

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Langley Lodge - Louise Willms

Maple Ridge Hospital - Heinrich (Agnes) Lowen -

transferred to Maple Ridge for rehab following hip surgery

Marilyn (Bill) Bramwell - at home, continuing treatment

Elsie Falk - at home but still experiencing extreme pain

Erna (Franz) Unger - at home, very weak

Gladys Friesen - rehab in Morgan Place, Surrey

Erika (John) Klassen - very sick

Hans (Susie) Siebert - at home, very weak

Note of Sympathy

Anne (George) Matthies passed away on December 11 in Ponoka, Alberta. We send our condolences to the family. The January Bridge will have Anne's life story and selected poems she has written.

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
Tuesday	9:00 am	Adult Cognitive Wellness Program - Upper Room
Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25, 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.

Christmas Food Hampers

Please bring non-perishable food items by Monday, December 19.

Christmas Hymn Sing **TONIGHT!**

Sunday, December 18, 2022.

Theme "Born in Me",

Prelude 6:15 pm

Hymn Sing 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service of Readings and Carols

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00 pm

New Year's Eve Service

Saturday, December 31 - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Bible Conference - January 6 & 7, 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Bible Teacher - Michael Szuk

Bible Text - The Epistle of Jude - Contending Earnestly for the Faith (see poster)

We would love to hear from you! If you have a prayer request, or would like to connect with a pastor, we invite you to take a moment to complete the Communication Card.

Sunday, December 18, 2022
Clearbrook MB Church



"Fourth Advent"

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

Don & Lou Petker

Walter & Edith Wiens

Fred & Hani Ekkert

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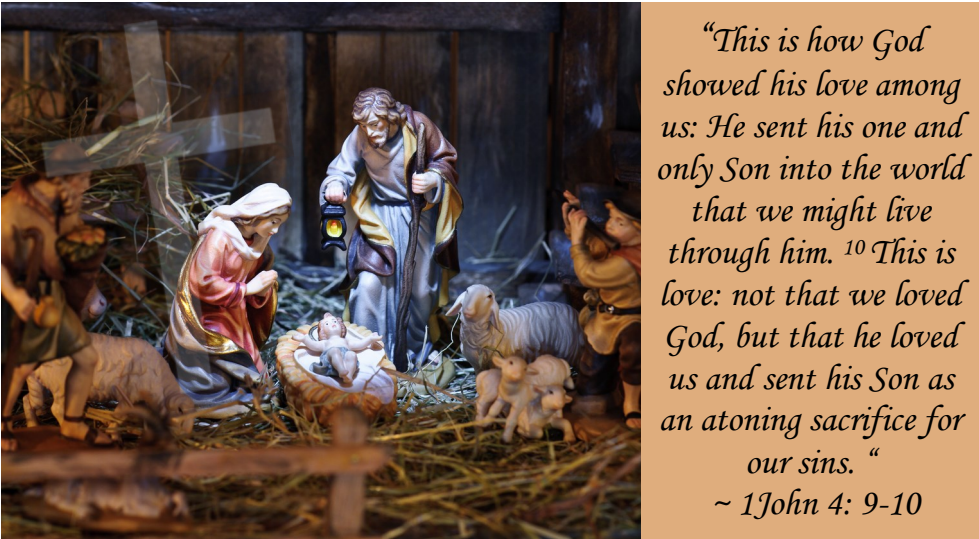
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~Welcome To Our Family Worship Service~



PRELUDE:	Eldon McBride	
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Don	
QUARTET:	Tiny Little Baby	
READING:	Isaiah 9: 6 and Psalm 24: 8-10	
HYMNS:	# 131	Angels, from the Realms of Glory
	# 162	The Birthday of a King
ANNOUNCEMENTS:	Pastor Walter	
QUARTET:	Holy Night	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor Walter	
HYMN:	# 137	What Child Is This?
MESSAGE:	“A Scandalous Perspective on Christmas ” Matthew 1 Pastor Don	
QUARTET:	Jesus the Son of God	
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Don	

Sermon Notes

“A Scandalous Perspective on Christmas”

We have so sanitized the Christmas story that we lose sight of some of the harsh realities of Immanuel – God with us. It is only as we see the story from a scandalous perspective that we get a fuller appreciation for the reality of the Christmas story. Matthew signals that some significant barriers will come down because of the Messiah’s birth:

- A. The racial barrier between Jews and Gentiles.
- B. The gender barrier that developed after the Fall.
- C. The barrier between saint and sinner.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it that we insist on sanitizing the Christmas story?
2. Are the barriers actually gone? How do we see evidence of these barriers today?
3. If you were God, would you have scripted the Christmas story this way?

Literature available in Upper Room & Foyer

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

Enjoy the following reading materials, also available in the **Upper Room and Foyer:**

- The Christmas Story
- Mystery of the Manger
- Jesus - Light of the World
- 2023 Daily Planner
- 2022 Advent Devotions - MB Seminary
- Story of Joseph, the husband of Mary - as written by John Regehr

Financial Update - Last Sunday, December 11, 2022, our offering total was \$19,645.00. This brings our 2022 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$555,735.14. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2022 is approximately \$48,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving.

All donations for 2022 must be in to the church by Friday, December 31.

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