



Pioneer Memorial United Church

eNews - Wednesday, December 17, 2025

**** This is the last enews of 2025**

- watch your Inbox the first week of January, 2026! **

We hope you will join us for Advent IV worship at our Stoney Creek United location, 1 King Street West, at 9:30 a.m..

**** PLEASE NOTE - WORSHIP IS NO LONGER BEING SHARED ON ZOOM!**

An audio recording of the worship service is available on YouTube and is accessible via the Stoney Creek UC website at stoneycreekunited.ca **



The Bible Study group is meeting TOMORROW, Thursday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom. The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace. The group will NOT meet for the next two weeks. Bible Study will resume on January 8, 2026. Anyone interested is invited to join.

Advent & Christmas Worship & Activities

- December 21:** **Joint Worship - 9:30 a.m.** Stoney Creek United. Rev. Dr. Veronica Palmer
"CHORAL at Christmas" Concert - 7:00 p.m. at Stoney Creek United.
- December 23:** **"Christmas Eve Eve" - 6:30 p.m.** at Stoney Creek United. Pizza with Songs & Carols
- December 24:** **Christmas Eve Family Service - 7:00 p.m.** Pioneer Memorial
- December 28:** **Joint Worship - 9:30 a.m.** Stoney Creek United.
- January 4:** **Joint Worship - 9:30 a.m.** Pioneer Memorial. Rev. Dr. Veronica Palmer

Pioneer Book Club

The Pioneer Book Club meets Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to discuss "Kay's Lucky Coin Variety", by Ann Y.K. Choi. All welcome to attend.

Updates

- After a number of viewings of the Pioneer Memorial United Church building, the Trustees received and accepted a conditional offer to purchase from a Christian church group. This offer has been forwarded to Region for their approval. Details will be made available once the sale has been approved.
- At the Congregational Meeting following worship last Sunday, the congregations of Pioneer Memorial and Stoney Creek United Churches voted to accept the recommendation of the Search Committee and approved the appointment of Rev. Lennox Scarlett as our minister as of January 1, 2026. Rev. Scarlett's will be joining us for worship on January 4 and will be preaching his first service on January 11, 2026, which will be communion.

The End of the Year is Approaching...

It's "that time" of the year again...All boards, committees, groups of Pioneer Memorial are asked to turn their Annual Reports in to the church office by December 31 so that the Annual Report can be prepared in time for the Annual Meeting.

Meat Pies!

Meat pies will be available for pick up January 15, 2026 from 1 pm-3 pm. Please call Helen Beese at 905 389-5556, Maureen Hayman at 905 648-3835 or Church Office at 905 545-9552 to order. Cost: \$4.00 (small). All orders must be in by January 9, 2026.

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.

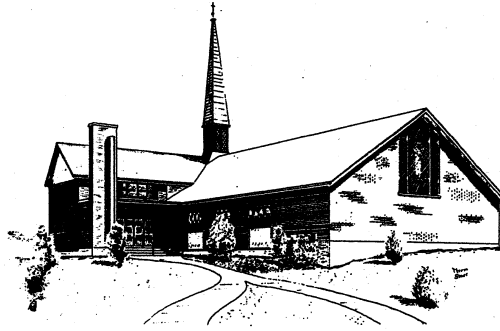
As settlers, we continue to benefit from the land and its gifts. As settlers, we must ask ourselves how or if we have shared and cared for the earth and its gifts. Facing the truth is hard. Truth must come before reconciliation.

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*"We strive to be a church growing in faith
through a closer relationship with God, one another
and the community."*



November 26, 2025

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another. "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we hear once again the familiar Christmas story and we re-visit Bethlehem spiritually "to see this thing that has taken place". We join the shepherds as witnesses to the Christ child. We wonder anew that God has come to earth as a newborn babe. We are inspired by God's vision of a world newly born.

The Christ child is God's great gift to humankind. Your gifts of time, energy and financial support have enabled our congregation to continue to meet the spiritual and social needs of so many in our community. As you know we live in changing times, and although we may be selling our physical building, the ministries of our Pioneer congregation will continue in association with the Stoney Creek congregation. Indeed, we are excited by the opportunities which lay ahead as we make known to others the love of God in Jesus Christ.

As we approach the season of gift-giving, we ask you to keep Pioneer in mind. We have always been honoured by your generosity in response to our Christmas appeal. If you are able to include us in your gifts this year, we would be most grateful. You can use your regular offering envelope or special envelopes which are available in the Gathering Area. As always, tax receipts will be issued in the new year.

We wish you and yours a blessed Advent and a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Melanie Jambach

Chair of Co-ordinating Council

Ralph Hayman

Chair of Trustees