

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Sonia Bjorge - Abbotsford Hospital
Marilyn (Bill) Bramwell - at home undergoing treatment
Henry (Ila-Mae) Dueck - prayer for wisdom and healing
Walter (Carol) Edwards - home but restricted to his bed
Shirley Goertzen - experiencing much pain, pray for healing of body and spirit
Susie Harms - at home
Erika (John) Klassen - Menno Hospital
Elizabeth Kornelsen - Christine Morrison Hospice, Mission
John (Gertrude) Martens - becoming weaker
Erna (Franz) Unger - at home, but frail

* New Address *

David Leonard
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Note of Sympathy

Albert and Mert Warkentin in the passing of their infant grandson.

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
 6:15 am HymnSing

Monday 10:00 am Fellowship Group - Upper Room

Wednesday 9:00 am German Bible Study
NO English Bible Study March 22 & 29. A previous study can be seen on TV and can be streamed on website. English study will resume **April 15** - Book of Acts.

Thursday 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, March 26, 2023

8:30 am German Alliance Program-CFEG TV
 10:15 am English Worship Service - Thomas Yoder Neufeld, Chair, Faith and Life Commission, Mennonite World Conference

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.

Pastor Absence

Pastor Walter will be away on a well deserved vacation from **March 20th - April 4th**



April Fellowship Luncheon

~April 2nd~

A great time to enjoy a delicious lunch, inspirational singing and sharing with one another. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre to reserve your place as space is limited.

International speaker Thomas Yoder Neufeld, Chair, Faith and Life Commission, Mennonite World Conference will be with us on Sunday, March 26.

Jesus Christ, Our Hope
Jesucristo, Nuestra Esperanza
Jésus Christ, Notre Espoir

Saturday, March 25, 2023
 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 South Abbotsford Church,
 Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada



BC MB Convention 2023, Friday/Saturday, April 28/29

Northview Community Church, Mission Campus
 Celebration Dinner & Service Friday 5:30 - 9:00pm
 Annual General Meeting Saturday 8:30am - 4:00pm
 Delegates - up to 11 are requested from our church.
 Registration is through the church.

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, March 19, 2023
Clearbrook MB Church



Sunday

10:15 a.m. Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

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

Glorifying God, Building the Church, Reaching the World.



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

~ Welcome To Our Worship Service ~



“SO HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS, AND DROVE ALL FROM THE TEMPLE COURTS, BOTH SHEEP AND CATTLE; HE SCATTERED THE COINS OF THE MONEY CHANGERS AND OVERTURNED THEIR TABLES.”

John 2:15

PRELUDE: Wes Heinrichs

INVOCATION/WELCOME: Pastor Fred

HYMNS: # 85 Glorious Is Thy Name
72 We Will Glorify
#482 Am I a Soldier of the Cross?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Walter

SOLO: Jesus, Lord to Me Barbara Anderson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: David Giesbrecht

HYMN: #446 I Will Serve Thee

MESSAGE: Walking on the Wild Side Pastor Don
John 2: 12-22

HYMN: #438 Cleanse Me

BENEDICTION: Pastor Don

SERMON NOTES

“Walking on the Wild Side”

Temple Worship in Jesus’ day had degenerated into a commercial enterprise that benefited the religious elite, gouged the worshippers, and excluded the Gentiles. Jesus observes this just before his death and loses it. Picture an angry Jesus, whip in hand, upending tables, chasing animals and merchants alike from the temple courts, and yelling something about destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days. This is a picture of Jesus that we’re not comfortable with - Jesus walking on the wild side, pointing to a new reality that will soon be ushered in. It’s a story that prompts several questions:

1. Are we guilty of the same kind of marketplace religion that Jesus reacted against?
2. Are we cluttering up access to God with the stuff of life?
3. Is there so much clamoring and chattering in our lives that we can’t hear God speak?

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do you see similarities between the scene that Jesus reacted against to the evangelicalism of our day?
2. If, as Christians, we are the temple of God, how do we guard our lives against the temptation to ‘commercialize’ our faith?
3. If Jesus were to take a ‘walk on the wild side’ in our lives, what would he see? What would he have to purge?
4. Does the world around us - the people we interact with daily - see God in our lives? Are they attracted to Him, or can’t they get close for the clutter?
5. While John places this event at the beginning of his Gospel, the other gospel writers place it right after the Triumphal Entry and before the crucifixion. It was Passover, a time in which Jewish households purged their homes of any leavening agents. It was a time not unlike our Lent. How might we purge our lives of that which gets in the way of our relationship with God?

Literature available in Upper Room & Foyer

- Our Daily Bread - March / April / May
- Unser Täglich Brot - Januar / Februar / März
- Unser Täglich Brot - März Großdruck
- Bridge - March
- Multiply Daily Prayer Guide - March
- ShareWord (formerly Gideons) Memorial Cards
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada - Faith Today
- German Hymnals are available in the Upper Room (Kostenlos)

Printed copies of the **Remain in Me** Easter Devotionals can be picked up in either the foyer or the Upper Room. These devotionals can also be found on the MB Seminary website.



We invite you to join us for an evening of dining, catching up and storytelling.

Thursday, March 30, 2023
6pm - 8:30 pm

Emmanuel Mennonite Church

Tickets available at the church office for **\$30**,
Individual tickets can also be purchased
on **Eventbrite** for **\$33.28**

OR

buy a whole table (8 persons) for **\$256.93**

Financial Update

Last Sunday, March 12, 2023, our offering total was \$12,177.40. This brings our 2023 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$131,307.01. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2023 is approximately \$52,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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