



Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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*Building Up the Body of Christ,
Reaching Out with the Love of Christ.*

**In Church &
Live-streamed via Facebook,
You Tube or our website:
www.smsbchurch.com**

*Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025*

**9:00 am
Traditional Service of
Holy Communion**

**11:00 am
Contemporary Service of
Holy Communion**

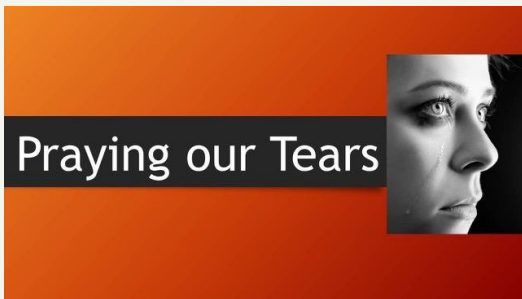
The Message:



**Tuesday, March 18
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 19
9:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Time Out for Women
4:30 pm Food for Life**

**Thursday, March 20
6:30 pm 'IMPACT' Launch Party**



Psalm 6

Pastor Greg McMullin

Saturday, March 22

10:00 am The Piecemakers'

4:00 pm Youth Choir Practice

4:30 pm Saturday Supper Ministry

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23

9:00 am Traditional Service
of Holy Communion

11:00 am The Service of
the Word
& Kids' Church

7:00 pm New Beginnings



Pastor's Perspective

What a Celebration, What a Blessing!

When tears flow at a church Service, we know that the Spirit of the Lord is on the move. That is exactly what happened last Sunday at our 11 am Service.

The celebration was even more than I think most of us had anticipated. In a church close to being filled, with nine national flags elegantly hanging side by side on the back wall of the Nave, we were moved to witness members of our church from around the globe standing by their homeland flag and receiving a blessing. However, it was not them alone who were blessed. Many of us who surrounded them with bonds of love and respect, began to wipe away the tears as our hearts were wonderfully stirred.

There is no question that God is moving among us. SMSB is an exciting place to be. With more people joining us from near and far, with an undeniable aliveness in our worship, and with a new enthusiasm of people stepping up to serve the Lord, by God's grace, I believe the momentum is about to accelerate.

As many opportunities to be involved in the exciting life and ministry at SMSB await us and, as many more events are about to unfold, let us all seize the moment to ride the wave of momentum. That each one of us would do our part to celebrate God's blessing, so evident upon us, by giving up ourselves to His service in order to glorify Him and to be a blessing to others.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

By His grace,

Greg +





**Lenten Preaching Series 2025
continues this Sunday (March 16)
'Praying Our Tears' - Psalm 6**

The Lord Jesus' prayed the Psalms. They were used as His daily Prayer Book, the Prayer Book that had been used by God's Old Testament people in their worship at the Temple in Jerusalem a thousand years before. They were prayers said not simply by rote - but from the heart.

Christian Pastor/Author Eugene Peterson shares how relevant the Psalms continue to be for God's people today:

People look into mirrors to see how they look; they look into the Psalms to find out who they are. A mirror is an excellent way to learn about our appearance; the Psalms are the biblical way to discover ourselves...We use the Psalms to present ourselves before God as honestly and thoroughly as we are able. A mirror shows us the shape of our nose and the curve of our chin, things we otherwise know only through the reports of others. The Psalms show us the shape of our souls and the curve of our sin, realities deep within us, hidden and obscured, for which we need focus and names.

This Season of Lent, you are encouraged to join us in this wonderful study of some key selected Psalms from the Sunday morning message at church into a deeper study at home.

Deeper study in this series can happen by purchasing Eugene Peterson's study guide, *Psalms - Prayers of the Heart* at Amazon.ca for \$18.99 plus tax and shipping. The study guide can be used both for individual and group study. If you haven't yet joined one of our groups LIFE (Home) Groups and would like to do so,

please contact the church office by email or by phone and we will gladly get you connected to one.

Message Schedule:

March 16th – *Praying Our Tears* (Psalm 6)

March 23rd – *Praying Our Hate* (Psalm 137)

March 30th – *Praying Our Trouble* (Psalm 3)

April 6th – *Praying our Frailty* (Psalm 90)

April 13th – *Praying our Salvation* (Psalm 103)

As we place ourselves into these Prayers of the Heart through the Lenten season, may we experience God's strengthening and healing grace.



**continues this evening (Sunday, March 16)
7:00-8:30 pm**

"The Beauty of Belonging - Why Church?"

All newcomers to our church and anyone interested in exploring Baptism or Confirmation are encouraged to join us along with anyone else!

What is New Beginnings? New Beginnings is a short course that offers an overview of the Christian faith, develop new friendships and giving a clear overview of what our church community is all about: our vision, mission, and values.

Brochures with full details are available at the Church. For more information or for pre-registration, log into our website: www.smsbchurch.com or contact the Church office 506-696-1347, smsb.church@bellaliant.com.



Attention all Middle school and High school-aged youth!

You're invited to IMPACT'S Launch party!!

*Join us for ice cream sundaes, meet your new leaders, share some laughs, and connect with others who are excited to rejoice in the Lord's **impact** on our lives!*

We'll see you this **Thursday**, March 20 from **6:30pm** until **8:30pm** in your new IMPACT youth room at SMSB!

