

THIS WEEK

Tues: Youth 6:30-8:30 PM
Wed: Sew'n Sews 9 AM in Heritage Hall
Seniors' Christmas Coffee Time 2:30-4 PM
Zoom Bible Study 7 PM
Thurs: Ladies Prayer Meeting 7 PM
Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30 AM
Sat: Hosting our Ukraine Friends
Every Sunday: Ukrainian Slavic Church meets here 2-6 PM



PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5 PM
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service at 10 AM / No Sunday School
Jan 1 New Year's Day Service at 10 AM / No Sunday School
Jan 8 Pastors Welcome Class – 5-week class taking place during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Kelby for details.

YOUTH Tuesday, December 13 6:30-8:30 PM

Small Group Night
Certain groups meeting off-site.
Check your email for details.

Seniors' Christmas Coffee Time
Wednesday, Dec 14, 2:30-4 PM

Join us in the foyer for carol singing, special music, coffee, and cookies.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Congratulations** to Jeremy & Adrienne Penner on the birth of a son, Caleb Justus, on Dec. 6. He is a little brother to Elya & Jaelyn.
- **Melissa Wiebe (Guenter)** has requested a release of membership to join the Bergthaler Mennonite Church in Grunthal. We wish Melissa and Conner God's blessing as they get involved there.

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- May there truly be "More of Jesus – Less of Me" in 2022!
- Steinbach Bible College** as they look for a new president.
- An end to the war in Ukraine**; provision for those experiencing loss & displacement, and **those adjusting to life in Steinbach**. (70+ families).
- God's provision for the refugee family** we will sponsor. (Malawi)
- Those with health concerns**: Selma Friesen, Merle Hiebert, Ted Lepp, Kristin Serger, Ed Thiessen.
- Our care-home residents/house-bound members**.
- Our missionaries & members in service**: Heriberto & Viola Ayala, Jennifer Enns, Melissa, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra & Isra Chavez Plett, Val Schinkel, Morgan & Krista Serger, Viktor & Rita Schulz, Greg Wiens.
In Missionary Mail Rack: Letter from Morgan & Krista Serger

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday at 7 PM

1 Corinthians: Being the Church in a Pagan Society

This Zoom Bible Study will conclude this week, then resume in January. Use the link sent in the weekly SMBC Friday email to join.

Study Guides in print form available at the Info Center

College & Career

Meet Friday evenings at 7 PM. For more info and location, contact Raf at 204-380-1851.

LOOKING FOR A DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE FOR 2023?

Why not try this one from Randy & Marjorie Friesen (formerly Director of Multiply): "Listening to the Word" at this link:
<https://listeningtotheword.blogspot.com/>

This will take you through the Bible in a year, with short devotional insights from Randy & Marjorie. Sign up for this to your email inbox via the 3 lines in the top left corner of the website page above! Highly recommended to you by Pastor Walter.

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship.

We'd like to get acquainted & minister to you more effectively. Feel free to complete the "welcome card" located in the pew slot and hand to an usher or one of the pastors.

NEW SMBC PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are working on a new photo directory. Please fill out the directory information sheet (available at the Info Center) and place into the offering plate or in the labelled box at the Info Center.

Submit your digital photo to info@steinbachmbchurch.ca
We will also provide the opportunity for those who would like their picture taken at church in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

Christmas Giving Project

As a church family, we would like to be a blessing through giving. This is an opportunity to reflect the message of hope & love initiated that very first Christmas. This year's project will support InterAct Ministries in Thompson (Morgan & Krista Serger). Choose a tag from the **GIVING TREE** with the option of a gift you can purchase and **bring back to church to place under the tree in the foyer by next Sunday, Dec. 18th**. If you prefer to give a monetary gift, please make the cheque out to InterAct Ministries with a note in the memo line that this is for the Midway Bible Camp Christmas Project.



Gifts should be left unwrapped.

NOTES:

SMBC Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus, we are being transformed by the Spirit to share God's love with all.



Our Strategic Priorities

- ✓ **Growing in Christ**
We want to establish deep roots in our faith.
- ✓ **Connecting in Community**
We want to actively care for each other.
- ✓ **Being Missional**
We want to actively share our faith.
- ✓ **Supporting Families**
We want to strengthen families.
- ✓ **Developing Leaders**
We want to empower effective leaders.

SMBC Financial Update: Jan-Nov, 2022

525,224 Operating Income
(589,969) Operating Expenses
(64,745) Shortfall

Cash/cheque donations for 2022 will be received until December 30 at 12:00 Noon.

Electronic donations for 2022 (example: eTransfers) will be received until 11:59 PM on December 31st.

Thank you for investing into God's Kingdom through SMBC!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY



Family Room: Available for parents with small children.

Nursery (ages 0-2): Please sign in at table in Heritage Hall; drop off your child during the service.

Children's Church (ages 3-6): Sign in at the booth on lower level.

Today's Nursery Workers: Mia Fast, Viola Ayala, Sorayah Fast
Anna Ayala

Today's Children's Church Workers: Michelle Peters, Julia & Emily Arsenault, Nicole Krieger, Liam Dueck, Caleb Giesbrecht, Saige Peters

Dec. 18 Nursery Workers: Val Schinkel, Ruth Ewert, Elda Kehler, Ashley Kehler, Nadia & Anneli Ayala

Dec. 18 Children's Church Workers: Rene Schulz, Christian Peters, Michelle Peters, Josiah Peters, Emery Lepp, Molly Winkler

Responding to the Crisis in Ukraine

Ukrainians are arriving in Steinbach. We are looking for host families. Contact Pastor Kelby for info or if you have questions.

Fill out the form at the Info Center or talk to Pastor Kelby.

Items most needed at this time include:

-clothing, furniture, and household items

Next drop-off date at Southland Church: January 2023

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Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 9-12, 1:30-4:30



December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent

Worship Service - 9:30 AM / Sunday School - 11 AM

“And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.” Luke 1:14

Pre-Service Foyer Music: Nadine & Sorayah Fast

Service Leader: Chris Thiessen

Music Leader: Lorie Friesen

Scripture Reading: Bethany Drewlo

Isaiah 35:1-10

Special Music: Chris Dyck

Message: Pastor Walter
“Overcoming Fear with Joy”

→ Our service is also available through our phone service & livestream.

→ **Children's Church & nursery care available during the service.**

SMBC Sunday Morning Phone Service
1-888-919-5948

Call just before 9:30 AM to hear the service on your phone.

STEINBACH MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

LEAD PASTOR: Walter Fast (walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca)

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PASTOR OF STUDENT MIN: Stefan Klassen (stefanklassen@steinbachmbchurch.ca)

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