

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Mission Hospital: **Gerhard** (Martha) **Rutsch**
Abbotsford Hospital: **Rosa Isaac**

Susie Harms is home from Peace Arch Hospital. She thanks the church for all your prayers

Tina Krause is not well.

Jake (Mary) **Janzen** is home and doing much better.

Marilyn (Bill) **Bramwell** - pray for patience and peace as she waits for further chemo treatments.

Joel Chambers - son of **Martha & Lindsay Chambers** - check page 12 in the Bridge for an extensive update.

Notes of Sympathy

John Isaac brother of **Art Isaac & Kay Thiessen**, passed away Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Mabel Goertz passed away Monday, December 7, 2020 at the age of 102. Burial will be Tuesday, December 15, Langley.

Rudie Willms, husband of **Louise** & brother-in-law to **Leona Klassen**, passed away Thursday, December 3, 2020. Burial was December 10, 2020.

Anne Willms, Tabor Home, passed away Thursday December 3, 2020

Our sincere condolences to family and friends



New Phone

Ben Baier - 236-622-2810

THIS WEEK

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

Today *9:00 am Pastor George
*10:15 am Pastor Scott

Wednesday *9:00 am German Bible Study
*10:00 am English Bible Study

Sunday, December 20, 2020

*9:00 am Pastor George
*10:15 am Pastor Scott
*7:00 pm Virtual Night of Carols
*** for now only on TV and Online**

Morgengottesdienst

9:00 Uhr

*(Wir sind aufgefordert) „zu dienen dem lebendigen und wahren Gott und zu warten auf seinen Sohn vom Himmel, den er auferweckt hat von den Toten, Jesus, der uns von dem zukünftigen Zorn errettet.“
I Thessalonicher 1:9-10*

Vorspiel:

Begrüßung und Gebet: Pastor George

Gesang: Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich
63 Freue dich Welt

Bekanntmachungen/Gebet Pastor George

Gesang: # 67 Welchen Jubel welche Freude

Botschaft: „Die Wartenden“
Matthäus 25:1-13 Pastor George

Schlusslied: # 555 O Gott, sei gelobt!

DIESE WOCHE

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

Mittwoch *9:00 Uhr Deutsche Bibelstunde
*10:00 Uhr Englische Bibelstunde

Nächsten Sonntag, den 20. Dezember, 2020

*9:00 Uhr Pastor George
*10:15 Uhr Pastor Scott
*7:00 Uhr Virtual Night of Carols

*** Nur über Fernseh (TV) und Computer übertragen**

Sunday, December 13, 2020
Clearbrook MB Church



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

9:00 am German Worship Service
10:15 am Family Worship Service

Pastoral Team

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

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

Family Worship Service

10:15 am



PRELUDE:	O Holy Night	Wes Heinrichs & Eldon McBride
INVOCATION/WELCOME:		Pastor Scott
CHOIR:	Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts	
Choir/Cong.	Joy to the World! Come on Ring Those Bells Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light	
ANNOUNCEMENTS:		Pastor Walter
MUSICAL MEDITATION:	Glorify Thy Name	Doug Johnson
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:		Lorraine Dick
CHOIR:	Come unto Me	
MESSAGE:	"God Wrote on my Bucket List" Luke 2:22-40	Pastor Scott
CHOIR:	O Lord Your Grace Abounds to Me	
BENEDICTION:		Pastor Scott

All Sunday Services and Wednesday Bible Studies are Transmitted on Television and Livestream

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



"Waiting for a Second Christmas" by Pastor Scott

We all suffer from a Christmas disadvantage. I'm not talking about our ways or means to celebrate the season, but our position and perspective. All of us look back to the first Christmas. To celebrate Christmas, we remember what has already happened. It's like recalling the stress and strain of making your first mortgage payment decades past, once your house is all paid for. You can do it mentally, but it is harder to do emotionally. We call the season Advent, *a coming*, but how do we engage from the heart a coming that has already arrived?

For those in the Biblical pages, this arrival of Jesus was a true Advent. It was an appearance long sought. From Adam and Abraham, the reign of David and Solomon, through prophets like Daniel and Jeremiah, all the way to Mary and Joseph, the promise of the Messiah was anticipated despite delay, distress and silence. The hope of many persevered even if the patience of others faltered. It's no wonder then that the shepherds of that nativity night were overwhelmed with excitement. They were energized, not solely by an angelic choir, but by a promise made, held and kept. The long awaited for Messiah, has come.

How do we enter into their excitement? We readily share the joy of Jesus' birth twenty centuries past. But it is the smile of a birthday party. We celebrate the birth and life of One we love. It is true joy but it lacks the edge of anticipation. We can't anticipate an event of the past. If this sounds similar to Scrooge-like grumbling, let me assure you, I do believe that Advent goosebumps can be added to our Christmas joy.

Maybe we have put Advent in too small a box. Bethlehem is the certainty of God's promise kept. The Messiah has come. Bethlehem is also a secure platform to proclaim, "The Messiah is coming!" Gabriel's promise to a confused Mary leads to an angelic promise to bewildered disciples, "He will come again!" Christmas faith is both a foundation and forecast for the Second Advent. Now I get goosebumps.

If Bethlehem is an assurance and a prediction, we stand in a similar place as the saints gone by. Like Abraham, we've heard the vow of God and we wait. Since God never lies, we count the days and they have been many. For over two thousand years, we've looked to the sky. How many more? Will we falter in our anticipation? Does the the Second Advent feel so far that it no longer impacts me? Is my Advent hope only a word in my head and not an assurance in my soul? Will the promise become so disjointed from my living that it seems irrelevant? Or, can we hold our hope every day, no matter how many days? Like excited children trained by many Christmas mornings, let us wait, knowing Advent will come. As you open your present or smile at a loved ones' laughter this Christmas, remember. This is only a beginning. He came. He will come.

Upper Room

- **Christmas Inspiration Literature - examples**
 - Advent Devotionals from MB Seminary
 - Booklet with ten devotionals from Our Daily Bread
- Unser Täglich Brot - Oktober/November/Dezember
- Unser Täglich Brot - Dezember Großdruck
- Our Daily Bread - December/January/February
- Our Daily Bread - January/February/March Large Print
- Today - November/December
- December Bridge
- December Multiply

December 20th 7:00 PM: A Virtual Night of Carols on TV and Live Stream.

Though we cannot gather for a Hymn Sing, due to technology we can partially re-live Hymn Sing. Tune in and be re-inspired by the songs about our Wonderful Saviour. This 1 hour program will feature Christmas Carols by a variety of groups, our Chancel Choir and The Singing Men.

- CHRISTMAS SERVICES** – There will be 3 services:
- ★ Christmas Eve, December 24 at 3 pm and 5 pm
 - ★ Christmas Day, December 25 at 10 am Night of Carols re-broadcasted on TV
 - ★ Sunday, December 27 – 1 service at 10:15 am

Staff Christmas Photo and Recent added Photos

- an envelope with your name has:
 - photo of church staff
 - card from pastors
 - recent photos to add to your photo Album
- If you do not have a photo album please pick up an envelope with the photo of staff and a card from our pastors. Please pick up in office.

Archway Abbotsford Food Bank

Please help our local Abbotsford Food bank by bringing non-perishable food to our church or give a donation - designate Abbotsford Food Bank. This will be featured in the virtual Night of Carols.

Financial Update

Last Sunday, December 6, 2020 our offering total was \$19,432.00. This brings our 2020 contributions to date for our budget contribution commitment to \$512,001.02. Our monthly budget contribution commitment for 2020 is approximately \$45,000 each month. Thank you for your faithful giving in this difficult time.