

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Hospital - Ben Loewen, Neil & Ann Matthies, Sara Unger

Peace Arch Hospital - Cecile Friesen - for rehab

Helen Bergen - Trillium-Bevan Lodge

Abe (Mary) **Buhler** - waiting for more tests

Margaret Funk - had knee surgery on Wednesday. She may need a pacemaker.

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

Rita Wiens - home from hospital but declining

Walter (Betty) **Wienss** - is diagnosed with cancer - pray for strength

Kay (Henry) **Dyck** - please pray about difficult health issues

Note of Thanks

Thank you, Clearbrook Church, for your love, prayers and support at the passing of George Baier.

With grateful hearts, Mary Baier & Family

Notes of Sympathy

Jakob (Nancy) **Wall** passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2021. The Celebration of Life Service will be at Woodlawn Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 14 - by invitation only. The service will be broadcast over our TV & Livestream.

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 Doyle Klaassen
On Livestream and TV only
10:15 am Pastor Scott - Communion

Wednesday 9:00 am German Bible Study
10:00 am English Bible Study - Psalm 93, 94+

Sunday, December 19, 2021

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

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Weil auch Christus für euch gelitten und euch ein Vorbild hinterlassen hat, daß ihr seinen Fußstapfen nachfolgt.“
1 Petrus 2:21; 1 Johannes 2:6; Philipper 2:5ff*

Vorspiel: Eldon McBride

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: Troestet, troestet,
79 Es ist ein Reis entsprungen

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: # 64 Ich klopfe an

Botschaft: „Warum Wurde Gott Mensch? Teil III“
Pr. Doyle Klaassen

Schlusslied“ # 555 O Gott, sei gelobt!

DIESE WOCHE

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

Heute 9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen - es wird kein Deutscher Gottesdienst im Gemeindesaal stattfinden. Es wird jedoch ein Deutscher Gottesdienst um 9:00 Uhr über Fernsehen und Internet ausgestrahlt werden
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott - das Abendmahl

Mittwoch 9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde
10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde - Psalm 93-94+

Sonntag, den 19 Dezember, 2021

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

Change of Address

Helen Friesen - # 126 Trillium-Bevan Lodge
33386 Bevan Avenue, Abbotsford, BC V2S 5G6

Sunday, December 12, 2021
Clearbrook MB Church



Third Advent

Sunday

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

Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst
Walter & Edith Wiens
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



PRELUDE: Wes Heinrichs

WELCOME/READING: The Star-Matthew 2:1, 2:7-10 Lorraine Dick

DUET: Star of the East
Brenda Loeschmann, Evelyn Hazenberg

HYMNS: # 166 We Three Kings
119 O Thou Joyful, O thou Wonderful

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Scott

SOLO: A Prayer Medley Myrna DeFehr

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Walter

HYMN: # 315 Let Your Heart Be Broken

MESSAGE: "The Grace of Generosity"
2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Pastor Scott

Hymn: # 210 Jesus Paid It All

COMMUNION: Pastor Scott

HYMN: # 210 Jesus Paid It All

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.

Thank you to MCC for graciously providing us with inspiration and easy to read Calendars.
We also have Daily Planners and Inspirational Calendars from Our Daily Bread.
Please pick up in the Foyer or in Upper Room.



Window of God by Pastor Scott

Icons are common in our society. They can be celebrities that have transcended their personal identity and become representative depictions of their field. Mention "Gretzky" and we automatically think hockey. But there are more icons in our culture than superstars. A picture of an Apple makes you think of computers. A Green Giant points to peas and corn. And of course, a cross on a building or necklace is filled with meanings of faith. Icons are all around us and they are ancient. The church has used icons long before they were commercially popular. Religious symbols and images convey deep truths and evoke spiritual responses. Some suggest that the church latched on to this form of communication to speak to illiterate congregants. While true, the reason goes deeper. Icons have been the way of God.

Skim through the Old Testament and you will find it saturated with icons. A burning bush or a white dove. The rod of Moses. The tablets of stone. The ark of the covenant. They all speak louder than is at first obvious. But, nothing is more profound than the ultimate Icon God has given us. At the start of his gospel John writes, "No one has ever seen God. The only God who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." (Jn. 1:18) No one has ever seen God, nor can we see God. God is without form and clothed in a brilliant blaze of glory. We may observe the works of God or the effects of God, but we are blind and deaf to His being. Since God is hidden behind the impenetrable door of creation, God opened the door and stepped in. Jesus has come. He has come to make God known. The Son is the full communication of who God is. He is the window through which we see our Creator. Only Jesus can say without exaggeration or qualification, "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father." (Jn.14:9) So, we do well to look at Jesus in the Gospels.

What is God like? There is no need for us to guess or imagine. We can go deeper than the silent witness of nature. Divine metaphors and mystery are fleshed out for us by the Bethlehem birth of this Child. God is now unveiled in Jesus. The Words of Christ are the Words of God. The behaviour of Jesus declares the actions of God. The heart of Jesus is the heart of God. God is tender with the infirm, hospitable to outsiders, forgiving to the fallen, bold with hypocrites, gentle with dull disciples and weeps for the lost or dead. God does not use His power as window dressing. He is not swayed by popular opinions. He is in no rush, but neither will His timing or purpose be denied. Most of all, God does battle with darkness and achieves victory through the experience of defeat. God is willing to be falsely accused, beaten beyond measure, mocked, humiliated and then lay upon bloody wooden beams to die. Whatever you thought God to be; it was not like this. But Jesus has dispelled the fog of our conjectures. This is the way of God; for this is the way of Jesus. Carols and cards will tell the nativity story. Manger scenes, angelic choirs, shepherds and wise men have all become Christmas icons for our remembering and celebrations. But do not allow the lesser icons to hide the greater Icon. God has come. We have seen Him.

Upper Room & Some in Foyer

- Unser Tglich Brot - Januar / Februar / Mrz
- Unser Tglich Brot - Dezember Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December / January / February
- Our Daily Bread - January / February / March
- Today - January / February
- 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 today. It will go towards the MCC and MDS (Mennonite Disaster Services) response to these disasters. More information is in the December BRIDGE, page 23. Cheques can be made out to Clearbrook MB Church with MCC BC Flood written on the memo line and on the line below 'Budget' on our envelopes.

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.

Christmas Eve - Meet and Greet - Open House
Friday, December 24, from 2 pm to 4 pm
Come visit with us and celebrate the season.

JOY - Songs Strings & Steps presents a Christmas Concert Central Heights Church

Monday, December 20, 7 pm
Tuesday, December 21, 2 pm & 7 pm
Tickets available at Eventbrite
For more info please visit: www.calvindyck.com

Financial Update
Last Sunday, December 5, 2021, our offering total was \$19,027.85. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$521,572.30. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month.
Thank you for your faithful giving.