

Pioneer Memorial-Stoney Creek United Churches

Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

eNews - Wednesday, April 1, 2026

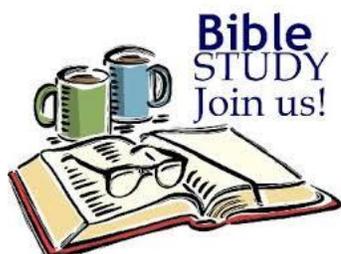


We hope you will join us for any or all of the following during Holy Week!

- Thursday, April 2: **Maundy Thursday dinner & worship at Faith United Church**
5:00 p.m. - **Pot Luck** Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Worship
- Friday, April 3: **Good Friday Worship, 11:00 a.m. at Stoney Creek United Church**
- Sunday, April 5: **Easter Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m. at Stoney Creek United Church**

Updated Worship Schedule

The heat is on again at Pioneer Memorial! However, we will continue worshipping at Stoney Creek United for the rest of March and the first two Sundays in April. We will return to worship at Pioneer on Sunday, April 19 and for the month of May.



The Bible Study group has resumed their regular meetings, discussing the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday's service on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace.

You are also invited to join an in-person Bible Study Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room at Stoney Creek United to discuss Max Lucado's book, "Unshakeable Hope"

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, and that journey to the cross is an action-packed movement of sorts:

Sunday: On the first day of the week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling an ancient prophecy from Zechariah 9:9. The crowd welcomed him with the waving of palm branches thus ascribing to him a Messianic title as the agent of the Lord!

Monday: Jesus returned to the temple and found the court of the Gentiles full of traders and money changers making a large profit. Jesus drove them out and overturned their benches and tables.

Tuesday: On this day, in the afternoon, on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem, Jesus taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

Thursday: Jesus met with the disciples in the upper room and prepared both himself and them for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper."

Friday: Friday carries a double significance. Firstly, there is a betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery. And secondly, Jesus was required to carry his own cross to "the place of the skull", where he was crucified with two other prisoners. After crucifixion, his body was placed in a tomb.

Oops...What of Wednesday? Well, the big mystery is that very question. What did happen on Wednesday? This day is often regarded as "Silent Wednesday" as there are no Gospel records of any activities on Wednesday of Holy Week. What we do know is that Jesus spent the day at the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in Bethany for a time of rest as he prepared for the monumental events of the next day when he would establish the Lord's Supper, wash his disciples' feet, and sweat drops of blood in Gethsemane. Then he would be betrayed by Judas and arrested and tried illegally by the religious authorities.

Many theologians believe though, that Wednesday was the day spoken about in Matthew 26:14–16, the day Judas chose to betray Jesus. *"Then one of the twelve disciples—the one named Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, 'What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?' They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them."*

Perhaps not that silent at all, as it speaks loudly of betrayal and deception; vices that continue to accompany many, way beyond that Holy Week journey into regular life and decision making. On this day, Judas chose betrayal, while Jesus chose to spend the time in prayer and preparation.

What of you? How will you spend your Wednesday of Holy week? Or how did you spend it? Maybe you should spend some of this day like Jesus did. Is there time in your schedule to simply turn the world off, take a walk, and spend some time with God in meditation and reflection?

Blessings!

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In Memoriam

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to George McCowan and family on the death of his wife, Irene, last week. George & Irene were newer members of St. Columba/Grace Community. A celebration of Irene's life will be held on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**, at Cheyne Presbyterian Church, (7 King St. W, Stoney Creek) at 11.00 a.m. with visitation starting at 10.00 a.m. that morning.

Guitar Sing-Along

All are invited to an evening of music, fellowship and fun, Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside Room at Stoney Creek United Church. You are welcome to bring your guitar - but it is not required!



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You Are Invited To A Farewell "Old-Fashioned Tea"

Saturday, May 2 - 1:30 p.m.
at Pioneer Memorial United Church

1974 King Street East

Cost: \$20

All (men, women, children) are welcome!

For tickets contact Helen Beese or Maureen Hayman

Bible Challenge

Welcome everyone! This column is about fun, and stretching our knowledge of the Bible. Don't worry if you don't know all the answers — that's how we learn! The goal is to discover something new about the Bible - bonus point if you know the scripture verse, if there is one! Answers will be in next week's eNews.

1. What kind of animal did Jesus send two disciples to get?
2. Name the Old Testament book that reveals the family of Judah through which the Messiah would come?
3. where was Jesus born?
4. How long would Paul refrain from eating meat, if his eating meat caused another believer to fall into sin?
5. How long did the waters flood the earth?
6. Who pleaded with King David to have Solomon made his successor?
7. Who said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean?”

Answers to last week's Bible Challenge: March 25th

- 1) Complete the Beatitude, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will...”
 “be filled.” Matthew 5:6
- 2) Which 5 books were written by John?
 Gospel of John, First, Second and Third John and Revelation
- 3) People of what island thought Paul was a murderer because a viper attacked him?
 Malta Acts 28:1-4
- 4) What should dwell in us richly as we teach and admonish one another with all wisdom?
 The Word of Christ Colossians 3:16
- 5) In Exodus, what two things were on the hem of the priest’s garment?
 Gold bells and pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet yarn Exodus 28:33-34
- 6) What man, born in Alexandria, was described as “a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures “?
 Apollos Acts 18:24
- 7) Who said, “My son Joseph is still alive. I will go and see him before I die”?
 Israel (Jacob) Genesis 45:28

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PRAYER
BREAKFAST

“Unity Through Understanding, Peace
Through Action”

 **May 5, 2026**

 Doors Open at 7am
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

 **Liuna Station, Hamilton**



Please Register by April 26!

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 Hamilton Community Prayer Breakfast

**Tickets: \$35 Please contact Maureen Hayman
for more information if interested.**

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

As settlers, we continue to benefit from the land and its gifts. As settlers, we must ask ourselves how or if we have shared and cared for the earth and its gifts. Facing the truth is hard. Truth must come before

reconciliation.

SOCKS CANADA Relief Organization
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CHINESE FOOD DINNER AND EDIBLE AUCTION
SAT., April 25, 2026

\$30 Per Person

Linden Park Community Church

484 East 16th / South Bend Streets (near Hill Park High School)

Hamilton, Ontario

DOORS OPEN 4:30

TO RECEIVE EDIBLE AUCTION DONATIONS

(any foods, food related gift cards, etc.)

BUFFET DINNER 5:30

Deadline: April 18, 2026

Please contact Ann: 905-679-9682

or e-transfer:kenyanhugs@gmail.com

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