

# Pioneer Memorial-Stoney Creek United Churches

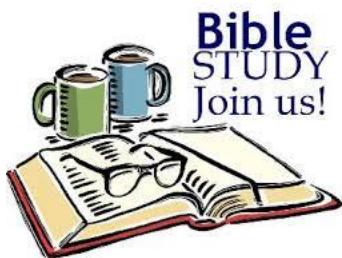
Two Churches - One Heart - One Community

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## Annual Meeting!

We hope you will join us this Sunday, FEBRUARY 22 for worship at 9:30 a.m., immediately followed by our joint Annual Meeting! All are encouraged to attend! All are invited to a Potluck Dinner & Movie at Stoney Creek UC on Sunday, February 22. Potluck at 4:30 p.m. followed by movie at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of good food, great company and uplifting entertainment!

**\*\* 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](http://stoneycreekunited.ca) \*\***



The Bible Study group has resumed their regular meetings, 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.

## 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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## In Memoriam

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Christine Heikamp-Bevington and family on the death of her mother, Margaret, last week! Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers.

## From the Minister's Desk... (Repeat from last week - on purpose!)

"We are in this MINISTRY together"

"If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." This is a quote from Marc Anthony, and oh how right he was. I have been a minister for over thirty years, and have worked alongside many wonderful teams of volunteers around me, doing what we love. And the work has always been joyful. There is no match anywhere to compete with the smiles of appreciation on the faces of individuals who, after being blessed by the work of care and compassion of the church, of one kind or another, walk away feeling seen and loved. This is what ministry is about. Ministry? What exactly is that though? "Ministry" is from the Greek word *diakoneo*, meaning "to serve". In the New Testament, ministry is seen as service to God and to other people in His name. Jesus provided the pattern for Christian ministry—He came, not to receive service, but to give of himself to others (Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; John 13:1-17).

To do active service for God requires creativity in order to effectively reach the diverse and complex generation that we now live. I think people who are creative are very blessed. I know that there are no shortcuts, but it's always good to be driven by the fact that we serve an ideal which is Greater than ourselves, and this keeps us doing what we love. I've heard it said that "Do what you love, and you will find the way to get it out to the world."

Ministry today has taken on more of a vocational meaning, as we call pastors "ministers" to full-time service. As a pastor, I spend my life in the ministry, and offer service to others, and so that designation as minister is correct, but pastors are not the only ones who are to be involved in ministry. From the early New Testament churches to the churches today, each Christian should be in the ministry of helping others and the wider world (*Romans 12:3-8, 10-13; 2 Timothy 2:24-26*).

Though there is a major emphasis on ministering in spiritual things, as sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others so people can come and receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, ministry can, and does, include responding to people's physical, emotional, mental, vocational, and financial needs. We have done this, but don't call it as such...but it is ministry! We do this here at Pioneer Memorial and Stoney Creek. So, let's continue serving together in the ministry!

However, there may be someone who is yet to identify that particular ministry to serve and not quite sure how to get involved just yet. Is it Outreach? Property? Worship? Children and Youth? Discipleship? Pastoral Care? Ministry and Personnel? Or something else? If you want to serve and still unsure, follow the leading of the spirit and come talk with me.

Blessings!

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## Meat Pies!

Meat pies will be available for pick up March 12, 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 as soon as possible.

### 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.

