

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

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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 ~

“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 Großdruck
- 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.

All Sunday Services are transmitted on television and livestream. To watch our Church Services - go to the Clearbrook MB Church website and click on Watch Live.