

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Surrey Memorial Hospital

Dan Reimer - Pray for wisdom and healing.

At Home - Please remember in prayer the following:

Mildred Meyer - suffering with cancer.

Mertia (Albert) Warkentin suffering with cancer. She is having surgery on December 29th.

In Bevan Lodge:

Hilda Born

Note of Thanks

Len and Marilyn Neufeld are grateful for the incredible prayer support of our church family. Kindly call Marilyn at 403-307-7173 if you would like to visit. Thank you.

Len is now at home and is recuperating from bypass surgery.

THIS WEEK

Today 8:30 am German - Worship Service on CFEG TV
10:15 am Worship Service - Pastor Don
6:30 pm HymnSing

Wednesday, December 20

9:00 am German Bible Study
10:00 am English Bible Study
2:30 pm Council Meeting

Thursday, December 21

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am German Alliance Program - CFEG TV
10:15 am Worship Service - Pastor Don
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Note of Sympathy



John C. Dyck passed away on Wednesday, December 13th. The Memorial Service will be in January.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

HymnSing Christmas Shines

An evening of singing great hymns & gospel songs

Musical leadership by Fred Ekkert

Featuring: Freedom Celebration Singers &

Guest Violinist: Stan Gubiotti

Tonight, December 17, 2023

Prelude at 6:15 pm, HymnSing at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Christmas Events

December 24 - Regular Sunday AM Service
4:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service
December 25 - No Christmas Day Service
December 31 - 6:30 pm - New Year's Eve Service

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 17, 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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~ Welcome To Our Worship Service ~

*“But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”
Luke 2:10 NIV*

PRELUDE: Wes Heinrichs

INVOCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Don

READING: Isaiah 11:1-4a; 6a; 9

HYMN: # 197 *Lamb of Glory*
145 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
127 *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*
126 *Nativity Prayer*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Walter

HYMN: # 141 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Song: Do You See What I See Brenda Loeschmann

MESSAGE: Do You Fear What I Fear? Pastor Don

HYMN: # 125 *Joy to the World*

BENEDICTION: Pastor Don

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.

SERMON NOTES

DO YOU FEAR WHAT I FEAR?

Luke 2:1-35; Matthew 1:18-25; 2:7-12

Questions:

1. Why is fear such a dominant theme in the Christmas story?
2. What is it you fear in this Christmas season?
3. Does the good news of Emmanuel - God with us - give you peace or does it cause even more fear?
4. What about the Second Coming of Jesus? It is part of the Advent preparation as well. Do we fear that too or do we embrace it with open hearts?

Literature Available in Foyer:

- Our Daily Bread - January/February/March
- Our Daily Bread (Large Print)-October/November/December
- Unser Täglich Brot - Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Täglich Brot - Dezember Großdruck
- December Bridge
- Multiply Daily Prayer Guide - December
- Evangelical Fellowship of Canada-Faith Today/Canada Watch
- 2023 Advent Devotionals

Abbotsford Service Directory for Seniors and Their Caregivers. It has been revised, updated and printed this past week.

Topics include:

- * **Important Phone Numbers**
- * **Social Activities**
- * **Services at Home**
- * **Legal & Financial Services**
- * **Volunteering Opportunities**
- * **Facilities for Seniors**

“As we Wait” – our MB Seminary’s 2023 Advent Devotional is available two ways –

1. As a printed booklet with a daily devotional
2. Or on the MB Seminary website – www.mbseminary.ca/resources/devotions.

Abbotsford Food Bank

Provide food for those in need by bringing nonperishable food to the church. We will then forward all donations to Abbotsford Food Bank. Place in boxes labelled “Christmas Food Hamper Donations”.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, December 10, 2023, our offering total was \$13,970.00. This brings our 2023 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$652,331.70. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2023 is approximately \$52,000 each month.

Thank you for your faithful giving.