

THIS WEEK

Mon: Seniors' Christmas Coffee Time 2:30 PM
Tues: Youth Christmas Party 6:30-8:30 PM
Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30 AM



Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5 PM
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service at 10 AM / No Sunday School

Every Sunday: Ukrainian Slavic Church meets here 2-6 PM

PLANNING AHEAD

Jan 1 New Year's Day Service at 10 AM / No Sunday School
→ Communion
→ Opportunity to remember those who have passed away this year by lighting a candle.

Jan 8 Pastors Welcome Class – 5-week class taking place during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Kelby for details.

YOUTH Tuesday, December 20 6:30-8:30 PM
Youth Christmas Party & Talent Show
Formal wear strongly encouraged.

Seniors' Christmas Coffee Time Monday, December 19, 2:30-4 PM

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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Thank you** for your support to us with a post-secondary education grant while I study at Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary & College pursuing a Master of Divinity. Your support to us over the years has been first-class. ~ Cohle & Rebecca Bergen, Levi, Judah, and Henry
- **Large Print Daily Bread** - available at the Info Center.
- **Steinbach Bible College** is offering a one-month Tuesday evening intensive course with Terry Kaufman titled 'Insights from Experienced Leaders' from January 24 – February 14, 2023. Available on-campus or online. Register at SBCollege.ca/Events

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.

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.

- ✚ Alternatively: we invite you to pick up the Bible Reading Plan at the Info Center. **One side**: through the Bible in a year (by genres, approx. 3-4 chapters/day). **Back side**: through the New Testament & Psalms in a year (1 chapter/day). Let's all "dig in"—for the glory of God and the ongoing "rooting" of our faith!

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

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Giving Project!

This year's project is supporting InterAct Ministries in Thompson (Morgan & Krista Serger). **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 18th is the last day to drop off your gift.** 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. Cheques/gift cards can be left in the office or with an usher.



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: Val Schinkel, Ruth Ewert, Elda Kehler, Ashley Kehler, Nadia & Anneli Ayala

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

Dec 25 & Jan 1 – No Children's Church or Nursery care provided

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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204.326.3551 www.steinbachmbchurch.ca
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 9-12, 1:30-4:30



December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

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

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”

2 Thessalonians 3:16

Pre-Service Foyer Music: The Thiessen Kids

Service Leader: Travis Bergman
Music Leader: Sam Fast
Scripture Reading: Harold Kroeker
John 14:15-27; Philippians 4:4-7

Message: Heriberto Ayala
“Don't Be Afraid, Have Peace”

→ 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.

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