

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Hospital - Ben Loewen, Neil & Ann Matthies, Martha Rutsch

Mission Hospital - Sara Unger

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

Anne Dueck - diagnosed with cancer

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

Margaret Funk - had knee surgery, may need a pacemaker

Cecile Friesen - back home at Tabor Manor

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

Rita Wiens - home from hospital but declining

Walter (Betty) **Wienss** - is diagnosed with cancer

Notes of Sympathy

Jakob (Nancy) **Wall** Celebration of life will be on TV & Website on Tuesday, December 21 at 10 am.

Anni Klassen passed away on Saturday, December 11, 2021.

A Memorial Service will be held in our sanctuary on Wednesday, December 22 at 11 am.

Sarah Siebert passed away on Monday, December 6, 2021.

A Memorial Service will be held at Woodlawn on Wednesday, December 22 at 1 pm.

Our sincere condolences to family and friends.

Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my time in 3 hospitals, and now during recovery.

We have an awesome God! - **Kay Neufeld & family**

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 No Bible Studies
Bible Studies will resume on January 5, 2022

Friday, Christmas Eve Office will close at 12 pm (noon)
2-4 pm Open House - Meet and Greet - coffee & cookies

Sunday, December 26, 2021
9:00 am Doyle Klaassen
10:15 am Pastor Scott

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Daher mußte er in jeder Hinsicht den Brüdern
ähnlich werden, damit er ein barmherziger
und treuer Hoherpriester würde.“
Hebräer 2:17*

Vorspiel: Eldon McBride

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Fred

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

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: # 68 Deinen Königsthron

Botschaft: „Warum Gott Mensch wurde“ Teil IV
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
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

Mittwoch Keine Bibelstunde
Am 5. Januar fängt die Bibelstunde wieder an

Freitag, Heiligabend Büro schließt um 12 Uhr
2 bis 4 Uhr „Meet und Greet“- Kaffee und Kuchen,
Weihnachtsgrüße und Unterhaltungen

Sonntag, den 26. Dezember, 2021
9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen
10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

Addresses

Helen Bergen # 206 Trillium-Bevan Lodge
Helen Friesen # 126 Trillium-Bevan Lodge

Sunday, December 19, 2021
Clearbrook MB Church



“Fourth 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)



PRELUDE: Doug Johnson

WELCOME: Pastor Fred

RESPONSIVE READING: The Crown & the Scepter, Luke 2:34-35

HYMNS: # 127 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
162 The Birthday of a King
82 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Scott

MUSICAL MEDITATION: Ulrike/Marie-Louise/Eldon on
Violin/Cello/Piano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Walter

HYMNS: # 513 O, How He Loves You and Me
446 I Will Serve Thee

MESSAGE: "Thanks to God and You!"
2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Pastor Scott

HYMNS: # 447 Freely, Freely
452 Make Me a Blessing

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.



Likeness is Knowledge by Pastor Scott

God was once your size. He was as small as you have ever been. The vastness of infinity was tucked into the confines of our physical frame. God was small enough to be seen in His wholeness. He was reduced to a size that could be carried. His greatness shrank to embryonic proportions. That is the Christmas truth and miracle of the Incarnation. The mystery of what God has done in Jesus is not easily fathomed. There are more questions than answers. Wonder exceeds explanation. I risk the danger of sounding sermonic - but three truths confront me (and delight me) from the little I comprehend of the Incarnation.

God was willing to be limited in Jesus. Stretchable language is used to describe our Lord. He is Boundless, Infinite, Eternal, Being without borders, filling and surpassing whatever elastic words we use. God has no parameters in His essence, power, presence, wisdom or grace. Largeness speech has to be used about God - until the Incarnation. Now God has a time frame of birth to death. He is hemmed by humanity. Jesus bore confines that we all take for granted. But for God, this was an act of grace that made Him approachable. Falling in fear before an immense overwhelming God can be found in the Old Testament. But it didn't happen to Jesus. People drew near to Jesus, perhaps because He was their size.

God was willing to grow. Perfection cannot be improved. God has no need or space for growth. But, Luke says Jesus grew in stature and in wisdom (Luke 2:40). Even more, obedience was something to be learned (Hebrews 5:8). Jesus had to ask questions. He learned from errors He made in the carpentry shop. He tripped and fell navigating first steps. God grew in this life and grew in ways that are familiar to all of us. Don't assume His growth was easy. While He was sinless, that doesn't suggest His development was effortless. God became small and then matured into wisdom, strength, social and spiritual graces. That leads to my third delight.

God is empathetic. God has always known what it is to be human. The Creator knows His creation. But since Jesus has come, His knowing is now insightful benevolence. He feels my feelings. The author of Hebrews invites us to rush the Throne of God, confident in His mercy. Why? Jesus our High Priest has tasted our life to the full. He knows our weakness and sympathizes with our temptation. He has both power and compassion to give us help (Hebrews 4:16).

The Incarnation is a pool too deep for me. There is so much I do not understand. But I understand what it is like to be small, struggling to grow and often wounded by the effort of it. Bethlehem tells me that God knows all of this too; not with some theoretical, technical, impersonal data. He knows my life! He knows me! He knows you. Christmas is grace with your name on it.

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 large print- 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
- 2022 Calendars from MCC

Special Offering for Sumas Flood

Thank you for your overwhelming response!
It will be greatly appreciated and is needed.

Two wheelchairs are needed by Monday, December 20, for temporary use by Neil & Ann Matthies when they return home from the hospital. Please call the church office at 604-850-6607 if you can help with this request.

We are collecting non-perishable food that will be given both for the **Abbotsford Food Bank** and for preparing **Christmas Hampers**. Please have donations at the church by **Monday , December 20**.

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 at 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 12, 2021, our offering total was \$23,400. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$544,972.30. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month. **All donations for 2021 need to be in the church by Friday, December 31.**

Thank you for your faithful giving!