See you then....and each **Thursday** following!



Holy Week & Easter 2025

Palm Sunday (April 13th)

8:00 am – Morning Prayer

9:00 am – The Passion Narrative & Holy Communion

11:00 am – The Passion Narrative & Service of the Word

4:30 pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Monday (April 14th)

8:30 am – Morning Prayer

4:30 pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Tuesday (April 15th)
8:30 am – Morning Prayer
4:30 pm – Evening Prayer

Holy Wednesday (April 16th)
8:30 am – Morning Prayer
9:30 am – Holy Communion
4:30 pm – Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday (April 17th)
8:30 am – Morning Prayer
4:30 pm – Evening Prayer
7:00 pm – Liturgy of Foot & Hand-washing & Holy Communion

Good Friday (April 18)
8:30 am - Morning Prayer
10:00 am – Family Service
12:00 – 3:00 pm – The Seven Words from the Cross

Easter Sunday (April 20th)
8:00 am – Morning Prayer
9:00 am – Traditional Service of Holy Communion
with Choral Music
10:00 am – Coffee, Juice & Hot Cross Buns (MacPhees')
10:15 am – Kids' Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 am – Contemporary Service of Holy Communion
with Special Music
4:30 pm – Evening Prayer



Name Tags

Your name is important because YOU are important! Therefore, we encourage *everyone* to wear their name tags. Please let our greeters know if you need a new one or if you wish to order a magnetic one.



**International Pot Luck Dinner
Friday, April 4**

We are excited to have you join us in the planning!

Perhaps you have a special dish to share, a story to tell about your homeland, pictures to share, an outfit from your native home or maybe just wish to help out?

If anyone would like to be part of the planning or have any ideas on how to celebrate this event, please contact Lea Warren (506-632-9398) or Sandra Cormier (506-652-6348) or drop us an email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com.



Grief Support Group

The next group sessions will begin

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend, whether it be recent or years ago.

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by a Stephen Leader - caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts and we want to help.

You may join us at any time. Contact us for more information or to register:

www.griefshare.org

or contact Karen Vandebroek (506-696-2033).



Baptism or Confirmation

If anyone is interested in Baptism or Confirmation, please speak to Pastor Greg or let us know through the church office 506-696-1347 smsb.church@bellaliant.com

"Building Community Together"

The SMSB Mission Centre



If giving by offering envelope, please indicate "Mission Centre" on the 'Other' line of the envelope.

Otherwise, if indicated on the Mission line, your offering will be recorded to that fund. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office (506-696-1347).

For more information on the SMSB Mission Centre, please visit our website at: <http://smsbmissioncentre.com> or visit the Facebook page: SMSB Mission Centre.



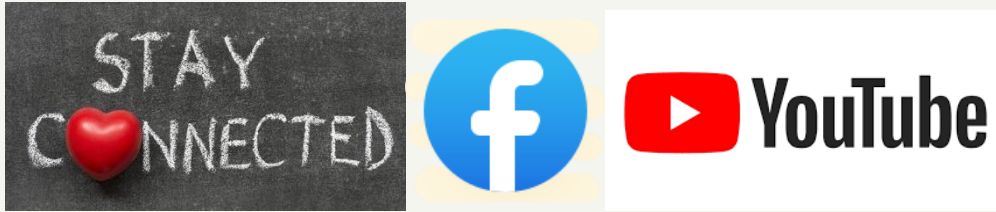
How Do We Give When We're Not in Church?

There are options.

1. To begin (or modify) E-Offering. Choose weekly or monthly giving. The amount or frequency can change with a quick message or phone call to our Church Secretary, who will provide you with options on how to start this method of giving.
2. Interac E-Transfer - via email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com. Please make a note when you send your etransfer if you wish to have your donation sent to a specific fund.
3. Pay Pal via our Church Website - An easy, safe and secure method of giving is available through our church website via *Pay Pal*. Log into the website: www.smsbchurch.com. Go to the bottom of the home page, to the link 'Donate' and follow the instructions for Pay Pal.
4. Hand deliver or surface mail your offering to the Church Office, 646 Westmorland Road, Saint John NB E2J 2H4. Mail will be picked up each day.
5. Point of Sale - Donations may be made on Sundays prior to each service. Also, the church office will be open Monday to Friday (9 am-1 pm) for anyone who wishes to make a donation during the week.

We want to do everything we can to make consistent giving as easy as possible. Contact the Office (506) 696-1347 if you have a question.

Thank you so much for your tithes and offerings.



'YouTube' - SMSB Church (streamed services)

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Weekly E-News

We hope you enjoy receiving your weekly E-News in your email. For full details on announcements and upcoming events, please refer to your weekly E-News (emailed on Thursdays). If anyone who does not have access to the internet and would like a copy, please let us know so we may drop one off to you.

If you would like to begin receiving the E-News electronically, please give your email address to the office 506-696-1347 or smsb.church@bellaliant.com.

Communications

Submissions for the E-News and other publications or requests of communication during services can be sent to the office via email: smsb.church@bellaliant.com or phone 506-696-1347 by Wednesday at noon.

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