

Pioneer Memorial United Church

eNews - Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Join Us For Worship!

We hope you will join us for worship at our Pioneer Memorial location, Sunday 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 ****



Welcoming Rev. Lennox Scarlett!

On Sunday, January 4, 2026, Stoney Creek and Pioneer Memorial United Churches welcomed our new minister, Rev Lennox Scarlett. Reverend Scarlett comes to us with twenty-nine years of ministry experience in Jamaica and Canada. He has a degree in Theology and Diploma in Ministerial Formation from the United Theological College of the West Indies and University of the West Indies. He also has a Masters Degree in Practical Theology from the Theologische Universiteit, Kampen, the Netherlands.

He has worked at Churches in Jamaica and also a School Chaplain at a Boarding School. He came to Canada in 2018 and his first Church was Scotland United. While serving there the Church merged with Oakland United. His most recent church was Wesley United in Welland. While there he worked to engage with local organizations and schools. He also established a food pantry.

Reverend Scarlett has also been the president of Regional Council and is Commissioner to the General Council of the United Church of Canada. He is also a board member of Brock University Ecumenical Chaplaincy.

The Joint Search Committee was most impressed with his spirituality and passion for pastoral care and outreach.

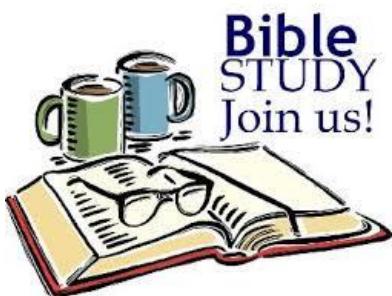
Following the worship service, we had a "Meet and Greet" Coffee Hour, giving everyone the opportunity to say "welcome"

From the Minister's Desk...

A New Year Prayer

Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, you were faithful in your leading us as a gathered people and individually in 2025. As we embark on the continuation of this journey in this new year, 2026, it is with a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation. We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things that sometime weigh us down, like worries about health and family, job security and finances, future and our spiritual relationship with you. Sometimes we experience joy and other times sorrow. We have felt blessed and we have been challenged. Some things went by much too fast, and others lingered for far too long.

Our hope, Lord, is that as a church family here at Stoney Creek and Pioneer Memorial United Churches, and as individuals, we will embrace 2026 with much more positive energy and confidence, as we look forward to celebratory moments like weddings and anniversaries, baptisms, fresh growth, new groups, and more young people and children. Because whatever lies ahead, we know we can trust you and place every day of this new year in your care, knowing that, as in the past, you will be with us, caring for us with constant love. We are confident that you will walk with us as we strive to meet each goal we set ourselves. We are confident that your presence among us is abiding and real; and your plan for us is always good. Lord, keep us in your care. Amen!



The Bible Study group resumes their regular meetings TOMORROW, Thursday, January 8 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 Stoney Creek Bible Study group meets Thursday January 15 at 7pm, in the upper board room at Stoney Creek. We will be studying Max Lucado's "Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God." Please speak to Loralei Westerik for more information

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.

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**.

Helpers are needed - please contact Helen or Maureen if you can help.

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.