

# *Pioneer Memorial United Church*

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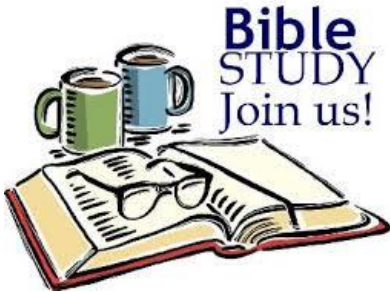
## *White Gift Sunday*

We hope you will join us for Advent II - White Gift Sunday at our Stoney Creek United location, 1 King Street West, at 9:30 a.m.. This Sunday's worship will be led by Brynna Poaps and the Sunday School children. Your unwrapped gifts and non-perishable food items will be received in support of Wesley Urban Ministries' Holiday Store. If you prefer, you may make a financial donation - special White Gift envelopes will be available.

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

## *Congregational Meeting*

There will be a **brief** Congregational Meeting following the worship service this Sunday for a report from the Search Committee. **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!**



The Bible Study group meets on Zoom, this Thursday at 3:00 p.m. The group will continue to use the **OLD** Zoom link: 424-263-1461 and the password: grace. Anyone interested is invited to join.

## *Advent Worship Schedule*

**December 7:**      **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Stoney Creek United. White Gift Service

**December 14, 23:** **Joint Worship** - 9:30 a.m. Stoney Creek United. Rev. Dr. Veronica Palmer

**December 24:**      **Christmas Eve Family Service** - 7:00 p.m. Pioneer Memorial

## *Christmas Is Coming!*

We will be preparing Christmas Gift Bags again this year for young single mothers (or young parents or mothers-to-be) and their children in our community. We have received a list of 18 families in need from Grace Haven Young Parent & Family Resource Centre. There are three ways to support this project - you may make a financial donation (or buy a gift card) to go towards the project. You can shop for a specific family (you will be given an envelope containing the ages & sizes of family members). You can either donate your purchases or turn in your receipts for reimbursement. Based on previous years, each bag contains gifts totalling \$100-\$125. Donation envelopes will be available this Sunday. Cheques should be made out to Pioneer Memorial United Church. A group will be meeting at Costco in Stoney Creek, tomorrow, December 4, at 1:00 p.m. If you are able help, please contact Melanie Monkley - 905-220-9406, [melaniedeborah@yahoo.ca](mailto:melaniedeborah@yahoo.ca) or Kathy Bagu - 905-512-2450, [magoo7@cogeco.ca](mailto:magoo7@cogeco.ca)



**\*\* Gifts will be wrapped at Pioneer Memorial on December 14, following worship at Stoney Creek. Helpers are needed - "Many hands make light work!"\*\***

## *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.

### **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.

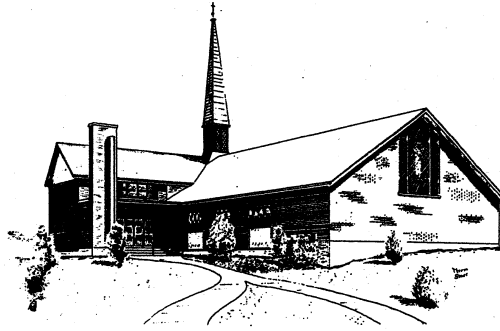
As settlers, we continue to benefit from the land and its gifts. As settlers, we must ask ourselves how or if we have shared and cared for the earth and its gifts. Facing the truth is hard. Truth must come before reconciliation.

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



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*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