

THIS WEEK

Wed: Church Office Open 9 AM – 12 NOON
Christmas Eve Program 6 PM

Thurs: **Christmas Day** - Church Office Closed

Fri: **Boxing Day** - Church Office Closed

Next Sunday: **Communion Service** / Speaker - Pastor Walter
Service will include an opportunity to remember a loved one who has passed away in 2025 by lighting a candle.

No Sunday School December 28 and January 4.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Wed (Dec 29-31): 9 AM – 12 NOON
Thurs (Jan 1): New Year's Day – CLOSED
Fri (January 2) 9 AM – 12 NOON

First Friday of each Month – Ladies Puzzle/Game Night 7 PM
Third Friday of each Month - Men's Game Night 7 PM
Every Friday Morning - Men's Prayer Time 6:30 AM in Heritage Hall
Every 2nd & 4th Friday Evening – College & Career
Every 2nd & 4th Sunday Evening – Spanish Ministry in Fellowship Hall 4:30-8:30 PM

PLANNING AHEAD

Jan 8/26 SMBC Day of Prayer
Jan 10 Men's Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM
Feb 11-23/26 **SMBC Mexico Mission Trip**
Feb 15/26 Baptism Classes will begin for 4 weeks
Feb 22/26 Annual Finance Meeting
Mar 20-21/26 All-Leaders Retreat



TONIGHT at 7 PM

REJOICE! An Evening of Carol Singing

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- **Happy Birthday** to Elvira Enns, celebrating 96 years on December 24th! God bless you with His care as you celebrate.
- **If you are new to SMBC and would like to get connected** by receiving our weekly Friday emails and having a church mailbox in the foyer, contact the church office at info@steinbachmbchurch.ca
We're happy you're here and would love to include you!

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 it to an usher or bring it to the Welcome Centre.



Advent Giving Project

"Thank you so much for choosing **Life Culture** as your Christmas project this year. We wish you could see the gratitude and appreciation the moms have when receiving their gifts! We are grateful for your kindness and generosity to us."
~ Sincerely, Susan Penner

YOUTH

Youth will resume on January 13.
Youth LT Meeting on January 6, 6:30 PM

Men's Pancake Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, January 10, 2026
at 8:30 AM**

Come for a time of food, fellowship and prayer. Bring your friends.

Sign up at the table in the foyer.



Year-End Giving

Cash/cheque donations for 2025 will be received until 12 noon on December 31st. The deadline for electronic donations for 2025 (example: e-Transfers) is 10 PM on December 31st.

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

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- ☐ **2025 Theme: ABIDE (Psalm 1 & John 15)**
May we grow in our faith as we abide in Christ.
- ☐ **The SMBC Mexico Team** preparing for a 2026 ministry trip: Heriberto Ayala, Damaris Ayala, Pedro Friesen, Romy Friesen, Rick Hiebert, Elma Peters Hildebrand, Wilfried Kaethler, John Reich, Pastor Walter
- ☐ **Our post high school students attending: CMU** – Olivia Harder; **Millar College of the Bible (Pambrun, SK)** – Nadine Fast; **Providence University College** – Damaris Ayala; **SBC** – Gavin Broesky, Melissa Hiebert, Stanley Kehler, Ryan Penner.
- ☐ **Those with health concerns:** Alexander Derksen (cancer treatment), George Giesbrecht (cancer treatment), Ann Goertzen (preparing for surgery), Erika Hiebert (recovering from surgery), Ingrid Schulz (cancer treatment), Ed Thiessen (Bethesda Hospital), Anne Toews.
- ☐ **Our care-home residents/house-bound members.**
- ☐ **Our missionaries & members in service:** Heriberto & Viola Ayala, Melissa, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Jeremy & Johanna Martens, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra & Isra Chavez Plett, Morgan & Krista Serger, Aurelie Thiessen.

This Winter at SBC

Theology of God, Prayer and Community
with Layton Friesen
January 2026, Thursday evenings 6:30-9:15 p.m.

Ministering to At-Risk Youth
with Kent Dueck, ICYA
January 2026, Thursday afternoons 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In the Image of God: A Biblical Theology of Human Nature with Pierre Gilbert
Jan 30-31, 2026 – 1 credit hour course

MBCM News

Details at www.mbcm.ca/events

NKMB Teaching Conference with Nasser al'Qahtani
"Face to Face: Encountering the God of Fire and Mercy"
January 30-31, 2026

Awesome KidMin Conference
March 13-14, 2026 in Winnipeg

**First Things First: Starting 2026 Together
IN PRAYER**

Purpose: In this our 99th year as a church (2026), we seek God’s energizing presence to guide, satisfy & strengthen us (Isaiah 58:11).

Date: On Thursday Jan 8th, we are inviting you to stop by the church at some time during the day for 30-60 minutes to pray.

Stations will be set up throughout the church including a “Prayer Central” in Heritage Hall.

Prayer walks in the church & in the neighbourhood will be offered as well.

Come and be inspired, linger in the Lord’s presence, and dive deeper into prayer!

More information to follow!

**We wish you a
Blessed Christmas!**



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: January 1 to December 17

	Current	Annual	
	Year-to-Date	Budget	Difference
Operating Income	728,812	752,843	24,031
Operating Expenses*	714,239	752,843	38,604
Net Income	14,573	0	

*Estimating up to \$30,000 more expenses before year-end

A big **THANK YOU** to all who have given generously over the past few weeks!

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December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

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

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”
John 3:16-17 NIV

Service Leader: Bob Winkler
Music Leader: Daniela Klassen
Scripture Reader: Damaris Ayala
Luke 2:1-20

Message: Gavin Broesky
SMBC Pastoral Intern

Luke Sermon Series
“ A Child is Born!”

- **Nursery care is available during the service.**
→ **Children's Church available during the sermon time for ages 3-6.**
→ **Thank you for your tithes & offerings:**
- Offering box at the Welcome Centre to deposit your giving.
 - E-transfer and payee online options. Info form at Welcome Centre.

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

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