frankly I have struggled to see examples of my ideal hopes. Many senior years are manifest with complaint, narrowing perspectives, rigid attitudes, a retreat from current culture, fear and anger at the losses of life. I will not be immune to any of these. But, I have seen what a senior vibrant engagement with life can look like. George’s example has put water and sunshine on my own aspirations. As he would say, “With God all things are possible.”

Upper Room & Some in Foyer

- Unser Tglich Brot - Oktober / November / Dezember
- Unser Tglich Brot - Dezember Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December / January / February
- Our Daily Bread Large Print - Oct / Nov / Dec
- Today - November / December
- December Bridge
- December Multiply Daily Prayer Guide
- Gideon Christmas Cards & Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Faith Today
- MCC - 2021 Christmas Giving Guide
- Christmas Booklets
- Advent Devotional prepared by MB Seminary

**Special Offering for Sumas Flood** to respond to the natural BC disaster including flooding in the Sumas Prairie, a special offering will be taken on Sunday, December 12th. It will go towards the MCC and MDS (Mennonite Disaster Services) response to these disasters. More information is in the December BRIDGE, page 23.



**Sunday, December 5th** we will be privileged to welcome the Pacific Mennonite Children's Choir in our morning worship service. Plan to join us as this distinguished group serves us with some wonderful Christmas music.

**Saturday, December 11 at 7 pm** PMCC will be performing “A Canadian Christmas” at Central Heights Church. More information will be in the Bridge and on posters.

**We are collecting** non-perishable food that will be given both for the **Abbotsford Food Bank** and for preparing **Christmas Hampers**. If you know of a family we can help please speak with Pastor Walter.

**Financial Update**  
Last Sunday, [November 14](#), 2021, our offering total was \$9,397.00. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$495,089.45. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month. Given this we are \$21,910.55 short as at November 21, 2021, to balance for the 11 months  
*Thank you for your faithful giving.*