## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **In Abbotsford Hospital:**

Margaret Heinrichs

### In Bevan Lodge:

John C. Dyck is very weak. Please pray for John in these difficult days.

#### At Home:

Don Piche is recovering from surgery. Please pray for peace, patience and healing for Don.

### **Note of Sympathy**

Walter (Rose Ardies) Wiens passed away on Monday, September 25, 2023. The Memorial Service will be on Friday, October 13, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

## THIS WEEK

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

**Today** 8:30 am German - Worship Service on CFEG TV

9:00 am Bible Class - Michael Szuk 10:15 am Worship Service - Pastor Don

**Monday Office Closed** - Thanksgiving Day

### Wednesday

9:00 am German Bible Study - Doyle Klaassen 10:00 am English Bible Study - Pastor Walter

1:15 pm & 3:00 pm MAiD sessions - Upper Room

**Thursday** 6:30 pm Choir Practice to prepare for HymnSing

**Saturday -** 9:15 am HymnSing Choir Practice

## Sunday, October 15, 2023

8:30 am German Alliance Program - CFEG TV

9:00 am Bible Class in Upper Room - Michael Szuk

10:15 am Worship Service - Pastor Don

6:15 pm HymnSing

## **FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class**

9-9:50 am in the Upper Room

Michael Szuk is leading us in a 10-week study called
'Journeying with Jesus through John's Gospel.'

## Thanksgiving Display

Our tradition is to have a beautiful display at the front of the church on Thanksgiving Sunday, and then we donate everything to the Adult & Teen Challenge Women's Centre. Thank you for your generosity!

Fire & Ashes:

Why Church? Why MB - Canadian MB Study Conference October 26 - 28, 2023, Northview Community Church 10 Plenary Sessions Plus Numerous Table Discussions Details on Canadian MB Website

Several Speakers:

Bruce Enns Ken Esau

Iain Provan

Andy Steiger



## **Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Ministry**

We can all help in one of these ways.

- 1. Pick up a box and fill it with gifts.
- 2. Give money (non-receipted) to our Church Shoebox Ministry and the team will purchase items and fill a box for you. Suggested donation is

\$25.00 per box.

Find more details on page 18

of the October Bridge.

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

## Sunday, October 8, 2023 Clearbrook MB Church



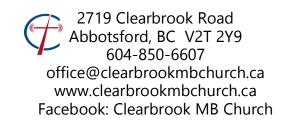
## Sunday

10:15 a.m. Family Worship Service

### **Pastoral Team**

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

Glorifying God, Building the Church, Reaching the World.



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

## ~ Welcome To Our Worship Service ~

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Ephesians 1:3 NIV

Prelude: Wes Heinrichs

Introit: Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts

INVOCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Don

READING: # 558 Praise to God the Creator

HYMNS: # 559 Come Ye Thankful People, Come

# 560 For the Beauty of the Earth

# 561 We Gather Together

CHOIR & CONG. My Tribute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Ray

HYMN: # 564 We Are So Blessed

MESSAGE: "The Empty Chair" Pastor Don

HYMN: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

BENEDICTION: Pastor Don

### **SERMON NOTES**

### THE EMPTY CHAIR

Luke 15:11-31, Ephesians 1:3-14

### Questions:

- 1. Once a year we remind ourselves to be thankful. How do we live with gratitude on a day-to-day basis?
- 2. What is it that keeps you from taking your seat at the Thanksgiving table?
- 3. How does a horizontal perspective on life keep us from being grateful?
- 4. What does a vertical perspective look like? Use Ephesians 1:3-14 as a template for listing your blessings.

### **Literature Available in Foyer:**

- Our Daily Bread October/November/December
- Our Daily Bread (Large Print)-October/November/December
- Unser Täglich Brot Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Täglich Brot Oktober Groβdruck
- Multiply Daily Prayer Guide October
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Faith Today/Canada Watch

### Understanding the Scope of Perspectives and Ministry in MAiD

There are 8 sessions each with a recorded video by Dr. Gloria Woodland, Chaplaincy Program Director at ACTS Seminaries (including MB Seminary) of Trinity Western University. Be in prayer concerning these sessions and how we care for one another.

### Saturday, October 14 - 9 am to 2 pm

MCC BC Annual General Meeting
At South Abbotsford Church
Delegates requested:
Please Contact the Church Office by Wednesday,
October 11th if you can be a delegate.

### **Financial Update**

Last Sunday, October 1, 2023, our offering total was \$17,690.00. This brings our 2023 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$511,452.15. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2023 is approximately \$52,000 each month.

Thank you for your faithful giving.

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