

THIS WEEK

Tues: Connect over Coffee 2:30- 4 PM
Youth 6:30 PM

Wed: Sew'n Sews Quilting 9 AM
Prayer Ministry 7 PM

Thurs: Parents & Tots 9:30-11:30 AM

Fri: College & Career 7 PM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Speaker – Pastor Ray
Parent-Child Dedication



PLANNING AHEAD

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services at 4 & 6 PM

YOUTH Tuesday, December 3rd
6:30-8:30 PM
Large Group

College & Career - Friday, December 6
Serving at Steinbach Family Resource

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES

- The men's retreat which has often been in January will now be held in October of 2020. Please stay tuned for info in the fall of 2020.
- Thanks to our decorating committee for making our church look so festive as we begin to celebrate the season of HIS birth.

PRAISE ITEM

The Search Committee is thrilled to announce that Stefan Klassen has accepted the call to become our Pastor of Student Ministries! Thank you, church family, for all your prayers and encouragement over the past year. This truly was a team effort and you were a big part of it. We praise God for His guidance and leading. Stefan will begin serving at SMBC in summer, 2020; the exact date will be determined in the new year. Let's keep praying for him as he completes his studies at MB Seminary and as he finishes up at Crossroads MB Church. May he finish well!

~SMBC Search Committee

Prayer = Presence + Power + Privilege 24/7

Let's pray for:

- Open hearts** to follow the Lord's leading this year.
- Those with health concerns:** Emily Arsenault, Heinrich Braun, Jayden Dueck (born premature), Tena Enns, Clara Harms, Irma Jernberg, Ken Reimer (Bethesda Hsp), Rita Schulz, Maurice van Nes.
- Our care-home residents/house-bound members:** Sophie Brown, Anne Enns, Helen Enns, Tina Hiebert, Bob Loewen, Mary A. Loewen, Henry Reimer, Herb Suderman, Mary Unger.
- Our missionaries & members in service:** Cohle & Rebecca Bergen, Melissa, Lloyd & Carol Letkeman, Jeremy & Adrienne Penner, Sandra Plett, Morgan & Krista Serger, Viktor & Rita Schulz, Greg & Heather Wiens, Samir & Lewiza.

In Missionary Mail Rack: Oasis Ministry News (Youssefs)



- All are welcome to come to pray together each Wednesday evening, 7-8 PM, in the sanctuary.
- If you desire prayer for physical, emotional or spiritual needs, come & allow yourself to be prayed for. Several of your Leadership Team members are available to you for prayer.

Connect over Coffee – Tuesday, 2:30-4 PM

A time open to church family of all ages to visit in Heritage Hall. Library & gym are available for use.



Winter Warmth 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 and love initiated that very first Christmas. This year's project supports **Steinbach Community Outreach** as they help the poorest in Steinbach. We are collecting waterproof mittens or gloves, warm socks, gift cards and new underwear. **(Note: No knitted mittens or socks, please.)** You may drop off your items at the giving trees in the foyer.



A detailed overview of items needed can be pick up at the Info Center.

Welcome!

Thank you for being with us today.

We'd like to get acquainted & minister to you more effectively. Please complete & place into the offering plate, give to an usher or leave at the Info Center.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- I'm new to SMBC.
- I'm updating my info.
- I want to know more about following Jesus.
- I'm interested in joining a Care Group.
- I'm interested in baptism.
- I'm interested in becoming a member.
- I have a prayer request / praise item.

NOTES:



SMBC Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus Christ being transformed by the Holy Spirit to communicate & demonstrate God's love to all.

Our Strategic Priorities

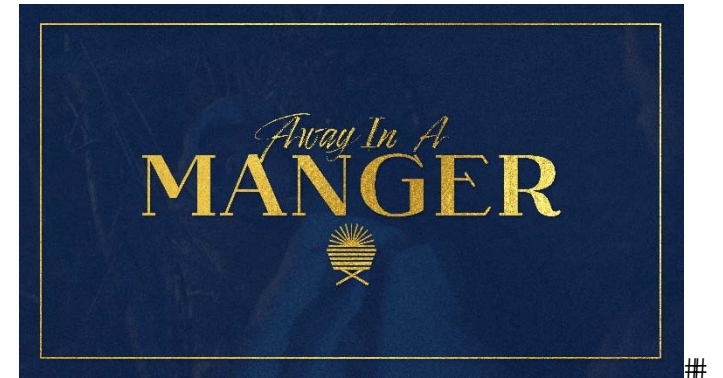
- ✓ **Growing in Christ**
We want to establish deep roots in our faith.
- ✓ **Connecting in Community**
We want to actively care for each other.
- ✓ **Being Missional**
We want to actively share our faith.
- ✓ **Supporting Families**
We want to strengthen families.
- ✓ **Developing Leaders**
We want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

The Year of Neighbouring

Take note of the needs of your neighbours. Is there anything that you can do to fill a need? A shovelled step, a car in need of a boost? A small act can have a big impact.

Last Sunday

Attendance: 406
Offering: Budget: \$4,462.78



First Sunday of Advent
HOPE - FILLED
December 1, 2019

Sunday School – 9:30 AM / Worship Service – 10:45 AM

**"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'
as the prophet Isaiah said." John 1:23**

Service Leader: Pastor Kelby
Music Leader: Sam Fast

Message: Pastor Walter
"Putting a Face to the Name"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY

Family Room: Available for parents with small children.
Nursery (ages 0-2): Please sign in at the booth in Heritage Hall; drop off your child during the service.



Children's Church (ages 3-6): Sign in at the booth in Heritage Hall prior to the church service.
Today's Nursery Workers: Val Schinkel, Irina Schulz, Erika Schulz, Janessa Braun, Gloria Dyck
Today's Children's Church Workers: Michelle Peters, Melanie & Josef Reich, Irene Engbrecht, Ricky Niessen, Rambert Peters
Dec. 8th Nursery Workers: Adelina Thiessen, Angela & Isabelle Thiessen, Sandee Pauls, Lili Wiens
Dec. 8th Children's Church Workers: Melanie Reich, Trevor & Carissa Paton, Mike Winkler, Julia Arsenault, El Bergmann

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