

THIS WEEK

NOTE: Pastor Kelby is on vacation until January 9th.



Mon/Tues: Church Offices Closed
Fri: Parents & Tots 9:30 AM

Next Sunday: **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.

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

PLANNING AHEAD

Jan 8 **Pastors Welcome Class** – 5-week class taking place during Sunday School. Contact Pastor Kelby for details.
Feb 5 **Newcomers Lunch** – Details coming soon.

YOUTH On break until January 10th.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Birthday congratulations** to Elvira Enns who celebrated 93 years on December 24th. God bless you with His daily care.
- **Thank you** to the College & Career group that baked the cookies for our Seniors Christmas Coffee event. They were wonderful & much appreciated!
- **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 we rest in the peace of God** as He invites us not to fear.
- 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 Val Schinkel

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.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas!



Pastor Walter & Anne Fast
Pastor Kelby & Michelle Friesen
Pastor Stefan & Kara Lee Klassen
Kathy & Bob Winkler, Barb Hamm
Ricky & Norm Niessen

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.

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

340 Second Street, Steinbach, MB R5G 0T7
204.326.3551 www.steinbachmbchurch.ca
Church Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 9-12, 1:30-4:30



December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

“No unbelief made Abraham waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.” Romans 4:20,21

Service Leader: Pastor Stefan
Music Leaders: Henry Dueck & Daniela Klassen
Scripture Reading: Emma Dyck
Romans 10:1-13

Message: Pastor Walter
“Fear Overcome by Faith”

→ Our service is also available through our phone service & livestream.
→ **Children’s Church & nursery care Not available today.**

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

Call just before 10 AM to hear the service on your phone.

STEINBACH MENNONITE BROTHERS CHURCH

LEAD PASTOR: Walter Fast (walterfast@steinbachmbchurch.ca)
PASTOR OF COMMUNITY LIFE: Kelby Friesen (kelbyfriesen@steinbachmbchurch.ca)
PASTOR OF STUDENT MIN: Stefan Klassen (stefanklassen@steinbachmbchurch.ca)
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS: Barb Hamm/Kathy Winkler (info@steinbachmbchurch.ca)

Cash/cheque donations for 2022 will be received until December 30 at 12:00 Noon.
Electronic donations for 2022 (example: e-Transfers) 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.

TODAY & Jan 1 – No Children’s Church or Nursery Care provided