

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Abbotsford Hospital - Ben Loewen, Martha Rutsch**  
**Mission Hospital - Sara Unger**  
**Oxford House - Margaret Funk**

**Anne Dueck** - diagnosed with cancer  
**Kay (Henry) Dyck** - please pray about difficult health issues  
**Erika (John) Klassen** - at home  
**Neil & Ann Matthies** - recovering at home  
**Rita Wiens** - home from hospital but declining  
**Walter (Betty) Wiens** - is diagnosed with cancer

### Note of Thanks

Thank you from all of the family for the thoughts and prayers from the church at the passing of our mother, Lena Regier.

### Notes of Sympathy

**Heinrich (Eva) Doerksen** died on Monday, December 20, 2021. A Graveside Service took place on Thursday, December 23.

*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  
 10:15 am Pastor Scott

**Monday & Tuesday** - Office Closed

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

**Friday - New Year's Eve** - Office will close at 12 pm (noon)

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

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

## Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Auch die Hanna trat zu derselben Stunde hinzu und pries den Herrn und redete von ihm zu allen, die auf die Erlösung warteten in Jerusalem.“*  
*Lukas 2:38*

Vorspiel: Eldon McBride

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: O Fest, aller heiligen Feste  
 O du fröhliche

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Fred

Gesang: Heilige Nacht

Botschaft: „Hanna - ein Vorbild für uns zu jeder Jahreszeit“  
 Pr. Doyle Klaassen

Schlusslied: Süßer die Glocken nie klingen

## DIESE WOCHE

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

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

**Montag u. Dienstag** - Büro geschlossen

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

**Freitag - Silvester** - Büro schließt um 12 Uhr

**Sonntag, den 2. Januar, 2022**

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

*Sunday, December 26, 2021*  
**Clearbrook MB Church**



## Sunday

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

## Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst  
 Walter & Edith Wiens  
 Fred & Hani Ekkert

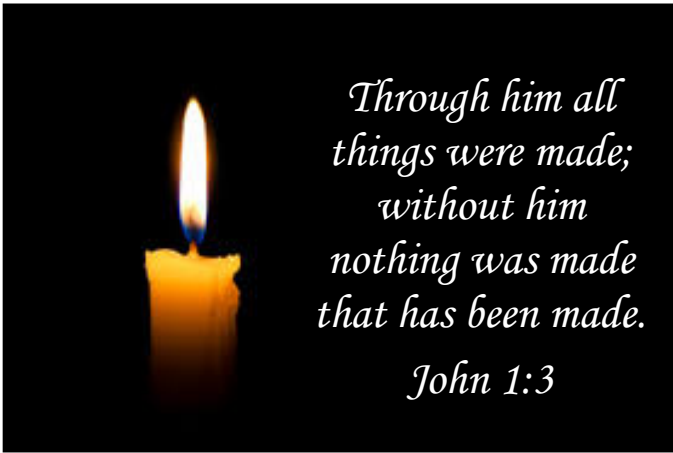
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PRELUDE:	Doug Johnson
WELCOME:	Pastor Fred
HYMNS:	# 125 Joy to the World!
	# 147 Silent Night! Holy Night!
	Here I Am to Worship
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Pastor Walter
MUSICAL MEDITATION:	Incarnation Myrna DeFehr
HYMNS:	Away in a Manger
	# 126 A Nativity Prayer
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Lorraine Dick
HYMN:	# 148 O Holy Night!
MESSAGE:	"A Light That Won't Go Out!"
	John 1:1-18 Pastor Scott
HYMN:	# 138 Go, Tell It on the Mountain
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.



Near & Far by Pastor Scott

Many assume that *Advent* and *Christmas* are the same thing - but you know better. *Christmas* is the story of Christ's birth - an angelic choir, a guiding star, a manger and magi - all part of a specific event. Christ is born! But *Advent* is the story of waiting - months, years and centuries of waiting for that event. *Christmas* proclaims God is with us. *Advent* whispers that God is coming. Those truths are not contradictory. God is both present and approaching. He is always Emmanuel - God with us. But we may lack the awareness or an effect of His nearness. So, we pray to our Lord who is near, "Come to us!"

Each of us experience an *Advent* - and not just for Christmas. We are looking for God to show up for us. We are hoping in His promise - even if it seems slow in coming. Our *Advent* experiences are not simply the flip of calendar days. Our times of waiting are nurseries and classrooms for faith. It's where faith is born and nurtured. How does *Advent* nurture faith?

*Advent* times release us from our flawed notion of control. Most of us wait by trying to make the expectation happen. We try to hurry it along. Of course, no matter how many times you look at your watch, you can't make the bus come faster. *Advent* seasons confirm our dependence upon the ways and will of God. God will arrive to our need with grace to our prayers, but the initiative is His. *Advent* teaches me the surrender of my agenda and timetable to His wisdom.

*Advent* refines our desires. Children may ask for something with intensity, but even a few moments of delay have the power to shift their attention to something else. I can be the same. God hears me and then tarries for a time so I may examine my desires. The longings which survive the *Advent* are rooted in my soul. God's arrival is not instant, so that my heart may be enlarged.

*Advent* forces us to do battle with doubt and fear. The time of our anticipation is clouded with, "*What if?*" and "*Why not?*" Doubt has little voice when everything is instant and immediate. But when God walks us through months or years of looking but not finding - doubt's voice becomes loud. I can only address the voice if there is space for it to be heard. *Advent* grants me that space.

*Advent* is room for faith to grow. All growth happens over time. What is true of our bodies is true of our souls. We can't be in a hurry even though we want to be! God will increase our faith and solidify our hope - but He does it in the delays of living. He walks us through *Advent* and invites our trust; a trust that is stretched and deepened to fill the days until He comes. And He does come. Every *Advent* has a *Christmas*.

Upper Room & Some in Foyer

- Unser Tglich Brot - Januar / Februar / Mrz
- Unser Tglich Brot - Januar Grodruck
- Our Daily Bread - December / January / February
- Our Daily Bread large print- January / February / March
- Today - January / February
- January Bridge
- January Multiply Daily Prayer Guide
- Gideon Christmas Cards & Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Faith Today
- MCC - 2021 Christmas Giving Guide
- Christmas Booklets
- 2022 Calendars from MCC



Check Your Mailbox!

There are **Photo Album Updates** and a **Staff Christmas Card** to pick up.

Thank you and a Blessed Christmas to you and yours!



**Mennonite Disaster Service Sumas Flood Relief Update:**

**\$39,000.00** has been raised as of December 24, 2021.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, December 19, 2021, our offering total was \$11,152.00. This brings our 2021 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$556,124.30. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2021 is approximately \$47,000 each month. Given this we are \$7,875.70 short as at December 19, 2021, to balance for the 12 months. Thank you for your faithful giving. **All donations for 2021 need to be in the church office by Friday, December 31st, 2021, to qualify for a 2021 donation receipt.**

Thank you for your faithful giving this year!