### **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

**Oxford House - Margaret Funk** 

**Anne Dueck** - diagnosed with cancer

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

Erika (John) Klassen - at home

Sara Unger - Menno Hospital

Walter (Betty) Wienss - is diagnosed with cancer

### Note of Thanks

Thank you for all your prayers! Please continue to pray as we recover at home, especially for Neil to be able to get off of his oxygen support.

With gratitude, Neil & Ann Matthies

### Notes of Sympathy

**Ben** (Sharon) **Loewen** passed into the Lord's presence on Monday, January 10, 2022. The Memorial Service will be held on January 21, 2022 at 1 pm

Our sincere condolences to Sharon, 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

**Tuesday** 9:00 am Council Meeting

**Wednesday** 9:00 am German Bible Study

10:00 am English Bible Study Psalm 95-98

**Friday** 1:00 pm Memorial for Ben Loewen

Sunday, January 23, 2022

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

### Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

"Seht, hier ist das Opferlamm Gottes, das die Sünde der ganzen Welt wegnimmt." Johannes 1:29

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor Walter

Gesang: # 32 Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele!

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor Walter

Gesang: # 33 O Jesus, wieviel Gutes!

Botschaft: "Meine Damen und Herren, hier ist das

Lamm Gottes." Pr. Doyle Klaassen

Schlusslied: # 40 Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr

### **DIESE WOCHE**

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

**Heute** 9:00 Uhr Doyle Klaassen

10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott

**Tuesday** 9:00 Uhr Vorstandsitzung

**Mittwoch** 9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde

10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde Psalm 95-98

**Freitag** 1:00 Uhr Gedenkfeier für Loewen

Sonntag, den 23. Januar, 2022

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

### Address Changes

**John & Alma Kaiser,** #328 - Tabor Court, 31954 Sunrise Crescent, Abbotsford, BC V2T 1N6 Phone: 604-744-4268

Martha Rutsch, W2 250 Menno Hospital, Sara Unger W2 269 Menno Hospital, 32945 Marshall Rd. Abbotsford BC V2S 1K1

## Sunday, January 16, 2022 Clearbrook MB Church



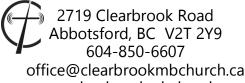
### Sunday

9:00 am German Worship Service10:15 am Family Worship Service

#### **Pastoral Team**

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

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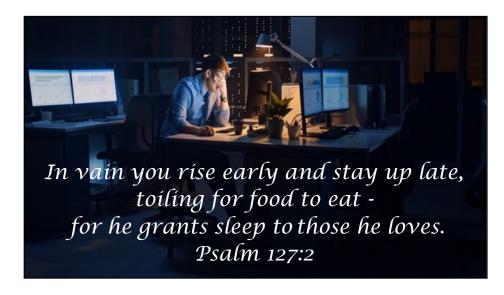


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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm (closed at noon for one hour)

## Family Worship Service

10:15 am



Prelude: Doug Johnson

WELCOME: Pastor Walter

HYMNS: # 275 How Firm a Foundation

# 13 Bless His Holy Name (Bless the Lord)

# 348 Hiding in Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lorraine Dick

MUSICAL MEDITATION: Sweet Hour of Prayer Doug Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Scott

HYMN MEDLEY:

# 44 Children of the Heavenly Father

# 410 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

# 44 Children of the Heavenly Father

Message: "Our God on Guard"

Psalm 121 Pastor Scott

HYMN: # 405 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Benediction: Pastor Scott

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**Held** by Pastor Scott

Life can be measured by its length and its content. We can evaluate our existence by the number of our years and the quotient of happiness, fulfilment and positive impact we experience. So, which do we want, quantity or quality? Would you prefer a long life with sporadic joy or a shorter life bulging with meaning? Your answer is predictable. We want both! We resist the choice and hope to receive both quality and quantity.

The discerning among you know that the choice is not ours to make. The Psalmist reminds us that our "our times are in Your Hands." (Ps.31:15) The grip of God holds us and by the words of Jesus, nothing can shake the safety of His grip. (Jn.10:28,29) If God holds my times, then His fingers distribute both the quantity and quality of my days.

God holds the quantity. He delivers my days one at a time, until their measure is filled. Every sunrise is His gift, but He doesn't tell me how many I have left. There is very little I can do about that. I may try to lengthen my number by daily exercise, a healthy diet and avoiding alligators or parachutes. But frankly, the length of our days is beyond our control. We don't hold our days. God does.

God also holds the quality. He packages my days with opportunities, relational intersections, gifts and skills that allow for a meaningful contribution to life. He has come that we might live abundantly - days that are brimmed and overflowing. But that fullness is not automatic and should not be assumed. I must respond to opportunities, nurture healthy relationships and steward the abilities God grants. So, while I have more input about quality compared to quantity, I should not be deluded. I am still not the sovereign of my life. God is.

We struggle with this truth. We prefer to be in control and grasp for certainty, assurance and security. We tend to believe that these are achievable by our own effort. In turmoil, we admonish ourselves, "Get a grip!" If we could only get a handle on our schedule, health, relationships or jobs, we could work ourselves into a position of peace. But, our lives are not guarded by our grip. We are in God's Hands. Since the Psalmist knows this, he writes, "But I trust in You O Lord." (Ps.31:14)

We waver between fear and faith. On our worse days, we go white knuckled trying to manage the unmanageable. But our lives can't be lengthened or filled by our own efforts. We abide in the Hands of God. Trust is the gateway to peace. When trust is slow and faltering, look at the Hands that hold you. God's Hands are mighty to protect and provide. They are gentle to hold the frail. When you look closely at His Hands, you will see two things. Scars from iron nails and your name written there.

"Behold I have engraved you on the palms of my Hands." Isa.49:16

### Upper Room & Some in Foyer

- Unser Täglich Brot Januar / Februar / März
- Unser Täglich Brot Januar Groβdruck
- 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 Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Faith Today
- 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 New Year to you and yours!

### Advance Care Planning Seminar Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 10 am

Watch this seminar on Livestream or church TV.

Our presenter will be: **Emily Anderson**, Barrister & Solicitor at Linley Welwood, focusing on Family Law Mediation and Wills and Estates.

**AGM** - Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 9 am. Reports need to be in by January 21, 2022



### Financial Update

Last Sunday, January 9, 2022, our offering total was \$8,720.00. This brings our 2022 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$17,220.00.

Thank you for your faithful giving this year!