

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

In Abbotsford Hospital:

- Margaret Heinrichs
- Katie Schmidt is now in Tabor Home

Don (Vange) Piche had surgery on Friday, Sept. 29 in Surrey. Please pray for peace 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.



LADIES MINISTRY

The Ladies' Ministry will begin on Thursday, October 5, from 9:30 to 11:00, and the first Thursday of every month through to May 2024, except January when it will be the second Thursday.

We will hold our meeting in the Upper Room. *Lorraine Dick* will present a study of the Psalms. Questions? Please contact: Eva DeSousa, Jean Braun, or Hani Ekkert.

A sign-up sheet is at the Information Desk.

THIS WEEK

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

Today 8:30 am German - Worship Service on CFEV TV
9:00 am Bible Class - John Redekop
10:15 am Worship Service - Andre Pritzkau

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 9:30 am Ladies' Ministry - Upper Room
6:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Banquet

Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:30 am German Alliance Program - CFEV TV
9:00 am Bible Class in Upper Room - Michael Szuk
10:15 am Worship Service - Pastor Don

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.'

If you are able, plan to make this part of your Sunday morning worship experience.

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. Please bring your donations of non-perishable items to the church during this week starting October 2, and perishables on Friday before 12 noon, October 6.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Thanksgiving Banquet

Friday, October 6, 2023,
6:00 pm; Tickets: \$15.00

Featuring:
Adult & Teen Challenge
Women's Centre

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 moment to complete the Communication Card.

Sunday, October 1, 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 ~

*“Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth!
Worship the Lord with gladness...”
Psalm 100:1*

PRELUDE: Doug Johnson & Wes Heinrichs

INVOCATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pastor Fred

HYMNS: *He Has Made Me Glad
This is the Day
13 Bless the Lord*

WINDOW ON THE WORLD: Andre Pritzkau

HYMN: *Great God of Wonders*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Les Klassen

HYMN: # 63 *Give Thanks to the Lord*

MESSAGE: "Give Thanks to Him" Andre Pritzkau

HYMN: # 525 *I Will Praise Him*

ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS: Pastor Walter
Merv & Myrl Driedger, John Neufeld, Olympia Stubbe

COMMUNION: Pastor Walter

HYMN: # 525 *I Will Praise Him*

BENEDICTION: Pastor Fred

GIVE THANKS TO HIM

Psalm 100

Discussion questions

1. What is helping you to start your day on a positive or joyful note?
2. As you go through the day, what are some of the blocks that can hinder you to worship and serve him in what you do?
3. What questions or thoughts arise with regards to the statement: 'The Lord is God' in verse 2?
4. How are you currently experiencing that God is good in your life?

Church Council News

We express our sincere thanks to Betty and Becky Klassen who have served as our custodians since 2005. As of October 1, Kevin Klassen has joined our staff full time with responsibilities in the church's Media Ministry, Facility Management as well as continuing as the Food Services Coordinator.

After serving as the Music Pastor for seven years and then another 18 years of outstanding voluntary ministry in many areas, Eldon DeFehr is retiring. As a result, Phil Halvorson has been appointed to replace him on the Lead Team and will also assist Eldon in preparing this year's annual TV broadcasting report for the CRTC.

Pastor Fred Ekkert is adding to his duties the role of Interim Director of Media Development for our TV and other media ministries for a six month period.

Also, we have contracted Lou Petker for a six month period to develop and structure the office procedures in preparation for hiring an office manager. This will be an expanded role replacing the secretary/receptionist position left vacant with Debbie's departure.

Please pray that the Lord will send to us the office and media personnel we need as soon as possible.

Notice given by Council Chairman, Don Balzer

Literature Available in Foyer:

- Our Daily Bread - September/October/November
- 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.

Please note these two important AGMs:

1. **Thursday, October 5 - 7 pm**
Columbia Bible College Annual General Meeting
Attending for CMBC - Eldon DeFehr, Neil Matthies, John Redekop, Walter Wiens
2. **Saturday, October 14 - 9 am to 2 pm**
MCC BC Annual General Meeting
At South Abbotsford Church
Delegates requested: Contact Church Office

Financial Update

Last Sunday, September 24, 2023, our offering total was \$8,650.00. This brings our 2023 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$493,762.15. 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.