

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Abbotsford Hospital:

**Katie Rast**

**Walter & Ina Friesen's** adult grandson, **Justin**, is recovering in a Calgary hospital after open heart surgery and a 4-week coma!

**Pastor Rudy and Elsie Frose's** niece, **Karen Wiens**, after many cancer treatments the cancer is worsening.

**Frank & Ruth Klassen's** daughter, **Teresa Born** of Calgary. Please pray as Teresa's battle with cancer continues.

**John N. (Mary) Klassen** has cancer, and is at home (Tabor Court). Their children John, Ruth and Tim have arrived from abroad to spend time with John.

**Jean Llewellyn** is recovering at home following hip surgery.

**Mary Stobbe** had an aortic valve replacement surgery on Thursday of this week at the Royal Columbian Hospital.

**Frieda Nickel's** daughter, **Debbie Unger**, of Alberta, is thankful for all the prayers as she continues her treatments.

### Note of Thanks

**John C. Dyck** is thankful to the church for prayers for him and **Elvira** after she broke her pelvis in 3 places. She has been moved to Tabor Home. Pray for mercy as they adjust.

**Carol and Walter Edwards** thank the church for their prayers as Walter was in the hospital and is now home.

## THIS WEEK

**All Sunday Services will be available on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website.**

**Today** 9:00 am Pastor George  
10:00 am Pastor Walter

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

9:00 am Pastor Fred  
10:00 am Pastor George

**The Bible Studies will not take place during July and August. They will resume on Wednesday, September 2.**

## Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*„Suchet das Gute und nicht das Böse, auf daß ihr leben könnt, so wird der Herr, der Gott Zebaoth (Gott der Heerscharen) bei euch sein, wie ihr rühmet.“  
Amos 5:14*

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: # 28 Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: # 29 Ich sing von meinem Jesu

Schriftlesung: Amos 5:10-15

Gesang: # 228 Alles will ich, Herr, verlassen

Botschaft: Pastor George  
„Das Böse hassen und das Gute lieben“

Schlusslied: # 230 Mehr lieben möchte ich Dich

## DIESE WOCHE

**Alle Gottesdienste werden über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen.**

**Nächsten Sonntag, den 2. August, 2020**

9:00 Uhr Pastor Fred  
10:00 Uhr Pastor George

**Über die Sommermonate, also Juli und August, werden keine Bibelstunden statt finden. Ab Mittwoch den 2. September werden die Bibelstunden wieder statt finden.**

*Sunday, July 26, 2020*  
**Clearbrook MB Church**



**These Sunday services will be available on Television and the Clearbrook MB Website**

9:00 am German Worship Service  
10:00 am Family Worship Service

### Pastoral Team

Scott & Miriam Tolhurst  
Walter & Edith Wiens  
George & Mary Baier  
Fred & Hani Ekkert

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PRELUDE:	Wes Heinrichs
INVOCATION/WELCOME:	Pastor Walter
HYMNS:	Pastor Fred
	588 We Have Come Into His House
	93 Praise the Name of Jesus
	92 O Come, Let Us Adore Him
	Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet
ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING:	Pastor George
MEDITATION:	Wes Heinrichs
PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:	Pastor George
HYMN:	440 O, For a Heart to Praise My God
MESSAGE:	"The Soil Makes All the Difference" Psalm 1, Matthew 13:1-23 Pastor Walter
HYMN:	365 Close to Thee
BENEDICTION:	Pastor Walter

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**To watch our Church Services - go to the Clearbrook MB Church Website and click on Watch Live.**



*The Same Soil Produces Fruit as Well as Weeds*

I had the privilege of growing up on a farm. This has instilled in me a desire to grow flowers, berries, fruit - even on our small lot. I remember walking behind a 16 horsepower rotor-tiller, cutting down the weeds and softening the rich soil. When we bought the raspberry farm, raspberries had grown on the same land for forty years. And during the ten years on the farm my father was the "raspberry king" for two years. This meant he had the highest yield per acre in the Fraser Valley in those years. All the old raspberry bushes and manure was tilled into the soil each year. The soil improved every year. Also, the berries got bigger and tastier every year.

But, other types of plants seemed to become stronger each year as well - weeds. As the rich soft soil helped the berries to become bigger the weeds also grew taller. This kept me walking the long rows - about 200 of them on our 13 acres of raspberries - steering the strong rotor-tiller - helping the berries grow and killing the weeds.

There is a parallel between the rich soil on our farm and our minds. We might wish that what fills our minds is nobody else's business but our own. We may even think that what grows in the soil of our minds will only be wholeness thoughts - and when they are negative, they will only impact us. The story of Achan warns us otherwise. What he did in the secrecy of his mind, and under his tent, was everybody's business (Joshua 7). Personal thoughts are never personal. What grows in the depth of my mind (the soil where values and attitudes develop) will always impact everyone I connect with. Why? What we do in the secret place (our soil, our mind) is the most accurate indicator of who we truly are. What fills our minds never stays in our minds. What fills our minds will spill over into attitudes, feelings, actions. This just happens.

Just as delicious raspberries and thorny weeds grew in the rich soil on our farm, so also wholesome thoughts and wicked ideas grow in the soil of our minds. Our minds are meant to nurture values - but we choose which values. In Psalm 1 we learn that we either conform to the counsel of the wicked, the sinners and the mockers or to the law of the LORD. We choose what grows in the soil of our minds.

Farming the best raspberries is very simple - a person just needs to do all he can to kill the weeds and feed and support the berries. Growing to become the healthiest believers is very simple - we just need to do all we can to kill the values of the wicked, the sinners, and listen to, delight in and meditate on the law of the LORD day and night. What we feed our minds is never just our own business - everyone will notice what grows in our minds - either weeds or healthy fruit.

Pastor Walter

*Upper Room*

- Unser Täglich Brot - Jul/Aug/Sep - noch nicht erhalten
- Unser Täglich Brot - August Großdruck
- Our Daily Bread - June/July/August
- Our Daily Bread - **July/August/September Large Print**  
We received double shipments of the Large Print Daily Bread, so please drop by the office to pick some up for your friends!
- Today - July/August
- August Bridge
- Daily Prayer Guide: Multiply - July 2020

**It is time to welcome people back to our German service.**

It will begin on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at 9 am. Please see insert "Ankündigung für den deutschen Gottesdienst" or ask for more details in the Office.

**We will continue** to invite our congregation, attendees of the English Services, to the sanctuary for "face-to-face" worship services! We are phoning a maximum of 50 people to join us each Sunday. We also broadcast our services via TV and Livestream.

It is good to see many of you!

**Pastors' Vacations:**

Pastor Scott and Miriam are now on vacation from July 20 to August 3 and Pastor Walter and Edith from July 28 to August 12. Thank you for praying for our pastoral staff, both those on vacation and those remaining at home. We sense your support and love.



**Financial Update**

Last Sunday, July 19, 2020 our offering total was \$3,621.00. This brings our 2020 adjusted contributions to date for our budget needs to \$300,662.67. Our monthly budget commitment for 2020 is \$45,000 each month. Given that the Budget needs for the 7 months is \$315,000.00; this means that we need \$14,337.33 to balance the Budget as of July 31, 2020.

Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.

You can bring your offerings to church Sunday mornings as you come to the service, or during the week to the office, or by e-transfer, credit card or pre-authorized automatic withdrawal.