

OUR CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY

SASK CONFERENCE OF MB CHURCHES

Immanuel

Let all the SKMB churches and camps lift up thanks and praise to God for the gift of Jesus – God with us! “*And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*” *Isaiah 9:6*

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MCC Connects – Christmas Blessings to you from the Board and Staff of MCC Saskatchewan! May our celebrations of the birth of the Christ child nurture and strengthen our living and serving in the name of Christ throughout the coming year.

REDBERRY BIBLE CAMP

Registration for Summer 2019 will open on January 1st! If you are interested in attending camp this summer check out our website for details: www.redberrybiblecamp.com

CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

Do you want to give the gift of peace this Christmas? Check out the Canadian School of Peacebuilding website at csop.cmu.ca to purchase *Voices of Harmony and Dissent*, authored by CSOP instructors, or follow the resources link for other peace books.

CHURCH FAMILY ACTIVITIES

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are a vital part of Faith River. We have a number of different small groups that meet between Sundays to cultivate Kingdom Mission, Grace-Filled Community, and Personal Spiritual Development in the hearts and lives of people who want to engage in this way.

If you are interested in being connected with a group, please contact our Life Group Team Leader:
Steven Schmidt – 306-231-1070 or stevenschmidt.d@gmail.com

LIFE GROUP TIMES & PLACES

Falk/Bert-Vidal – Mondays/Wednesdays
Anderson – Tuesdays
Wiebe/Neufeld – Tuesdays
Schmidt's/Pauls – Tuesdays
Ruten/Falk – Wednesdays
Yu/Zhang – Wednesdays
Stein – Thursdays
Frostad/Penner – Thursdays

PRAYER Cheryl Pauls – Leader

Prayer Chain – Contact Cheryl at cherylberniepauls@gmail.com or 306-222-7880 for urgent prayer needs.

Monthly Church Prayer Meeting – Tuesday, January 8 at 7 pm at the church.

Sunday Morning Prayer – there will be no morning prayer next Sunday, Dec 30. We will meet again on Jan 6 at 9:20 am.

COMING EVENTS

Dec 24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Jan 8	7 pm	Prayer meeting at the church
Jan 13	12 pm	Soup & Bun Fundraiser for the Aparecidas
Jan 17	7 pm	Admin Team Meeting
Jan 20	12 pm	Let's Talk potluck
Mar 28	7 pm	Annual General Meeting

PRAY FOR MISSIONS AT HOME AND AWAY

In Saskatoon:

GERRY AND SHIRLEY FALK with [InterVarsity](#) – Pray for the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of all who attend URBANA, that walls of resistance and fear will be broken, and for courage to say YES to God's invitations.

ARNOLD STOBBE with [Impact Canada Ministry](#)

JOELINE MAGILL with [Hope Restored Canada](#)

Around the World:

Thailand: REBECCA HIEBERT with [MB Mission](#) – Please pray for safety from wild elephants and health for everyone as we share the gospel with people in Thaa Takiap today and tomorrow. Pray for Oil's family as they will hear the gospel, some for the first time this week, at her wedding!

Montana: RYAN AND AUBREE PAULS with [YWAM](#) – For our latest update, check out our blog: <https://ryanpauls.wixsite.com/website/blog/big-changes>

Portugal: GIVAS & CHRISTINA FEHR APARECIDA with [Operation Mobilization](#)

Thailand: [MB Mission](#) – KATIE MOUNT – Please pray for continued learning of the Thai language and culture. Also pray for discipleship at the Abundant Life Home in Chonburi.

Please take a recent prayer letter from the letter slots beside the Missions Bulletin Board to read and pray at home.

SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 AM

Worship Leadership Team This Sunday:

Creative Leader **Shirley Falk**
Music Leader **Chris Frostad**
Host **Shirley Falk**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **Jenny Klassen – Leader**

Children's Bulletins – Activity pages are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12 to work on during the service. Located at the back of the sanctuary.

Children's Church – none today or next Sunday, Dec 30

Sunday School – no Sunday School Dec 30. We will resume Jan 6.

ADULT GATHERING **Allan Dowdeswell – Leader**

For all of December there will be no lesson or study in the meeting area in order to allow for choir practise. We are looking forward to starting up again in the new year, and looking for volunteers to lead, and ideas/suggestions for speakers and topics. Please pray for our ministry and contact Allan Dowdeswell by email: allan@dowdeswell.ca or by cell phone: 306-280-3541 with your feedback.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

There will be no morning prayer time next Sunday, Dec 30th.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

No class next Sunday, Dec 30. We will resume again on January 6.

OFFERING UPDATE

Attendance last week: 123

Offering last week: \$12,710.17

FINANCE UPDATE AS OF DECEMBER 17

	2018	2017 (Comparison)
Income	158,040	166,760
Expense	154,240	160,020
Surplus	3,800	6,740

Renovations Project: Target Reached!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Service

Join us for our Candlelight Service tomorrow evening, **Monday, Dec 24th at 6:30pm**. Everyone is invited to celebrate with us the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Break

There will be no Conversational English, Children's Sunday School, Children's Church, or Adult Gathering on **Dec 30**. We will resume on **January 6, 2019**.

Soup and Bun Fundraiser

Join us on **January 13, 2019** as Givas preaches and Givas and Christina give an update as they look forward to returning to Portugal. This is also our opportunity to bless them as they go. Join us for a soup and bun lunch with the goal of raising money to add to their support.

Pastor Michael will be on holidays from
Dec 25 to Jan 6

PLEASE NOTE: The office will be CLOSED this week.
Office will re-open Jan 2 from 9:00-4:30 and return to regular office hours after January 6th.

December 23, 2018

Advent: Love
Luke 1:1-14

Michael Anderson