

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Anne Matthies, Ponoka Alberta - very frail following major stroke.

Langley Lodge - Louise Willms

Abbotsford Hospital - Heinrich (Agnes) Lowen - recovering following hip surgery

Hans (Susie) Siebert - at home, very weak

Marilyn (Bill) Bramwell - at home, continuing treatment

Gladys Friesen - rehab in Morgan Place, Surrey

Erika (John) Klassen - very sick

Erna (Franz) Unger - recovering at home

Evelyn Falk (daughter of Dan & Frieda Reimer) - health issues, needs prayer

Notes of Sympathy



Peter Klassen (Augustina's brother-in-law) passed away on Nov 29. Funeral service to be announced.

Anna Jantz passed away on Nov 23. Funeral will be held at King Road MB church on Dec 6th at 1:30 PM.

Johan Funk, brother of Frank (Margaret) Funk passed away on Nov 27th, in Germany. Funeral service will be held in Germany.

THIS WEEK

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

Today	8:30 am	German Alliance Program - CFEG TV
	10:15 am	English Worship Service
Monday	3:33 pm	Call to Prayer
Tuesday	9:00 am	Adult Cognitive Wellness Program - Upper Room
Wednesday	9:00 am	German Bible Study - Doyle Klaassen
	10:00 am	English Bible Study - Psalm 144 Pastor Walter
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

Sunday, December 11, 2022

	8:30 am	German Alliance Program - CFEG TV
	10:15 am	English Worship Service - Pastor Don

Deutsche Allianz TV Sendungen: Ein wöchentliches Programm vorbereitet von den drei Gemeinden, King Road MB Church, Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church und Clearbrook MB Church. Sonntags 8:30 Uhr Morgens am TV CFEG und auch auf unserer Webseite unter Watch Live zu sehen.

German Alliance TV broadcast: A weekly program put together by the three churches, King Road MB Church, Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church and Clearbrook MB Church. Broadcast Sundays 8:30 am on TV CFEG and also available on our Website under Watch Live.

Church Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5 pm

Tickets are still available for \$15 each and can be purchased at the Welcome Centre and church office.

Christmas Food Hampers

Please bring non-perishable food items to be collected to help the Abbotsford Food Bank and other individuals and families in need this Christmas season. Boxes can be found in the foyer and the Upper Room.

Multiply's South Asian Ministry (Punjabi) began meeting for prayer and worship on Saturday, November 19 in the Upper Room - led by Arun and Anjana.

NEW church phone directory - updated as of December 1, 2022 is now available in the Foyer and Upper Room.



Sunday, December 4, 2022
Clearbrook MB Church



Second Advent

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

Don & Lou Petker
Walter & Edith Wiens
Fred & Hani Ekkert

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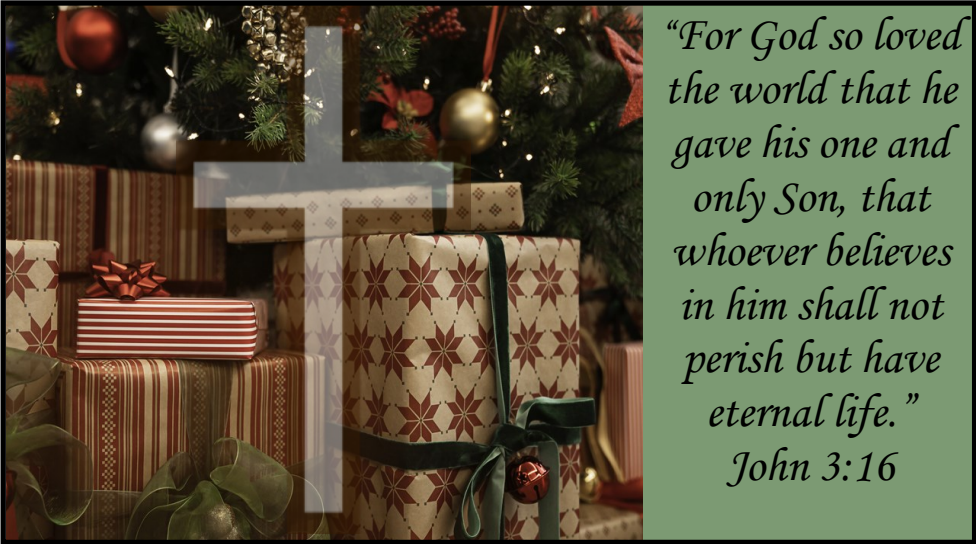
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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm (closed at noon for one hour)

Family Worship Service

10:15 am



PRELUDE: Wes Heinrichs

INVOCATION/WELCOME: Pastor Don

SCRIPTURE READING: John 1:1-4, 11, 14

HYMNS: # 118 Of the Father’s Love Begotten
82 O Come, Let Us Adore Him
145 O Come, All Ye Faithful
513 O, How He Loves You and Me

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Walter

QUARTET: Unfailing Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Don

HYMN: # 524 It Took a Miracle

MESSAGE: “Christmas from the Gift-Giver’s Perspective ”
John 3:16 Pastor Don

HYMN: # 522 He Lifted Me

COMMUNION: Pastor Walter

HYMN: # 525 I Will Praise Him

BENEDICTION: Pastor Walter

Welcome!

We wish to hear from everyone! We invite you to take a moment to complete the Communication Card if you have a prayer request or a desire to connect. A pastor will respond.

Sermon Notes

“Christmas from the Gift-Giver’s Perspective ”

Sermon Points:


- A. The Gift Giver – *For God so loved the world, he gave...*
- B. The Gift – *For God so loved the world, he gave his One and Only Son...*
- C. The Condition – *For God so loved the world, he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him...*
- D. The Promise – *For God so loved the world, he gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some of the ways we get caught up in a Santa Claus Christmas?
- 2. How do we avoid this pitfall?
- 3. Why do we struggle to accept the free gift of salvation?
- 4. In what ways can we change the focus from gift-giving to the Gift-Giver?
- 5. The theme for second Advent is love. Why is it so hard to accept and understand God’s love? What is it within us that makes us want to earn his love?

Literature available in Upper Room & Foyer

- Our Daily Bread - December / January / February
- Our Daily Bread large print - Jan / Feb / Mar
- Unser Tglich Brot - Dezember/ Januar / Februar
- Unser Tglich Brot - Oktober / November / Dezember Grodruck
- Today - November / December
- Bridge - December
- Multiply Daily Prayer Guide - December
- ShareWord (formerly Gideons) Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Faith Today



December Fellowship Luncheon

Today's the day! If you signed up please join us, after church, for lunch in the Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$10 or more is encouraged.

Jubilate Vocal Ensemble - "A Festive Offering", a choral concert of Christmas music by Jubilate Vocal Ensemble will be held at Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren Church on Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$15 for students and available through jubilate.ca/concerts or at the door.

- Enjoy the following reading materials in the **Upper Room and Foyer**:
- The Christmas Story
 - Mystery of the Manger
 - Jesus - Light of the World
 - 2023 Daily Planner & Inspirational Calendars
 - 2022 Advent Devotions - MB Seminary
 - Story of Joseph, the husband of Mary - as written by John Regehr

Salvestina Felix, leader of South Asia Ministry has invited friends and supporters to a Christmas Celebration on December 10th at 6:00 PM at the Trinity Christian Reformed Church. More information is available at the Information desk in the foyer.

Financial Update - Last Sunday, November 27, 2022, our offering total was \$6,786.00. This brings our 2022 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$516,300.54. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2022 is approximately \$48,000 each month. Given this we are \$11,699.46 short as at November 30, 2022, to balance for the 11 months. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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